MEET THE ROOKIES

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Talia Barth

MATERIALS SCIENCE ENGINEERING
1ST YEAR PhD STUDENT

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? 5. I have senior moments, but I'm young at heart.

IF YOU WERE A VEGETABLE, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY? An artichoke, because they bloom into beautiful flowers and they are also delicious.

TALIA AS AN ICE CREAM FLAVOR | Probably *Phish Food* because the chocolate base represents my rich inner life, the marshmallows are like my mild and agreeable nature, the caramel is tasteful and elegant, and the fudge fish add a sense of playfulness and adventure.

YOU WOULD JUMP INTO A POOL OF... Mini marshmallows.

WE KNOW UCSB WAS COOL AND ALL, BUT WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? The sense of family, funny jokes, and competitive ultimate program.

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Amy Stoddard

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING
2ND YEAR UNDERGRAD

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? 6. I like to think I have some of my act together, but lets get real, I am pretty green and untried when it comes to actually dealing with the world.

IF YOU WERE A VEGETABLE, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY? I'd be a green bell pepper: Not too sweet and just a little spicy :P

AMY AS AN ICE CREAM FLAVOR | Chocolate twist. Because everything is better with a twist, and chocolate is yummy.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? I love flywheel because of, well, lots of things! I get to throw bits of plastic around and that's super fun! And I get to workout all the time and get in super awesome shape, which is pretty great too. And I get to do it all with these awesome people that are on flywheel with me soooooo... I'd say I love flywheel (insert emoji with heart eyes). My favorite part has to be all of the amazing times I have with these girls both on and off the field.

Leslie Hamar

PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT
1ST YEAR UNDERGRAD
aka "Duke"

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? 2– Often called "baby dukey"; I also still don't understand a lot of "adult" jokes so I think that qualifies.

IN 3RD GRADE, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP? Jane Goodall. Still true.

YOUR SPIRIT ICE CREAM FLAVOR? Mashed peaches (think baby food) because they're sweet (and clearly I'm a baby), with poprocks because sometimes I get a burst of hyperactivity.

YOU'D JUMP INTO A POOL OF... [strawberry] JELLO. It would be like being weightless and you could just eat your way around. Complete bliss.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? THE PEOPLE. As a freshman, I didn't know anyone coming into this school year and since joining Flywheel, I have made some friends that I know I will have for the rest of my life. Without the amazing teammates, Flywheel wouldn't be half as much fun.

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Gina Sancricca

MATERIAL SCIENCE ENGINEERING
3RD YEAR UNDERGRAD

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? 9. I have early onset grumpy-ness disorder

IF YOU WERE A VEGETABLE, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY? A tomato because I have an ambiguous identity.

WHAT'D YOU GET IN THE MOST TROUBLE FOR WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER? Bossing my mom around (im bossay).

YOU'D JUMP INTO A POOL OF... Bubble tea

IF YOU HAD TO EAT ONE FOOD FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD IT BE? Sweet potatoes.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? Because we treat ulti like it's pro football.

Emily Jameson

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE + STATS
1ST YEAR UNDERGRAD

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? 10. Because I say "drat" and people have started calling me grandpa.

IF YOU WERE A DISNEY CHARACTER, WHO WOULD YOU BE? Elsa from Frozen because she has snow powers and lives in Scandinavia.

EMILY AS AN ICE CREAM FLAVOR | It would be vanilla, because I get along with everyone, with blue swirls because I'm really into water and swimming, and cherries because I'm outdoorsy.

YOU'D JUMP INTO A POOL OF... money - I just bought a textbook and I-clicker :'(

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? The team. Everyone on the team is super nice and supportive and it just creates a great atmosphere.

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Tia Esposito

UNDECLARED
1ST YEAR UNDERGRAD

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? Old. Probably an 8. I've always been more mature and responsible than most. I've had a job since I was 13, never missed curfew, don't need to be reminded to call my extended family, taught myself to change a tire, and love nice pens.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR SPIRIT VEGETABLE. Snap peas because they are my favorite. I feel me and the snap pea have much in common. Like the snap pea, I am always prepared (the snap pea is always ready to be eaten). I am not a difficult veggie and I like having goals (aka climbing up a fence towards the sky).

AAAND YOUR SPIRIT ICE CREAM FLAVOR. My personality ice cream would be mint chocolate chip. Cool, calm, refreshing. I'm always a classic and I never disappoint (in terms of friendship let's be clear).

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? What's not to love. I'm a part of a great team of friendly girls who are all doing their own college path and doing it well. My favorite part is getting people into Squad because why not? I love being a part of a team.

