

WOMEN'S VARSITY PROFILES

Marah Connole



5-11 • 155 • JUNIOR
HELENA, MONT.
(HELENA HS)

High School Sports: Earned four letters in track and field and two in cross country as well as participating in basketball, skiing, and soccer.

High School Awards: Was a four-year honor student as well as a two-year academic All-State recipient in Track and Field.

Major at Washington: Psychology

Husky Rowing Experience: 2003 (Freshman) —Competed in UW's top novice eight crew all season ... Rowed in the No. 7 seat most of the time ... The Huskies' novice boat won the Washington State dual, the Windermere Cup and the Oregon State dual ... Helped UW place third at the Pac-10 Championships. **2004 (Sophomore)** —Rowed in the No. 2 seat most of the season for the junior varsity eight crew ... The UW jayvees won the Oregon State dual race, placed third at the Pac-10 Championships and finished sixth at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Joan Leik and Neil Connole ... mother attended the University of Montana and owns the Park Ave. Bakery in Helena, Mont. ... father attended Carroll College and is a retired teacher ... has a older sister, Annie (23) who has attended New School University and Eugene Lang School of Art in New York City ... also has a brother, Kevin (19) who attends the University of Montana.

I chose Washington because: It's a good school with lots of options.

The best thing about Seattle is: The mountains are close by.

The best thing about UW is: The squirrel and bird interaction.

Favorite Class: Biopsychology

My best race was: WSU Dual novice year; because each individual gave everything for the entire boat - and we won!

After I graduate, I plan to: Go to graduate school and study nutritional sciences and train for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: If your body is telling you to rest, then rest!

Connole says: "Washington rowing is about putting everything we have mentally and physically on the line."



Allison DePalma



5-9 • 165 • JUNIOR
SAN JOSE, CALIF.
(NOTRE DAME HS)

High School Sports: Rowing, volleyball, golf and water polo.

High School Awards: MVP of Volleyball team ... Placed fifth at 2001 Junior World Rowing Championships ... Won silver at Junior National Rowing Championships in 2002.

Major at Washington: Math

Husky Rowing Experience: 2003 (Freshman) —Five seat in novice eight that placed third at Pac-10 and helped

Washington win conference team title ... member of the eight that placed fourth at the San Diego Crew Classic ... rowed in novice boat that defeated the Cougar novice at the Washington State Dual ... Helped the novice eight to wins at Windermere Cup and the Oregon State dual ... Traveled to the NCAA Championships as a spare. **2004 (Sophomore)** —Rowed in the varsity eight boat all year ... UW won the Washington State dual, the Windermere Cup and the Oregon State dual ... collected a silver medal in the varsity eight event at the Pac-10 Championships ... UW's varsity eight won the petite final at the NCAA Championships.

National Team Experience: Rowed in Germany during 2001 with the United States' Junior National Team ... Competed for the U.S. National Team at the 2004 World Championships in Spain.

Personal: Daughter of Nancy and Anthony DePalma ... father is in engineer/manufacturing distribution ... mother is a secretary ... younger brother, Matthew attends San Diego State ... has a first degree black belt.

I chose Washington because: The people I met here were so amazing and that combined with the fantastic rowing tradition made Washington seem like the best opportunity in the world.

The best thing about Seattle is: The diversity. There is always something new to take part in.

The best thing about UW is: Beautiful buildings, fun professors and diverse student body.

Favorite Class: Deviance and Social Control.

My best race was: In Spain, the B Final in 2004; Our boat came together and it was the best row we had ever had together.

After I graduate, I plan to: Coach at UW possibly. Try out for the 2008 Olympic Rowing Team.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Working hard is the best way to bring a group of strangers together.

DePalma says: "Bow Down!"

Janelle Dubbins



5-9 • 165 • SENIOR
ANCHORAGE, AK.
(ROBERT SERVICE HS)

Major at Washington: Anthropology

Husky Rowing Experience: 2002 (Freshman) —Member of the second novice boat. **2003 (Sophomore)** —Competed with the the third-varsity boat. **2004 (Junior)** —Rowed in the No. 7 seat most of the season for the junior varsity eight crew ... The UW JV won the Oregon State dual race ... helped the Huskies to a third-place performance at the Pac-10 Championships ... was a spare at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Jane and James Dubbins ... mother works as a sales manager ... father works as a general contractor ... has one sister, Justine (18) who is a freshman in college.

