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Annual Report 2025



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SUMMARY

The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) serves as the official governing body for collegiate table tennis across the United States and Canada. Recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a National Organization Member of USA Table Tennis (since 2008), the NCTTA remains steadfast in its mission to promote and scale table tennis as a premier collegiate sport. Managed entirely by an exceptional network of volunteer board directors, regional leaders, and committee members, the organization leverages grassroots "people power" to support elite student-athletes in achieving excellence both on the table and in the classroom.



Major Wins and Athletic Excellence



The 2024-2025 season culminated in one of the most competitive and professionally executed National Championships in the history of the organization, hosted over three days in Rockford. The premier event gathered over 250 top-tier athletes representing more than 50 colleges and universities and 25 countries.

- **Championship Highlights:** USA Olympian Nikhil Kumar (University of California, Berkeley) secured the Men's Singles Championship, while Kelly Yenn (Harvard University) claimed the Women's Singles title. In the team categories, the University of California, Berkeley triumphed in the Men's/Coed division, and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) clinched the Women's Team Championship.
- **International and Professional Pathways:** Proving that elite sports and world-class academics can thrive together, the NCTTA successfully organized the 2025 USA Collegiate World University Games Team for the FISU games, drawing world-class selections from top institutions. Furthermore, the emergence of Major League Table Tennis (MLTT) has unlocked professional opportunities, enabling elite student-athletes to compete professionally while actively pursuing their university degrees.

League Membership and Grassroots Growth



The NCTTA league remains the vibrant core of the association's annual activities. Over the course of the academic season spanning from October to April, the association coordinated more than 60 localized events across 6 geographic regions and 26 competitive divisions.

- **Membership Scale:** The association boasts an extensive network of 175 to 200 member clubs, engaging nearly 3,500 competitive athletes. This season featured robust participation with 158 Varsity Coed teams and 58 Varsity Women's teams, totaling over 230 active teams.
- **Grassroots Expansion:** To secure a sustainable talent pipeline, the NCTTA solidified crucial partnerships with the American Youth Table Tennis Organization (AYTTO) and LA Ping Pong, expanding its influence into high school leagues and scholastic championships. Additionally, the association's dedicated scholarship program continues to recruit and support incoming high school talent based on academic excellence and athletic merit.

Financial Health and Operational Sustainability: Financially, the 2024-2025 fiscal year marked a period of upward progress, characterized by increased year-on-year revenues. Operationally, the NCTTA continues to execute a highly efficient financial model:

- **Strategic Reinvestment:** The National Championships continue to represent the largest percentage of overall expenses, reflecting a deliberate strategy to reinvest capital directly back into the student-athlete experience and event quality.
- **Volunteer Capital:** Because the NCTTA is managed completely by uncompensated volunteers from the board level down to division leadership, the organization maximizes the impact of its funding, relying on strong sponsor

relationships—including Stiga, Paddle Palace, Peakapong, and PongSpace—to sustain its growth.

Looking Forward: Strategic Vision for 2026 Building upon the momentum of 2025, the NCTTA enters the upcoming 2026 season focused on three core operational pillars:

1. **Media and Broadcast Innovation:** Following the high-definition, multi-camera success of the National Championship broadcast on YouTube, the immediate next step for 2026 is introducing dedicated graphics and enhanced commentary streams across all six regional tournaments.
2. **Alumni Retention and Fundraising:** Capitalizing on highly successful fundraising "Pong Parties" partnered with SPIN and PongSpace, the association will expand its alumni network to increase volunteer recruitment, mentorship programs, and in-kind donations.
3. **Institutional Program Support:** The NCTTA aims to deepen relationships with university administrations to transition more small, self-funded student clubs into medium and large varsity programs that receive official institutional funding and scholarship assistance.

