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UCLA's 2012 Orange County Bruin Bash Raises \$54,000 for Wooden Athletic Fund

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This past Saturday, more than 300 people from all over Southern California attended UCLA's 2012 Orange County Bruin Bash in Newport Beach. The VIP event raised more than \$54,000 for the Wood Athletic Fund, which generates financial support to assist more than 700 student-athletes.

Special guests included: Head men's basketball coach, Ben Howland, as well as head women's basketball coach Cori Close, head women's golf coach Carrie Forsythe, and defensive coordinator Lou Spanos. Also in attendance were UCLA legends, including Toby Bailey, Tyus Edney, Keith Erickson, DeShaun Foster, Lisa & Phillip Hadfield, Rafer Johnson, Andre McCarter, Tasha Schwikert, Sinjin Smith, Nellie Spicer, Mike Roll, Kiki Vandeweghe and Jamaal Wilkes.

Event sponsors included The Saywitz Company, Beach Pit BBQ, Miguel's Jr, Fletcher Jones, Capital Grille, Blue Ice Vodka, Tatratea Liquor, Anheuser-Busch, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Farmers Insurance.

Attendees enjoyed passed hors d'oeuvres, open bar, dinner buffet, live music by *Mid-Life Crisis*, dancing and an auction featuring priceless items. The celebration took place at UCLA alumnus and OC real estate entrepreneur, Barry Saywitz's private residence in the upscale Belcourt Development in Newport Beach.

The Wooden Athletic Fund is dedicated to honoring the lasting educational and athletic legacy of Nell and John Wooden. Together, members of the Wooden Athletic Fund team provide invaluable support for all 700 UCLA student-athletes, and every gift has a positive impact on their ability to succeed in the classroom, in competition and in the community.

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