I chose Washington because: The pre-med program is excellent and there are countless opportunities.

The best thing about Seattle is: It's close to the ocean and close to the mountains, yet it is a great city to live in.

The best thing about UW is: It is so big you can find yourself in a class of 300 students and not know a single person. There is always an opportunity to meet new people.

Favorite Class: Archaeology 205.

My best race was: Windermere Cup in 2002; In the last 500 meters, my second novice boat came from behind to beat Stanford's first novice boat.

After I graduate, I plan to: Go to Medical School.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Be sure to keep your life beyond crew balanced - it is too easy to focus all your energy on rowing.

Dubbins says: "Washington rowing gives you the opportunity to do something absolutely extraordinary - so exceptional you may even surprise yourself."

WOMEN'S VARSITY PROFILES

Gemma Edward-Aron



5-10 • 180 • SENIOR
SAN ANSELMO, CALIF.
(SIR FRANCIS DRAKE HS)

High School Sports: Cross country, track and rowing.
High School Awards: Two years rowing at Marin Rowing Association ... first at Southwest Regionals in an eight and a four in 2001 ... second at 2001 Junior Nationals in varsity eight ... received Jana Barton Award for leadership.

Major at Washington: Visual Arts and Anthropology

Husky Rowing Experience: **2002 (Freshman)** —Member of the novice eight that placed third at Pac-10 and helped UW win the team title ... rowed on the eight that placed second at the San Diego Crew Classic ... UW novice eight was victorious at Windermere Cup Opening Day races as well as the California and Oregon State duals. **2003 (Sophomore)** —No. 3 seat in the junior varsity eight that placed second at NCAA championships and helped Washington to a third place team finish ... collected a silver medal at the Pac-10 Championships and helped UW claim the team title ... rowed in junior varsity eight that placed first at the San Diego Crew Classic ... helped the UW JVs to victories at the Windermere Cup along with the California, Washington State and Oregon State duals. **2004 (Junior)** —Rowed the No. 4 seat in the varsity eight crew before switching to the No. 2 seat for the final four regattas ... The Huskies won the Washington State dual, the Windermere Cup and the Oregon State dual during the regular season ... collected a silver medal in the varsity eight event at the Pac-10 Championships ... UW's varsity eight won the petite final at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Victor Aron and Lindy Edward ... father attended Northwestern and is self employed ... mother is a nurse ... has one younger brother, David (20) who is currently a sophomore on the UW crew team.

I chose Washington because: Because it has dominated women's rowing in the last decades and because its women's and men's teams are seen as equals rather than being regarded as a hierarchy.

The best thing about Seattle is: Being able to see two mountain ranges on a clear day.

The best thing about UW is: Parnassus, the café under the Art Building.

Favorite Class: Visual Anthropology

My best race was: San Diego Crew Classic 2003. It was my fourth Crew Classic race, but my first time to win. Our boat really gelled during that race and "we rode the wave."

After I graduate, I plan to: Go to Romania for Sanda's wedding and travel the world.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Enjoy every day here, it goes by way too fast!

Edward-Aron says: "The nectar is the journey."



Kara Farquharson



5-11 • 155 • SOPHOMORE
MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO
(LORNE PARK HS)

High School Sports: Skiing, swimming and rowing.
High School Awards: Participated in three Ontario high school alpine ski championships and one Ontario high school swimming championships.

Major at Washington: Biology

Husky Rowing Experience: **2004 (Freshman)** —Held down the No. 7 seat for the freshman-eight for a good part of the season ... the novice eight won the San Diego Crew Classic, Windermere Cup, and California dual while she was a member of the boat ... promoted to the varsity eight crew for the final three regattas, rowing in the No. 7 seat ... helped UW's top boat win the Oregon State dual ... collected a silver medal with the varsity eight at the Pac-10 Championships ... the Huskies won the petite final at the NCAA Championships in the varsity eight event.

Personal: Daughter of Taylor and Lyell Farquharson ... mother attended Ryerson University and is a nurse ... father also attended Ryerson University and he is an accountant ... has two sisters.