Through these initiatives, the NCTTA remains uniquely positioned to cultivate the next generation of collegiate leaders and world-class table tennis athletes.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Willy Leparulo
Vice President, External Affairs	Joseph Wells
Treasurer	Cyrus Aga
Athlete Representative	James Wang
League Director Representative	Jay Lu
Vice President, Internal Affairs	Tae Kim (until October 2025); Position became vacant until 2026
Human Resources Coordinator	Stephanie Shih
USA Table Tennis Board Liaison	Kagin Lee

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS & SPONSORS

The NCTTA gratefully acknowledges our major corporate sponsors and industry partners whose generous contributions, equipment provisions, and shared vision continue to drive the development of our sport at the collegiate level.



The NCTTA League serves as the primary operational pillar of the organization, facilitating elite intercollegiate varsity team competitions. The league structure accommodates both Coed/Men's and Women's Varsity divisions.



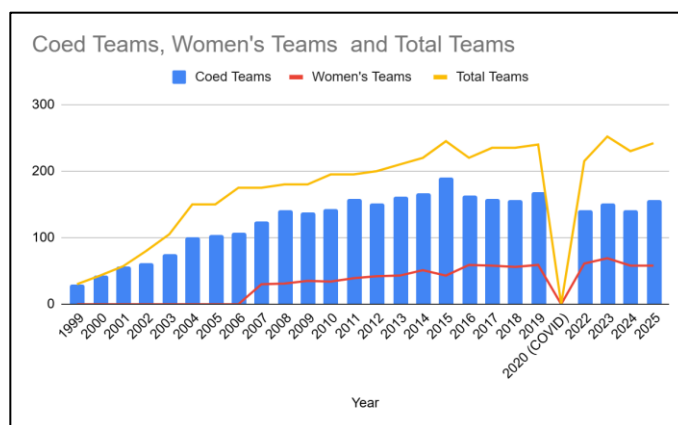
- **Roster Regulations:** To maintain competitive balance and depth, varsity teams must maintain a minimum of four active student-athletes, with a maximum roster capacity of eight players per team at any given time.
- **Competitive Framework:** Junior varsity and alumni teams are integrated into the league matrix through official scrimmage competitions, complemented by separate individual singles tournament pathways.
- **Season Timeline & Geographic Scale:** The annual competitive calendar spans the academic year from October through April.

Division (League play) (Fall 2024 and Spring 2025)

- **Regional Championships (in 2025)** (6 around the USA)

▣ **National Championships (in 2025)** (Averaging 250 athletes, 50 schools)

Participation Metrics: The 2024-2025 campaign achieved historic scale, engaging nearly **3,500 active student-athletes** across **230+ total teams**, which comprised 158 Varsity Coed programs and 58 Varsity Women's programs.



CHAMPIONSHIPS

The College Table Tennis Championships is NCTTA's premier event and one of the most professionally run table tennis events on the continent. It is held over three days each spring.

The 2025 Championships were one of the most competitive national events in our organization's history.



A plethora of top-tier players (over 250) from over 50 U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities, including international students from over 25 countries, competed for team, singles, and doubles championship titles. It is always a diverse event featuring North America's finest athletes from the national and world stage.

2025 Championship Results

Individual Singles Championships

Men's Singles Top 80 players, 90% rated above 2000	Women's Singles Top 40 players, over 50% rated over 2000
• Champion: Nikhil Kumar (California) USA Olympian	• Champion: Kelly Yenn (Harvard)
• Finalist: Ved Sheth (California)	• Finalist: Emily Tan (Boston University)
	

Nikhil Kumar (California)

Kelly Yenn (Harvard University)

Men's / Coed Teams

Champion: California

Finalist: Texas Wesleyan University

Semifinalists: New York University and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Women's Teams

Champion: University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Finalist: Cornell University

Semifinalists: Harvard University and NYU



University of California, Berkeley Table Tennis Team (Photo credit: NCTTA)



UCLA Table Tennis Team (Photo credit: NCTTA)



2025 NCTTA College Table Tennis Championships Athlete Presentation (Photo credit: Grant Bergmann)

MEMBERSHIP

NCTTA is a membership organization formed by college table tennis clubs in North America. Individual athletes who wish to participate can join NCTTA by creating a club at their college and registering their college with NCTTA.



