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Howland headlines OC Bruin Bash

UCLA men's basketball coach among several to appear at special event in Newport Beach.

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Ben Howland has no doubt made headlines throughout the past year from reports of losing control of his basketball team to revitalizing his roster at UCLA. The Bruins men's basketball coach is expected to touch on those issues and more when he appears at the 2012 Orange County Bruin Bash for UCLA Athletics in Newport Beach June 2.

Howland is one of the headliners expected to appear at the home of Barry Saywitz, a UCLA alumnus. The UCLA event, which starts at 6 p.m., will feature special guests as well as open bar, dinner buffet, live music, dancing and auction items. All proceeds benefit the Wooden Athletic Fund, which generates support to assist all sports at UCLA.

More information of the event can be found at <https://giving.ucla.edu/OCevent> or by calling (310) 206-3302.

Those scheduled to appear include:

- Ben Howland – UCLA men's basketball head coach
- Michael Sealy – UCLA women's volleyball head coach
- Carrie Forsyth – UCLA women's golf coach
- Brandon Brooks – UCLA women's water polo head coach
- Kiki Vanderweghe (former general manager/head coach of the New Jersey Nets)
- Rafer Johnson (Olympic gold medalist for track & field)
- Cade McNown (former NFL quarterback)

- DeShaun Foster (former NFL running back)
 - Freddie Mitchell (former NFL wide receiver)
 - Jason Bell (former NFL cornerback)
 - Danny Farmer (former NFL wide receiver)
 - Jamaal Wilkes (former NBA star)
 - Keith Erickson (former NBA player)
 - John Vallely (former NBA player)
- Toby Bailey (former NBA player)
- Tyus Edney (former NBA player)
 - Ann Meyer Drysdale (first woman to be inducted into the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame in 1988)
 - Marques Johnson (former NBA player)
 - Mike Roll (former NBA player)
 - Tasha Schwikert (Olympic bronze medalist in gymnastics)
 - Nellie Spicer (U.S. national women's volleyball team member)
 - Sinjin Smith (former pro beach volleyball player)