I chose Washington because: I wanted to be a part of the fastest program in the country.

The best thing about Seattle is: The Mix ice cream shop.

The best thing about UW is: Having a campus right on the water.

Favorite Class: Canadian History

My best race was: The Cal Dual when our freshman 8 beat Cal by 21 seconds! That's curvature baby!

After I graduate, I plan to: Go to medical school.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Love every day of it - rowing in Seattle for UW is amazing.

Farquharson says: "The fear of failure ignites the fire to succeed - fuel the fire."

Katie Gardner



5-8 • 155 • SENIOR
CHICO, CALIF.
(CHICO HS)

High School Sports: Soccer, cross country, and track and field.

High School Awards: Was a two-time All-EAL selection in soccer as well as team captain ... ran in the state competition for two years in cross country ... named a Golden State Scholar as well as a National Merit Commended Student.

Major at Washington: Political Science.

Husky Rowing Experience: **2002 (Freshman)** —Rowed in the novice boat. **2003 (Sophomore)** —Competed in the third varsity boat that placed second at the Windermere Cup. **2004 (Junior)** —Rowed in the varsity four boat, occupying the No. 2 seat in the Huskies' Windermere Cup win.

Personal: Daughter of Mandy and Bill Gardner ... mother attended Butte College and is a nurse ... father attended Chico State and is a retired teacher ... has a younger brother, Colin (19) who is sophomore at Butte College.

I chose Washington because: I wanted to attend a large school on the west coast where I would have many choices on what I could study.

The best thing about Seattle is: Being in a big city that is so close to mountains, lakes, and the ocean.

The best thing about UW is: The view of Mt. Rainier from campus.

Favorite Class: Political Science 360: American Constitutional Law

My best race was: Last year's win against WSU in the varsity-four. Although it wasn't necessarily the best rowed race, we were all determined to do everything we could to win, which is what made that race feel the most successful.

After I graduate, I plan to: Travel the world, then attend law school and get a job with a professional sports team or a college athletic department.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Sleep is very important.

Gardner says: "The nectar is in the journey."

WOMEN'S VARSITY PROFILES

Asiha Grigsby



**6-2 • 175 • SOPHOMORE
GRAHAM, WASH.
(SPANAWAY LAKE HS)**

High School Sports: Volleyball, basketball, and track and field.

High School Awards: State champion in the 100 meter hurdles in 2001 and placed second in the 300 meter hurdles in 2001 and 2002 ... president of her class all four years of high school ... member of National Honor Society ... graduated in

the top five percent of her class.

Major at Washington: Undecided

Husky Rowing Experience: 2004 (Freshman)—Joined the rowing team midseason after training in the fall with the track and field team ... Competed for the novice eight that won the California dual and Windermere Cup races ... promoted to the junior varsity eight for the Oregon State dual, which UW won ... rowed in the No. 3 seat for the UW junior varsity that placed third at the Pac-10 Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Crystal and Rob Grigsby ... mother attended Washington and is a teacher ... father attended Chicago State and is an army officer ... brother Benjamin is a junior at Washington State ... also has a sister, Brittany (15).

I chose Washington because: It was the only school that accepted me.

The best thing about Seattle is: Pike Place Market.

The best thing about UW is: Available opportunities.

Favorite Class: Social Problems with Al Black.

My best race was: The Oregon Race at Oregon last season; it was a five-star Husky day and both men and women won. It was also my first race in a junior varsity boat.

After I graduate, I plan to: Go to medical school and teach in a remote part of South America.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: It's not what you know, it's who you know.

Grisby says: "Fantastic program that's headed for the top."

Sanda Hangan



**5-11 • 170 • SENIOR
ORSOVA, ROMANIA
(TRAIAN LALESCU HS)**

High School Sports: Rowing

High School Awards: Member of Romanian National team 1996 to 1999 ... member of Romanian Olympic team 2001-2002 ... national Champion for Romania ... two time Balcanic Champion, in a pair and a four ... won gold at 1999 World Championships in varsity eight ... placed second at 1998 World

Championships.