Member schools can create Men's/Coed, Junior Varsity, and Women's teams.

NCTTA has a unique Coed team format often resulting in men competing against women, as pictured here (Photo credit to Dennis Yanga).

Of note, NCTTA leverages relationships with local table tennis clubs and colleges and universities to host more than 60 events in the academic calendar (October to March).

Member colleges vary widely in their size, level of activity, and degree of support from their college administration. They include clubs which are organized as:

- Small clubs of few members, self-funded by students, peripherally recognized by their college.
- Medium-sized clubs which receive partial funding by the college.
- Large clubs with both Coed/Women's teams, with most expenses paid by the college.



Pictured to the left is South Dakota State University (Minnesota Division) and on the right is the University of California, Davis (Northern California Division). Both of these schools are representative of medium-sized clubs in NCTTA.

Premier Sponsored Programs

Demonstrating the long-term institutionalization of the sport, four member institutions offer highly formalized, dedicated table tennis programs. Notably, premier universities provide official athletic scholarships and financial assistance packages to recruit elite talent, including:

- **Texas Wesleyan University** (*Fort Worth, TX*)
- **Dallas Baptist University** (*Dallas, TX*)
- **Virginia Tech** (*Blacksburg, VA*)

MEDIA



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NCTTA offers scholarships to future NCTTA athletes (currently in high school) based on GPA, financial need, table tennis ability, and an essay.

This [program](#) has been in place since 2009. It was originally funded by Newgy Industries, and was funded by The Hsing Family Foundation for the 2024-2025 season.

The 2025 scholarships were awarded to:





Angie Tan (UCLA)



Rachel Ou (Pennsylvania)



Sushant Lebaka (Pennsylvania)



James Good (Penn State)



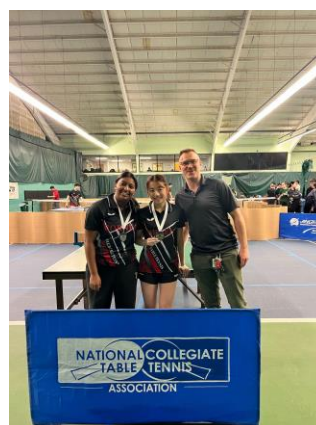
Isabella Xu (University of North Carolina)

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

The NCTTA Executive Board governs and manages the organization. The board consists of 7 volunteer directors, each with specific duties, doubling as almost a front office staff.