Liv Perfetti

PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT + CREATIVE WRITING OR LAW, JUSTICE & SOCIAL CHANGE
1ST YEAR UNDERGRAD

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? I am a 10 for maturity and a 1 for sense of humor. People tell me I'm an old soul. But I have the sense of humor of a middle schooler.

WHAT'D YOU GET IN TROUBLE FOR WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE? In preschool I was sent home for graffiti and skipping class, but it was all my best friend's fault because she made me hide under the table.

LIV AS AN ICE CREAM FLAVOR | My personality ice cream would be passion fruit because I am passionate about fruit.

IF YOU WERE A VEGETABLE... I would be broccoli because one of my favorite SNL skits is Dana Carvey performing "The Lady I Know" about chopping broccoli.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? I love Flywheel because it's a really caring community! Everyone is friendly and welcoming and genuinely cares about each other. My favorite thing about it is that we have a lot of fun while still being serious about the game and improving as athletes. I also love how much I get to travel because of tournaments and how much time we spend together outside of practice.

Brittany Wright

PSYCHOLOGY
2ND YEAR UNDERGRAD

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? 6... years older than my brother. So, 6.

IF YOU WERE A VEGETABLE, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY? Snap peas. They aren't very flavorful, but they are addicting. I'm not the funniest person, but people keep me around.

BRIT AS AN ICE CREAM FLAVOR | It would consist of vanilla ice cream because it's my favorite and sometimes I feel very plain, but I would add pretzel m&ms because sometimes I'm sweet and sometimes I'm salty.

DISNEY CHARACTER. I'd be Mulan! She is tough and proves to the Emperor that she is just as brave and smart (if not smarter) as any of those guys. I aspire to reach the arrow at the top of the pole.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? Flywheel is simply amazing. My favorite part is all of the fun people and being able to play at a competitive level in the best sport I've ever played.

Mary Boyd

GERMAN + POLITICAL SCIENCE
2ND YEAR UNDERGRAD
aka "French Press"

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? So if 5 is the natural age, I'd say I'm at a 7 which leaves my age dissonance at 20%.

I HEAR YOU USED TO BE A TROUBLE-MAKER? There were 6 months in 5th grade when I didn't turn in any of my homework.

FRENCHIE AS AN ICE CREAM FLAVOR | Lots of candy cause yum, but it would also have to include rice krispies because I can be subtlety surprising.

WHAT ABOUT YOU AS A VEGETABLE? An artichoke, we can both be a bit of an acquired taste and are best served with butter.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? I love all the flywheelers. Flywheel has such an accepting atmosphere that it's super easy to just be myself, and everyone understands competition in such a healthy way, that it pushes us to be the best version of ourselves physically, mentally, and emotionally (I think this is what one could call "The Spirit of the Game").

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Phoebe Hopp

SCREEN ARTS & CULTURES
1ST YEAR UNDERGRAD

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? 3. Metaphorically, I'm pretty much potty trained but I'm not ready for big-kid underwear.

IF YOU WERE A VEGETABLE, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY? Swiss chard because this.

SO WHAT ICE CREAM FLAVOR CAPTURES PHOEBE? Build your own ice cream taco. I'll just roll with whatever's going on, and building your own taco sounds a little less lame than just building your own sundae.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? I love Flywheel because it's kind of like a cult. My teammates aren't just the people I play with; they're the people I study with, work out with, eat with, laugh with, just hang out and do nothing with. My favorite part is when I find myself at a Squad dinner or 516 without ever planning on doing so; it just happens.

Bridget Karsten

MATERIALS SCIENCE ENGINEERING
4TH YEAR UNDERGRAD

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? 4.5. Under 5 because I still feel childish and .5 because as a child, it's important to distinguish that half year.

AND DO YOU FEEL A CONNECTION WITH ANY ICE CREAM FLAVOR? Blue moon.

IF YOU WERE A VEGETABLE, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY? Spinach.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? I love learning a new sport and getting the opportunity to meet my wonderful teammates.

Leah Bar-On Simmons

COMPUTER SCIENCE + VIOLIN PERFORMANCE
4TH YEAR UNDERGRAD

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW OLD ARE YOU? 5

IF YOU WERE A VEGETABLE, WHAT WOULD YOU BE? Edamame.

WHAT ICE CREAM FLAVOR SPEAKS TO YOU THE MOST? Cotton Candy. Cotton Candy is my spirit everything.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FLYWHEEL? The positive spirit!