Major at Washington: Nursing

Husky Rowing Experience: 2002 (Freshman)—Rowed four seat in the junior varsity eight that won a gold medal at the NCAA Championships ... won a gold medal at Pac-10 Championships ... the UW junior varsity was undefeated during the regular season, collecting victories at Windermere Cup, the California, Washington State and Oregon State duals and at the San Diego Crew Classic ... received the Pac-10 Women's Newcomer of the Year award. **2003 (Sophomore)**—Stroked the junior varsity eight to a second place finish at NCAA championships and helped Washington to a third place team finish ... member of crew that won gold at Pac-10 Championship and helped UW claim the conference team title ... rowed in junior varsity eight that placed first at the San Diego Crew Classic ... helped the Huskies' junior varsity eight to victories at the Windermere Cup along with the California, Washington State and Oregon State duals. **2004 (Junior)**—Rowed in the varsity eight boat all year as the stroke ... UW won the Washington State dual, the Windermere Cup and the Oregon State dual ... collected a silver medal in the varsity eight event at the Pac-10 Championships ... UW's varsity eight won the petite final at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Elena and Alexandru Hangan ... father works in industrial design ... hails from Lozna, Romania ... has one brother, Ovidiu-Alexandru (20) who attends a math-physics high school and is a member of the Romanian national team ... has two sisters, Laura (25), who works in environmental protection and Daniela (22), who is a chef.

I chose Washington because: It is the best program in the country and I can do both things that I like, rowing and school.

The best thing about Seattle is: I think Seattle in the spring is the most beautiful city in the world.

The best thing about UW is: They have extremely nice professors and they offer good education.

My best race was: San Diego Crew Classic because we won the race by walking on the other boats in the last 600 meters of the race and because it was the first race that I was stroking the boat.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Be proud that you are going to be part of an extraordinary team.

Hangan says: "Washington rowing is about working and supporting each other like a family."



The 2004 Washington women's novice eight won titles at their first five regattas, including the season-opening San Diego Crew Classic.

WOMEN'S VARSITY PROFILES

Sarah Hubbard



6-6 • 205 • SOPHOMORE
ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA
(PEMBROKE SCHOOL)

High School Sports: Rowing, netball and tennis.
High School Awards: Rowed for four seasons, two years in a quad scull and two years in top eight ... earned Distinction in Australian Schools in Science Competition 1998, 2000 and 2001 ... completed the International Baccalaureate ... awarded 'Colours' in 2001 and 2002 ... holds a 2K ergometer record.

Major at Washington: Undecided

Husky Rowing Experience: 2004 (Junior) – Rowed in the varsity eight boat all year during her first year in the program ... Rowed in the No. 3 seat during the Pac-10 and NCAA regattas after competing in the No. 5 and No. 6 seats during the regular season ... UW's varsity eight won the Washington State dual, the Windermere Cup and the Oregon State dual ... collected a silver medal in the varsity eight event at the Pac-10 Championships ... The Huskies' varsity eight won the petite final at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Cheryl and James Hubbard ... father and mother are both playground designers ... has a younger sister Katie (16) ... was born in Auckland, New Zealand.

I chose Washington because: The opportunity to do school and row at a competitive level doesn't exist in Australia, and the Huskies have an awesome reputation.

The best thing about Seattle is: The shopping downtown and on a clear day, seeing Mt. Rainier while we are rowing.

My best race was: Windermere Cup, 2004; All the leadup events the week before with the visiting teams, and the crowds on race day made it very unique.

After I graduate, I plan to: Train for the Olympics and travel the world.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain.

Hubbard says: "Spectacular achievements come from unspectacular preparation." - Roger Stauback



Amanda Jensen



5-11 • 170 • SENIOR
TACOMA, WASH.
(WILSON HS)

High School Sports: Water polo, swimming and basketball.
High School Awards: Four-time letter winner for swimming ... three-time letter winner for swimming and basketball ... three-time state qualifier for swimming ... first-team goalie and third-team all state for water polo ... four-time honor roll student ... received Principles Leadership Service award ...

Wilson High School Commended Athlete ... recipient of the United States Army Scholar/Athlete Award.