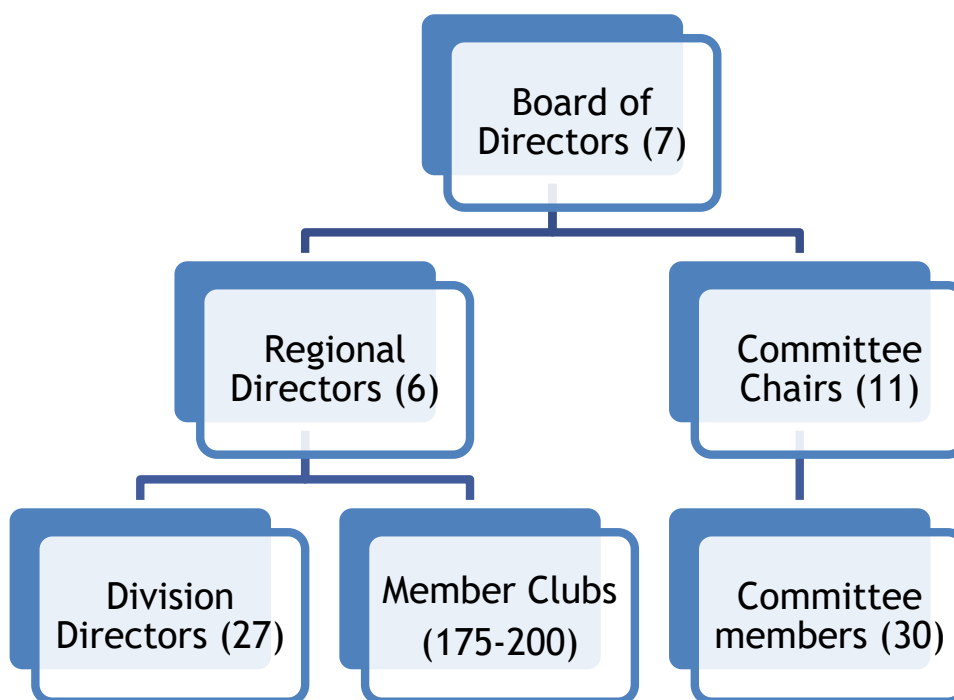


Regional Directors manage the six NCTTA regions, and Division Directors manage the NCTTA divisions. The number of divisions varies yearly. Seen here are Nancy Zhou from the Lower New England Division and Justin D'Antonio from the Great Lakes Regionals



Committees oversee various specific areas. The World University Games Committee oversaw the US Collegiate Trials for the first time at the 2025 Championships

Current committees include: Alumni, Ethics/Grievance, Championships, Coaches, High School, Enrollment, Marketing, Media, Ratings, Recruiting, Technology, and Women.
<http://www.nctta.org/officers/>



It is important to note that NCTTA is a **completely volunteer organization**. No one from the Board level to the division directors to the committee members are given compensation of any sort. We are passionate about promoting table tennis, and specifically, college table tennis.

GRASSROOTS AND GROWTH

2024 REGIONALS

Men's Singles = 144
 Women's Singles = 80
 Total Singles = 224

Coed Teams = 69
 Women's Teams = 36
 Total Teams = 107

2025 REGIONALS

Men's Singles =
 Women's Singles =
 Total Singles =

Coed Teams =
 Women's Teams =
 Total Teams = 107

NCTTA conducts six regional tournaments around the USA and Canada. Each region now has commentators and our next step is getting dedicated graphics for each regional stream.

NCTTA also with the help of USA Table Tennis and National Organization Representative, Kagin Lee were able to recruit college players to become umpires!

PARTNERSHIPS



NCTTA sought support from the table tennis community and was able to partner with [American Youth Table Tennis Organization](#) (AYTTO), and [LA Ping Pong](#). AYTTO and LA Ping Pong were partners in helping to grow the pipeline through high school table tennis to College.

LA Ping Pong is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization to boost table tennis participation and competitive table tennis opportunities in Southern California. Their board includes many NCTTA alumni and partners: Jordan Yee (NCTTA Southern California Director) and David Del Vecchio.



NCTTA is happy to promote LA Ping Pong's initiatives as they promote ours.

In addition, with the coordination from NCTTA Equipment Sponsor, Paddle Palace, Tibhar Tips were created! Paddle Palace collected 75 Tibhar Tips coming directly from Doru Gheorghe, Head Coach of Texas Wesleyan University and a member of the US Table Tennis Hall of Fame.

Tibhar Tips can be found on the [Paddle Palace](#) website and on social media!

Tibhar Tips

by EmbedSocial



NCTTA AS A SPONSOR

NCTTA also sponsored the 2025 AYTTO Scholastic Team

Championships featuring the top high school teams in the nation and further promoting NCTTA into the grassroots sphere of influence.

NCTTA was also able to send swag to the [Minnesota State High School Table Tennis Championships](#). Minnesota High School table tennis players are seen to the right here.



NCTTA was able to get involved with an interesting Cinema opportunity, [TopSpin Film](#). Directed by Michael Zhang and Produced by Kaylie Hall.



ALUMNI

NCTTA alumni come in all shapes and forms: graduated student-athletes, administrators, and volunteers. NCTTA is growing this area to achieve goals in alumni retention for volunteer recruitment for events, in-kind donations, alumni meet-ups, and mentorship.

The NCTTA alumni group was energized in 2021 when an anonymous donor offered to double our fundraising. From that interaction, hundreds of interested alumni came back to the sport to lend support. NCTTA was founded on the core principles of volunteerism and service to the sport.



