

Lawrence Hom, USC volleyball player and All American



Lawrence Hom was born on December 17, 1967 to Jue and Jane Hom; both were immigrants from China. They met in Los Angeles, were married and had five children: Pamela, Paula, Patricia, Lawrence and Jennifer.

Lawrence started playing volleyball in the 7th grade and continued to play in high school, where he led his North High team to its first league title in 1985 and was named CIF State Player of the Year. Lawrence received a scholarship to the University of Southern California where he played for four years. Used as a role player and part-time starter in his first three years, the Trojans made the NCAA Finals for three consecutive years, with two second place finishes and finally capturing an NCAA Championship in 1988. In the 1988 finals, the Trojans were down 2 games to 0. Lawrence was subbed into game 3 and was able to help the Trojans turn around the game and go onto win the National Championship. Lawrence was the team captain of the 1988 & 89 Trojan teams. He finished his career in 1989 with honors, receiving 2nd Team All-American and 2nd Team All-WIVA. He graduated in December of 1989 with a degree in Public Administration. He later received his Masters degree in Educational Management from University of La Verne in May of 2004.

After graduation, Lawrence played for Team Nike/Paul Mitchell in the Open Division of the USVBA National Tournament in 1991, where he help lead his team to the gold medal and was named Rookie of the Year and MVP of the tournament. He continued his playing career in Belgium, where he played professionally for Team Zonhoven (a city in Belgium) in 1991 & 92.

After Europe, Lawrence continued playing in USVBA Men's and Co-ed National Tournaments. Lawrence also began to play Chinese 9-Man Volleyball in the North American Chinese Invitational Volleyball Tournament (NACIVT) in 1990 for the Mei-Mei Volleyball Team based in San Francisco. Lawrence helped lead his team to 4 North American titles. He was named



to the NACIVT Hall of Fame in 2001. This summer the NACIVT will be played in the streets of Chinatown in Los Angeles.



In addition to playing, Lawrence is currently in his second year as an Assistant Principal at North High School. Before becoming an administrator, Lawrence was a Social Science teacher for 15 years. He also coached the boys and girls volleyball teams during that time. Lawrence and his wife Michelle were married in 2002; they have a son, Brendan (4) and a daughter, Sarah (2).