Major at Washington: Speech and Hearing Sciences

Husky Rowing Experience: 2002 (Freshman) – Member of the novice eight that placed third at Pac-10 and helped Washington win the team title ... member of eight that placed second at the San Diego Crew Classic and the Washington State dual ... member of crew that was victorious at Windermere Cup Opening Day races as well as the California and Oregon State duals ... traveled to NCAA Championships and competed in non-competitive spares race with teammate Margaret Henry.

2003 (Sophomore) – Rowed the No. 4 seat in the junior varsity eight that placed second at NCAA championships and helped Washington to a third place team finish ... member of crew that won silver at Pac-10 Championships and helped UW claim the Pac-10 team title ... rowed in junior varsity eight that placed first at the San Diego Crew Classic ... helped the Huskies' junior varsity eight to victories at the Windermere Cup Regatta along with the California, Washington State and Oregon State duals. **2004 (Junior)** – Started the season in varsity eight boat, rowing in both the No. 6 and No. 5 seats ... helped the varsity eight win the Windermere Cup and Washington State dual races ... moved into the junior varsity eight boat for the final three regattas ... collected a bronze medal with the junior varsity at the Pac-10 Championships ... helped the UW junior varsity to a sixth-place performance at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Kris and Bill Jensen ... mother is a desktop publisher ... father is a crane operator ... younger sister Ashley (20) is a junior at Western Washington and plays on the women's soccer team.

I chose Washington because: Because it is close to home, a very large school, with a lot of people, which I love and I also love the city.

The best thing about Seattle is: The amount of people and also the amount of opportunities that are available.

The best thing about UW is: Just being a part of the Husky experience.

Favorite class: Social Work

My best race was: San Diego Classic 2003; We were behind the entire race until the last 250 meters, when we pulled ahead and won.

After I graduate, I plan to: Get a teaching degree in elementary education.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Take pride in every day that you get in a Washington boat, be ready to work hard, then be prepared to win.

Jensen says: "Hold the rope."

WOMEN'S VARSITY PROFILES

Megan Kalmoe



5-10 • 165 • SENIOR
ST. CROIX FALLS, WIS.
(ST. CROIX FALLS HS)

High School Sports: Cross country, basketball, and softball.
High School Awards: Team captain for both the Cross Country and Basketball teams ... member of the National Honor Society ... senior class vice president and student body president ... graduated fourth in her class ... section leader and drum major in band ... recipient of the Arion Award (most

outstanding musicianship).

Major at Washington: English

Husky Rowing Experience: 2003 (Sophomore) —Member of the top novice boat, rowing in the No. 3 seat ... helped the JV crew win the Windermere Cup and Oregon State dual races ... UW finished third in the novice race at the Pac-10 Championships. **2004 (Junior)** —Rowed in the No. 5 seat on the junior varsity boat ... collected a bronze medal at the Pac-10 Championships in the junior varsity event ... helped the Huskies to a sixth-place finish in the junior varsity race at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Mary Martin and Dean Kalmoe ... mother attended the University of Minnesota and Morris and is an attorney ... father attended University of Minnesota and Morris and is the Assistant Director for Staff Services for the Department of Disability Services for the Fourth State of Minnesota.

I chose Washington because: The vibrancy and diversity of Seattle.

The best thing about Seattle is: The weather.

The best thing about UW is: The size of the campus and the variety of opportunities it offers to its students.

Favorite Class: Latin 305

My best race was: Oregon State Dual 2004 at OSU; We raced in a torrential downpour toward an enormous stormhead. We were fighting to stay in the boat, let alone make our way through the churning whitecaps. To get the victory was exhilarating.

After I graduate, I plan to: Go to law school.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Nowhere on this campus will you find a collective group more willing to adopt you, love you, and push you to succeed than the Washington VBC.

Kalmoe says: "Door on 'em."

Michael Kohan



5-9 • 150 • SENIOR
JUNEAU, AK.
(DOUGLAS HS)

High School Sports: Cross country, soccer and basketball.
High School Awards: Member of 2001 all-conference basketball team ... received the all-academic award ... scholastic achievement award recipient ... female student athlete of the year in 2001.