In 2025 (as in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024) NCTTA partnered up again with [SPIN](#) and [PongSpace](#) to host Pong Parties and raise money for NCTTA. Spin has locations in New York City, San Francisco, DC and several other major North American cities. NCTTA Alumni came out in droves to support College Table Tennis and prove that NCTTA's core principle of "paying it forward" is still very much an active strategy.

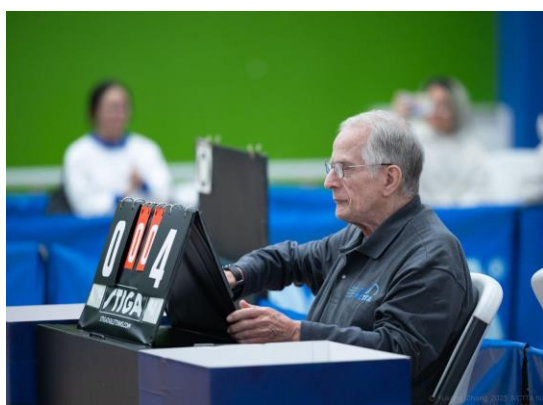


Featured above is last summer's SPIN Chicago Alumni Pong Party, and below is Nelson Chin (one of the founders of NCTTA) at the SPIN Boston NCTTA pong party and NCTTA swag given to participants and winners of SPIN tournaments.

VOLUNTEERISM

NCTTA as a National Organization, is completely managed by volunteers from top to bottom. We are former College Table Tennis athletes who wish to “pay it forward” for the next generation of College Table Tennis players. NCTTA embodies the spirit of generosity, camaraderie, and support within a collegiate sports community.

Paying it forward is described as a strategy of being a recipient of a good deed and repaying that kindness to others. What NCTTA stands for is an active example of this strategy.



Pictured here, Scott Ryan, who is a highly respected International Umpire and USATT Certified Referee and former NCTTA Board member. Scott is known for his active role in developing and mentoring young table tennis umpires and volunteering for NCTTA.

#WeARENCTTA is used as a common social media hashtag. This principle is very much at play from the many who take time out of their lives to be away from family and friends to help College Table Tennis prosper.

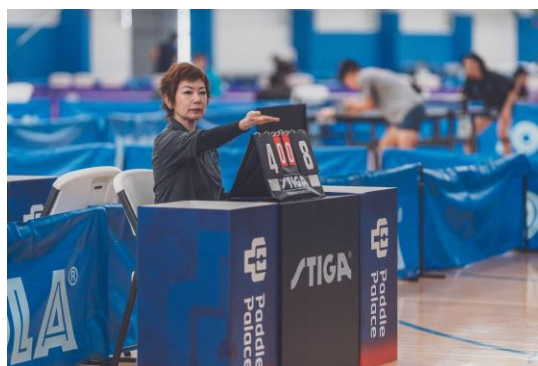
“People power”, as it was coined by one of the organization’s founders, Thomas Hu, was always been how NCTTA has remained relevant.



From video streaming to umpiring to media to even our trophies, which are now custom-made by one of our volunteers! NCTTA brings together everyone in their particular expertise and somehow in a strange microcosm of what society should be, we (NCTTA) make it work for our student athletes.

NCTTA has and will continue to lean on the good graces of those willing to pay it forward:

- David Del Vecchio (NCTTA Alum and US Table Tennis Hall of Fame Member, see below)
- Hongyao Zhang (Volunteer Umpire)
- Scott Ryan (Former NCTTA board member, highly respected International Umpire)
- Stephanie Shih (NCTTA Alum and Current NCTTA Board member)
- Matt Hetherington (NCTTA Alum, Joola Table Tennis & Major League Table Tennis)



