

Congratulations Class of 2024



Abigail Xiong



Despite joining Ninjas later in high school, the girls welcomed me into the team and I will always cherish each moment with them at tournaments and practices.

I am so grateful for an opportunity to represent the Asian community and play with these skilled girls in a sport we all love. They pushed me to become a better player and I cannot wait to see the success and opportunities that await us in the future!

Alexandra Facelo



I can't believe this journey has come to an end. Looking back and reminiscing about all the LA trips with this team, the post-game grubs, the boba runs, and all of the memories we have created together, there is only one thing I could ask for; time. I am most fortunate to have been part of the Ninja organization where I've met so many great people; coaches, parents, and most of all, my teammates. Even though I don't see them often, our bonds remain inseparable and I stand forever grateful that through the sport I have grown so much love and passion for, I have joined a sisterhood. I am so excited to watch and support all of my teammates as we begin our journey through the next chapters of our lives and progress towards adulthood. To my coaches, thank you for dedicating so much of your time to our team. Even though I can't imagine how hard it gets for you guys sometimes, you never fail to come through for this team and show 110% of support to each and everyone one of us. Thank you for bonding with us not only as coaches, but as great mentors too, reassuring us with constant encouragement and advice.

Thank you to everyone who has shown and allowed me to experience what it's like to be part of the Ninja organization. I will always appreciate my Ninja family.

Temma Lacaps

From the (few) black shirts and car rides to the losses and painful scrimmages with 10 minutes left of practice, I will never forget the moments we shared as a team.

Initially, it was basketball that brought us all together, but now— it's not just the game that keeps me coming back. It's the people—my teammates, my coaches, and everyone I've met along the way. Whether it's the intense two-hour practices on Sundays, the fun Reno or LA tournaments, or going to each other's hotel rooms—even though we should've been asleep—these are some of the fondest memories we've shared that have always made me look forward to the season.

To Coach Sonet and Coach Chris, I deeply appreciate the motivation and unwavering support I've experienced from each of you over the years. Your support has propelled me to strive for excellence on the court and has contributed to my personal growth.

Regardless of where life takes us, I will forever hold pride in being associated with the Ninjas.

Khloe Cruz

Although my time on Ninjas was short, I appreciated and enjoyed every single moment with this team. I'm so grateful for this group of girls who have brought me new memories, for the coaches for pushing us to be our best, and for all the parents and families who have continuously supported us.

Being a part of the Ninja family was an amazing experience, and I'm truly blessed that I had the opportunity to build new friendships and represent the Asian community while playing a sport we all love and have worked hard for. As our last season together draws to a close, I am excited to see the growth and success that the future holds for each and every one of us. Wishing the best of luck to all my teammates!!

Madalyn Kanazawa



As I sit down to write these words, the weight of what I'm about to say settles heavily on my heart. After 7 years of pouring my sweat, my passion, and my dedication into this team, the time has come for me to say my farewell. This team has been my home away from home, and you all have been my second family and I'm grateful for the bond we've shared and the growth we've experienced together. I've grown alongside each of you, both on and off the court, and I'm incredibly thankful for the journey we've shared. Wherever life takes us, I'm forever thankful for the friendships formed and the bonds strengthened through our shared love for the game. Thank you for the sweat, the hustle, and the unforgettable moments. I'll be cheering each and every one of you guys on from the sidelines.

To my coaches, Coach Sonet and Coach Chris. Your many hours of dedication to improving ourselves and your tough love that encouraged us to go beyond our limits are very appreciated. I would not want to have spent the previous seven years with anybody else, I love this team and words can't express how grateful I am.

Madeline Bader



I can't help but think of all the wonderful times we've had together. The best part of my Ninja path has been all the laughs and smiles we've shared.

Ninja basketball has not only taught me how to work with others and overcome obstacles, but it has also given me a way to meet people in the Asian League community. You always see someone you know at every tournament or social. I've made friends for life through this group, and the connections will last after high school.

Thank you, Coach Sonet and Coach Chris. Your many hours of hard work to make us better and your tough love that pushed us to do more than we thought we could are greatly valued. I love this team so much that I can't even begin to describe how thankful I am to have spent the last 8 years with them.

Marianna Delgado



I extend my sincere gratitude to the Ninja Organization for the incredible journey and the opportunity to play basketball over the past seven years. Through this organization, I have developed close friendships with these girls that I know will last a lifetime. I want to thank you all for making this experience worthwhile. From tournaments, practices, and socials, we've shared so many great memories as a team that I will continue to cherish as we move onto the next chapter of our lives.

To our beloved coaches, Sonet and Chris, it has been an enjoyable ride, and I am immensely grateful for both of you. Your guidance and support throughout this journey are deeply appreciated.

Above all, I want to thank my family for their unwavering support throughout my journey as a Ninja. I am forever grateful for your presence in my life.

Raelyn Dela Cruz



As a Ninja, it has been an honor to call these girls my teammates and be a part of this community. On top of having an amazing support system, I have created great friends and connections. Ninja basketball has taught me what it means to push myself mentally and physically but also enjoy the journey and the values and lessons we learn along the way.

I take pride in calling myself a Ninja and I hope the memories we've made and people we've met will always stick with us. Although we may be parting ways, I can't wait to see what this group of girls accomplish in the future and what's to come for us.

Valerie Wang



Ninjas has taught me the value of friendship, and how that applies to everything we do in life. Whether you need a shoulder to cry on, someone to laugh with, people to make memories with, or to win a basketball game, friendships are how you get through life. Friendships bring out the little things in life that make life special, and genuine friendships are bonds that cannot be broken.

Ninjas has been a wonderful, positive chapter in my life. I feel blessed to be more connected to the Asian community through a personal outlet like basketball. Ninjas has always been an environment to be happy and relaxed. I am beyond grateful for all of the friendships I've made along the way—thank you to my teammates for all of the support, laughter, and memories.