Major at Washington: Biology

Husky Rowing Experience: 2002 (Freshman)— Member of the novice eight that placed third at Pac-10 and helped Washington win the team title ... rowed in eight that placed second at the San Diego Crew Classic and the Washington State dual ... member of crew that was victorious at Windermere Cup races as well as the California and Oregon State duals. **2003 (Sophomore)** — Bow seat in the junior varsity eight that placed second at NCAA championships and helped Washington to a third place team finish ... member of crew that won silver at Pac-10 Championships and helped UW claim the Pac-10 team title ... rowed in junior varsity eight that placed first at the San Diego Crew Classic ... helped the Huskies to victories at the Windermere Cup Regatta along with the California, Washington State and Oregon State duals in junior varsity eight. —**2004 (Junior)** — Member of the varsity boat for the entire season ... Rowed in the bow seat for every race ... UW's varsity eight won the Washington State dual, the Windermere Cup and the Oregon State dual ... collected a silver medal in the varsity eight event at the Pac-10 Championships ... The Huskies' varsity eight won the petite final at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Patricia and Tom Kohan ... both parents attended Ohio State University ... mother is a registered nurse ... father is a realtor ... has three younger brothers, Zachary (19) who is on the baseball team at the University of San Francisco, Patrick (17) and Joseph (14).

I chose Washington because: They have a fabulous science program and the area is gorgeous.

The best thing about Seattle is: The surrounding environment and the many opportunities to take advantage of.

The best thing about UW is: The dynamic people.

Favorite Class: French

My best race was: San Diego Crew Classic 2003. We had a first place finish and we ended up on the other side of the fence.

After I graduate, I plan to: Travel/work in Europe and apply to graduate schools after taking the MCATs.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Prioritize sleep in your schedule.

Kohan says: "Washington rowing is all about swimming upstream."



The 2004 University of Washington women's rowing team

WOMEN'S VARSITY PROFILES

Olivia Morrow



5-8 • 145 • JUNIOR
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
(SCRIPPS RANCH HS)

High School Sports: Rowing

High School Awards: Three-year letter winner for ZIAC Rowing Club ... team Captain of ZIAC ... recipient of Most Outstanding Contributions by a Senior Award at ZIAC ... high school Honor Roll member.

Major at Washington: Psychology

Husky Rowing Experience: 2003 (Freshman)—Occupied the bow seat in the novice eight that placed third at Pac-10 Championships and helped Washington win the conference team title ... member of the eight that placed fourth at the San Diego Crew Classic ... rowed for the crew that won the novice eight competition at the Washington State dual ... helped the Huskies' novice eight to victories at the Windermere Cup Regatta and the Oregon State dual. **2004 (Sophomore)**—Rowed in the bow seat of the junior varsity for the entire season, except for one race ... stroked the junior varsity at the Windermere Cup, which UW won ... the Husky junior varsity won the Oregon State dual race ... collected a bronze medal at the Pac-10 Championships ... UW's junior varsity placed sixth at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Anna Abai and John Morrow ... father graduated from the University of Whales at Cardiff, England and is an immunologist ... mother graduated from the Technical University of Budapest, Hungary and is a research scientist.

I chose Washington because: All the academics, crew team, ambience, and most of all, the weather.

The best thing about Seattle is: The city lights from Gasworks park at night.

The best thing about UW is: The cherry trees in the quad during spring time.

Favorite Class: Abnormal Psychology

My best race was: The heat at NCAA's in 2004; the butterfly finally landed.

After I graduate, I plan to: Go to graduate school, then save the world.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Put in an equal amount of commitment to all sphere of your life; relationships, school, athletics, etc. When you can find a balance, things work out beautifully.

Morrow says: "Washington rowing pushes you to discover higher limits both physically and mentally."

Katie Peyer



5-2 • 110 • SENIOR
KENT, WASH.
(KENTWOOD HS)

High School Awards: Member of the National Honor Society ... Coxswain for three summers at the Sammamish Rowing Association.

Major at Washington: Biology

Husky Rowing Experience: 2003 (Sophomore)—Coxed the third varsity eight and second varsity four crews. **2004**

(Junior)—Directed the junior varsity eight crew to a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Championships

Personal: Daughter of Donna and Alan Peyer ... mother is a teacher's aid ... father attended the University of Illinois and is an engineer at Boeing ... has a sister, Laura, who is a sophomore at Washington State.

I chose Washington because: There is a great biology program at UW.

The best thing about Seattle is: We are surrounded by water.

