



# David Durden ...at a glance



Swimming

## Career Highlights

Current Head Coach at the University of California - Berkeley  
Won six NCAA Championships as an assistant at Auburn University from 2002-2005  
Head Coach of both the Mens and Womens programs at the University of Maryland from 2005-2007  
2010 Pac-10 Coach of the Year  
2010 NCAA Swimming Coach of the Year  
1997 Big West Conference Champion in the 200 Butterfly

## Personal Quotes

*"I've been on championship teams ... and it has just been a labor. You sit back and at the end of that championship and there's no joy in winning, performing, or swimming fast. I think that's where we turn our focus, just on the joy of swimming fast and the joy of being teammates."*

*"There's plenty of coaches out there in our sport that will tell them what to do, and I think I've become very comfortable in the fact that I don't need to do that - besides where I need to do that. But I just don't need to fit a square peg in a round hole. I need them to understand that they're round."*

## Vital Statistics

**Resides:** Pleasant Hills, California  
**Education:** University of California - Irvine



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## Biography

After starting his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Auburn University, David Durden won six NCAA Championships with the Tigers, and spent his final season with the team as Assistant Head Coach before taking the head coaching position at the University of Maryland.

He was named Head Coach at the University of California - Berkeley in 2007 after three years at the helm for the Terrapins, taking over for legendary coach Nort Thornton, who retired after 33 years on the job.

By the end of the 2009 World University Games and World Championships, 13 of the world's Top 50 swimmers had trained under Durden and his staff.

In 2010, he led the Golden Bears to a second-place finish at the NCAA Championships, narrowly missing out on the national title that went to the University of Texas. However, he was named the 2010 Pac-10 and NCAA Coach of the Year, and Cal has become one of the top swimming programs in the country under his leadership.

An incredibly organized coach, Durden has whiteboards in his office featuring every workout planned for every member of his team through 2012. This allows him to plan for his athletes' futures, helping them make the best gains for their swimming styles.