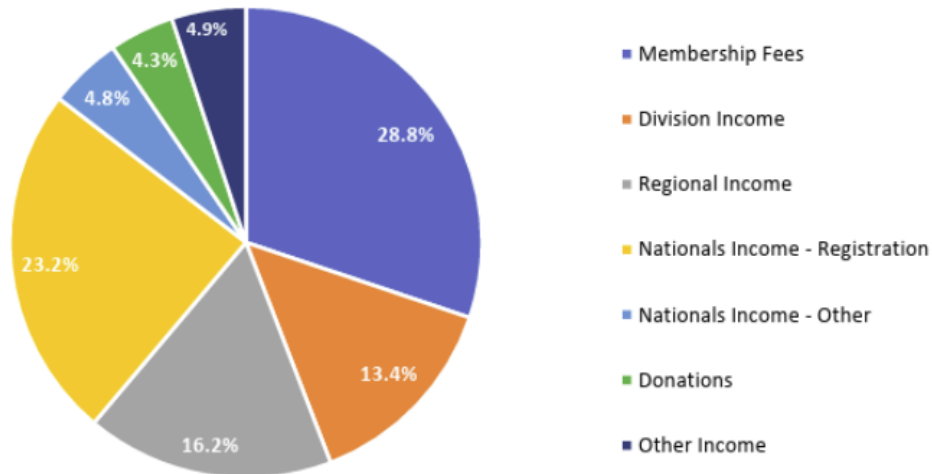
[US Table Tennis Hall of Fame](#) recently inducted NCTTA's own David Del Vecchio (UVA alum). It is an honor for David as well as for NCTTA to see one of its own be recognized. We give thanks for the US Hall of Fame for its tireless efforts to recognize those in our sport.



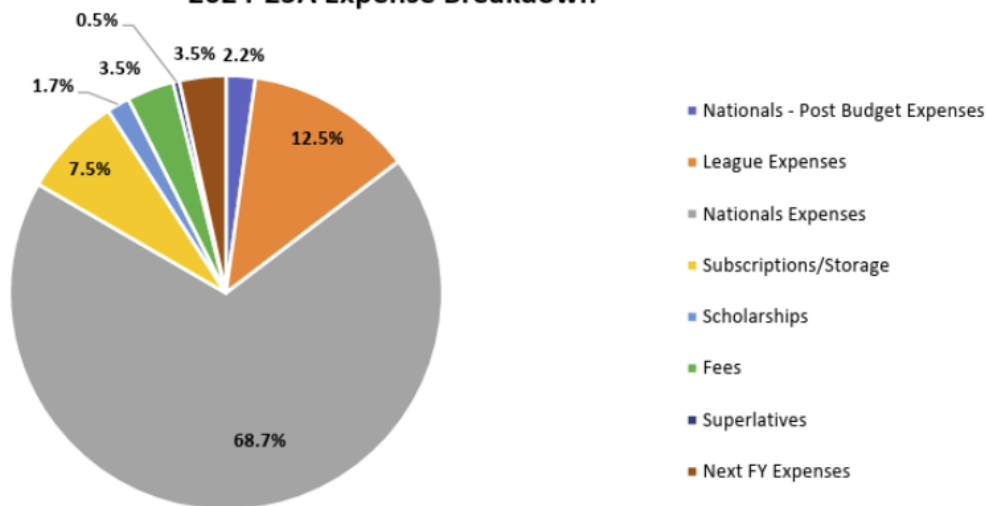
FINANCIAL STATUS

The NCTTA 2024-25 financial year shows an increase in year-on-year revenue. The NCTTA National Championships continue to account for the largest share of overall expenses.

2024-25A Revenue Breakdown



2024-25A Expense Breakdown



ELITE COLLEGE ATHLETES & WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

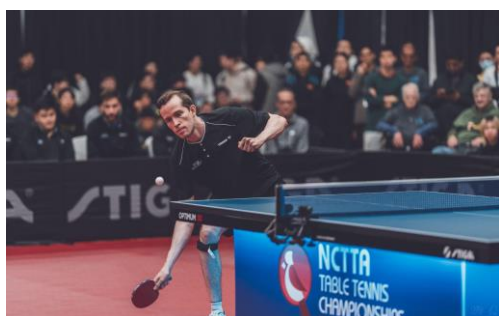
Achieving greatness in the classroom and on the table is a unique skill set that College Table Tennis Athletes prove day in and day out.