The best thing about UW is: Being in a big city but still close to the sea and the mountains is the best.

Favorite Class: Entomology - After this class, I couldn't stop talking about how great insects were.

My best race was: Winning the varsity-four at Windermere in 2004; It was the biggest rush, we just creamed the competition. The weather was great and I didn't freeze after being thrown in.

After I graduate, I plan to: Go to graduate school if someone would take me.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Take things one day at a time and by the end of the year, you will have really gone places.

Courtney Plitt



5-10 • 150 • SOPHOMORE
MILL CREEK, WASH.
(JACKSON HS)

High School Sports: Swimming and rowing.

High School Awards: Swam in the state competition two different years ... rowed for two years and served as captain on her crew ... her boat was regional champions in 2003 and went to National in 2002 and 2003 ... received a WESCO academic award twice ... was a Washington Scholar Nominee.

Major at Washington: Undecided

Husky Rowing Experience: 2004 (Freshman)—Rowed for the undefeated freshman boat before being moved to the stroke position of the junior varsity crew prior to the Pac-10 Championships and NCAA Championships ... collected a bronze medal with the junior varsity eight at the Pac-10 regatta ... helped the junior varsity place sixth at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Terry and Ken Plitt ... mother attended the University of Missouri and works for EnterCOM Seattle Radio ... father also attended the University of Missouri and works for CRNA ... has one brother, Kyle (21) who is a senior at the University of Oregon.

I chose Washington because: The best crew in the nation was right in my backyard.

The best thing about Seattle is: Pike Place Market and the waterfront.

The best thing about UW is: Candy at C.L.U.E.

Favorite Class: Anthropology 100

My best race was: The San Diego Classic my freshman year because it was my first collegiate race and we won by open water. It was the first win of many.

After I graduate, I plan to: Travel the world.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Cherish and make the best out of your time here at Washington, for it is short, so make every day count.

Plitt says: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams!"

Dana Ryan



5-2 • 110 • SENIOR
LA JOLLA, CALIF.
(THE BISHOP'S SCHOOL)

High School Sports: Gymnastics, soccer and rowing.

High School Awards: Member of the ZIAC Rowing club for two years ... recipient of the National A.P. Scholar Award.

Major at Washington: Psychology

Husky Rowing Experience: 2002 (Freshman)—Novice squad member. **2003 (Sophomore)**—Coxed the varsity four that won the petite final at the NCAA Championships, placing

seventh overall ... Directed crew to the varsity four silver medal at the Pac-10 championships, helping UW to the team title ... coxed the varsity four that won the Windermere Cup Regatta and the Oregon State dual ... placed second at the California and Washington State duals. **2003 (Junior)**—Coxed the varsity eight at the San Diego Crew Classic ... spent the rest of the season with the junior varsity eight ... battled an illness that limited her during fall training and prevented her from competing at the NCAA Championships ... collected a bronze medal with the junior varsity at the Pac-10 Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Penny and Mike Ryan ... father attended San Diego State and is a business owner ... mother attended Ball State University and is in graphic design ... has a younger brother Jeffery (18) who is a freshman at the U.S. Naval Academy and two younger sisters, Claire (5) and Jillian (1).

I chose Washington because: It was an all around good school and it was on the West Coast.

The best thing about Seattle is: How green everything is.

The best thing about UW is: The squirrels that jump out of the trashcans.

Favorite Class: Human Motor Control

My best race was: Windermere Cup 2002—We were five seats down to Stanford at the bridge and we came back to win.

After I graduate, I plan to: Go to graduate school and become a sports psychologist.

Ryan says: "It's all about the white blades of Washington."

WOMEN'S VARSITY PROFILES

Liz Simenstad



5-11 • 170 • SOPHOMORE
NAPA, CALIF.
(VINTAGE HS)

High School Sports: Swimming, cross country and rowing.

Major at Washington: Economics

Husky Rowing Experience: 2004 (Freshman)—Rowed for the undefeated freshman boat before being moved to the No. 4 seat in the junior varsity crew prior to the Pac-10 Championships ... collected a bronze medal with the junior

varsity eight at the Pac-10 regatta ... helped the junior varsity place sixth at the NCAA Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Marrina and Michael Simenstad ... mother attended Mills college where she rowed and is now a teacher ... father attended California Maritime Academy and is a maritime pilot ... has twin younger brothers, Eric and Alex (14) ... also has two cousins who attended Washington and were members of the crew team.