Every day, these athletes balance the demands of higher education with the commitment required to compete at the highest levels of table tennis. Imagine attending classes, completing assignments, and preparing for exams all while training and traveling to compete for one's University and, many times, their country.

These students not only pursue a degree but are also uniquely committed to their sport. NCTTA is a part of their journey and allows for the fostering of such growth for these elite college table tennis athletes. These athletes are not only playing for themselves. They are playing for their schools, their teammates, and their communities. They proudly wear their university colors while also representing their home countries as members of national teams and elite international competitors.

Several collegiate athletes who once competed for their respective national organizations are featured below.

On the women's side, UCLA leads the way with Angie Tan and Joanna Sung. Others like Emily Tan (Boston University), Sarah Jalli (Baylor) and Kelly Yenn (Harvard), a former Hong Kong Junior National, are very involved in representing themselves in elite domestic and international competitions and play in NCTTA!



On the men's side, California's Nikhil Kumar, Ved Sheth, Sid Naresh, as well as UCLA's Charlie Wang, Kai Zarehbin lead the way with various other athletes continuing their table tennis success while enrolled in college or university and playing in the NCTTA.

Major League Table Tennis has come about to provide elite college table tennis players the opportunity to play professionally while attending University. Players like: Nikhil Kumar (California), Jeremy Hazin (NYU), Emily Tan (Boston University), Jonatan McDonald, Senura Silva (Tx Wesleyan) compete as professionals in Major League Table Tennis. They show that the next evolution is possible: Academics and Table Tennis!



Several top Canadian athletes also participate in NCTTA: Jeremy Hazin (NYU), Max Ji, Jayden Jiang (Toronto), Gina Fu (Cornell), Kevin Guo (Yale), Glacier Sung (McMaster) and Edison Huang (British Columbia).

Jeremy Hazin of NYU led his team to a 3rd place finish at the 2025 NCTTA Team Championship, all while being a full-time student.



Gina Fu (Cornell) leads her women's team to a 2nd place finish.

Kevin Guo (Yale) helps his school finish 16th in the nation.

College Table Tennis proves that athletes do not have to choose between being a great student and being a great competitor. They can do both and with that mantra, NCTTA's inclusion with the World University Games opened up another door for elite collegiate table tennis players.



For the 2025 World University Games, the NCTTA set out to do more than simply send athletes overseas. The mission was to create another opportunity for college players to experience the highest levels of competition while representing their university, their country, and the entire NCTTA community.

The journey started with a call for leaders: Coaches, team leaders and finally the athletes themselves.



The team leadership came together with Coaches Yanjun Gao and Yue Wu and Team Leader Alex Figueroa and NCTTA Media Liaison, Rachel Ou (not pictured here), who were helping guide the athletes through the experience. Their commitment represented the heart of NCTTA (experienced table tennis people giving back to the athletes who will carry the sport onward). All have been affiliated with NCTTA in one way or another too.

The 2025 USA College team stood on the shoulders of those who came before them. Previous WUG participants helped pave the way for these current college tt athletes to hit the highest level of the sport. NCTTA has been proudly organizing the USA World University Games team since 2006. See the 2006 WUG USA Team here.



THE 2025 USA COLLEGIATE WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES TEAM

After intense competition at the trials, the athletes selected to represent the United States were:

Men's Team

- Sid Naresh – University of California
- Ved Sheth – University of California
- Kai Zarehbin – UCLA (seen here)
- Ryan Wu – UCLA
- Ethan Liu – UCLA



Women's Team

- Emily Tan – Boston University
- Anastasia Wang – NYU
- Tiffany Lam – NYU
- Joanna Sung – UCLA
- Angie Tan – UCLA



The NCTTA 2025 Collegiate Team at the FISU World University Games (Photo Credit: Rachel Ou)



Special thanks to our World University Games, Sponsors: [Peakapong](#) and [PongSpace](#).