I chose Washington because: I loved the girls I met on the team and I liked the area.

The best thing about Seattle is: The landscape.

The best thing about UW is: The friends I've made here.

Favorite Class: Psychology of Language

My best race was: Regionals final in 2003; Because we finally beat our biggest rival.

After I graduate, I plan to: I don't know what.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Get fit.

Simenstad says: "In rowing, you really need to put in the time. If you do that, your mind will beat ease and you can do anything."

Andrea Sooter



5-10 • 175 • SOPHOMORE
BELLEVUE, WASH.
(BELLEVUE CHRISTIAN HS)

High School Sports: Basketball and rowing.

High School Awards: Was basketball team captain and received most inspirational award ... named first-team all-league in 2003 and second-team all-league in 2002 ... member of academic honor roll ... member of Sammamish Rowing Association which went to nationals twice.

Major at Washington: Sociology

Husky Rowing Experience: 2004 (Freshman)—Rowed in the top novice boat all season before being promoted to the junior varsity crew for the NCAA Championships ... competed in the No. 7 seat for the junior varsity which finished sixth at the NCAA regatta ... the novice crew opened the season with a win at the San Diego Crew Classic ... UW's novice boat was undefeated in its first six races ... collected a silver medal in the novice event at the Pac-10 Championships.

Personal: Daughter of Robin Sooter and Darryl Nance ... mother attended Seattle Pacific University and is a business administrator at Boeing ... father attended Cal State Northridge and is a procurement agent at Boeing ... has one brother, Aaron (24) who graduated from Pomona Pitzer and attended dental school at Washington ... also has a sister, Abby (21) who attended Seattle Pacific University in sociology/nursing.

I chose Washington because: It's close to home, so why go anywhere else? No one has a better program and location.

The best thing about Seattle is: The beautiful scenery.

The best thing about UW is: Historical buildings.

Favorite Class: Sociology 271

My best race was: Winning the Cal Dual in 2004 by 20 seconds.

After I graduate, I plan to: Become an elementary school teacher.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: It's all mental.

Sooter says: "This is a chance of a lifetime that I am privileged to be a part of."

Alina Tabacaru



5-11 • 180 • JUNIOR
BACAU, ROMANIA
(LICEUL SPORTIV HS)

High School Sports: Rowing

High School Awards: Member of the Romanian National Team for four years ... two-time World Champion in 1999 and 2000 ... earned four gold medals and two silver medals at Balcanic Championships ... Romanian National Champion ... best Athlete of the Year at local rowing club in Romania.

Major at Washington: Nursing

Husky Rowing Experience: 2003 (Freshman)—Rowed the No. 6 seat in the junior varsity eight that placed second at NCAA championships and helped Washington to a third place team finish ... member of crew that won silver at Pac-10 Championships and helped UW claim the conference team title ... rowed in junior varsity eight that placed first at the San Diego Crew Classic ... helped the Huskies to victories at the Windermere Cup Regatta along with the Washington State and Oregon State duals in junior varsity eight races. **2004 (Sophomore)**—Competed in the junior varsity eight for the first four regattas, winning the Windermere Cup event ... stroked the varsity four to the Pac-10 title ... collected a silver medal at the NCAA Championships

Personal: Daughter of Mariana and Mircea Tabacaru ... father is a sculptor and mother is a housewife ... has three sisters, Flori, Christina and Ancuta.

I chose Washington because: I liked their program. You can do both rowing and school at the same time.

The best thing about Seattle is: I like the summer because it is not too hot.

The best thing about UW is: The rowing program.

Favorite Class: I don't have one yet.

My best race was: The 1999 World Championships in Plovdiv. We won the eight race after many years of losing.

After I graduate, I plan to: Find a job.

If I could tell my incoming teammates one thing, it would be: Bring your raincoat with you.

Tabacaru says: "Enjoy the summer as much as you can because during the year you will be so busy you might forget to enjoy everything."



Washington's 2004 junior varsity crew placed sixth at the 2004 NCAA Championships.