

# FEAR THE TURTLE

## 2006 MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

# MANDY PASCUAL

**5-3 • SR. • ALL-AROUND**  
**AIEA, HAWAII/PUNAHOU**



**2005:** Competed in 13 meets this season on bars...finished first on bars in win vs. Towson on Jan. 22. Placed in top three of event five times...scored 9.825 at Maui Invite and also at EAGL conference championships to help the Terps to a second-place finish at both meets...NCAA regional qualifier on uneven bars... named to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America All-District II First Team...earned NACGC Scholastic All-American honors...named to EAGL All-Academic Team...recognized as Outstanding Student by the American Institute of Chemists Greater Washington Division...earned academic achievement award.

**2004:** Competed in all 14 meets of season on bars...notched school-record tying 9.925 vs. Stanford on March 6, tying for first place...won bars with a 9.850 on Terps' season opener at Ohio State...placed first at George Washington on Feb. 11 with a 9.875...placed in top three of event eight times...posted team-high 9.80 at NCAA Regionals on April 3...selected first team All-EAGL bars and All-Academic team...CoSIDA Academic All-District...NACGC Scholastic All-American.

### **2005 HIGHS:**

**Uneven Bars:** 9.825

### **CAREER HIGHS:**

**Uneven Bars:** 9.925

**2003:** A bars specialist ... recorded a school-best tying 9.925 twice this season ... placed first in four meets ... named first team All-EAGL on bars ... notched a 9.8 or higher eight times ... named to All-EAGL Academic Team ... member of the 2003 Verizon Academic All-District Team...NACGC Scholastic All-American.

**2002:** Redshirt season due to ankle injury ... NACGC Scholastic All-American ... made ACC Honor Roll.

**Personal:** Mandy Miguela Pascual ... daughter of Wynne and Miguel Pascual ... has one sister, Jennifer ... earned dean's list honors every semester in high school ... Graduated Magna Cum Laude in Spring 2005 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and is on track to finish a B.S. in Biochemistry in May 2006.

## **TERP TALK WITH MANDY**

**What will you miss the most about Maryland?** My teammates

**If you could have dinner with someone famous, who would be it and why?** MJ #23, enough said

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** Slaving away in my residency

**Who is your favorite musician?** Usher



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## 2006 MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

# ALEX GATCH

**5-4 • SR. • ALL-AROUND**  
**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C./WEST FORSYTHE**



**2005:** Competed all 14 meets on beam for Terps and competed in 9 meets on uneven bars...was in the top three on beam in seven meets...scored a 9.80 in two meets... entered the uneven bars line-up, replacing an injured Mandy Pascual at Penn State on Jan. 29... NCAA regional qualifier on balance beam.

**2004:** Competed all 14 meets on beam for the Terps ... scored season-high 9.90 three times ... tied for third place at NCAA Regionals with a 9.90 ... tied for third with same score vs. Stanford on Mar. 6 ... placed second with a 9.825 Jan. 17 at Denver ... named to EAGL All-Academic team.

**2003:** Second team All-EAGL on the beam ... three first place finishes on the beam ... came in second place at the Governor's Cup with a 9.85 ... recorded career/season best 9.90 twice, on Mar. 12 against GWU and on Mar. 21 against Towson ... competed on the floor as well ... notched personal best 9.80 twice during the season.

**Prior to Maryland:** Placed third at nationals on beam (USAIGC) ... placed third on beam at regionals with a 9.475 ... earned a 9.575 on floor at the 2002 regionals ... recruited by NC State, North Carolina, Michigan State and Ohio State.

**Personal:** Alexandria Bailey Gatch ... daughter of Patty and Dickie Scott ... has three brothers, Kevin, Nathan and Chase...majoring in elementary education.

### **2005 HIGHS:**

**Balance Beam:** 9.80  
**Uneven Bars:** 9.775

### **CAREER HIGHS:**

**Balance Beam:** 9.90  
**Uneven Bars:** 9.775  
**Floor Exercise:** 9.80

## **TERP TALK WITH ALEX**

**What is your fondest memory as a Maryland gymnast?** Going to Hawaii with the whole team, having an awesome meet and learning how to surf

**What do you want to do after you graduate?** Move back to North Carolina and teach second grade

**If you could have dinner with someone famous, who would it be?** Brad Pitt

**Who is your favorite musician or band?** 311 and Dave Matthews

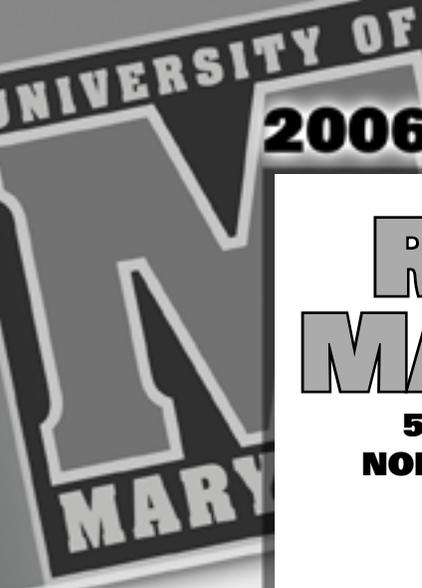
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## 2006 MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

# RACHEL MARTINEZ

**5-1 • SR. • ALL-AROUND**  
**NORTH MASSAPEQUA, N.Y./**  
**FARMINGDALE**



**2005:** Competed all four events in all 14 meets, taking four all-around titles and placing in top 3 in 10 meets. Finished first on floor seven times, scoring 9.80 or higher in 9 meets...recorded four beam titles and three on uneven bars...scored season-high floor mark of 9.90 at Towson on March 12...notched season-high 39.025 at the Governor's Cup on Feb. 5, finishing third overall...NCAA regional qualifier in all-around...named first team All-EAGL on beam and floor exercise and second team All-EAGL on vault, uneven bars and all-around...named to EAGL All-Academic team...earned community service award.

**2004:** Team's most dependable contributor, competed all four events in all 14 meets ... took seven all-around titles, with a season-high of 39.600 set against Stanford on March 6, tying for first place ... placed in top three all-around in 13 meets ... scored all-around of 39.550 at EAGL Championships, tying for second place ... placed first or second 10 times on floor, including a string of four consecutive meets winning the event ... scored season-high 9.95 on floor three times, most recently at EAGL Championships, tying for second place ... tied for second on floor at NCAA Regionals with a 9.90 ... recorded four vault titles ... set new school record on vault vs. George Washington on Feb. 11, a 9.950 for first place ... tied school record on bars with a 9.925 at West Virginia on Feb. 22, placing first ... notched three consecutive bars titles from Feb. 22 to Mar. 3 ... scored season-high beam mark of 9.925 on Mar. 12 home quad meet ... earned EAGL Gymnast of the Week three times ... named all-conference first team on vault, bars, floor and all-around ... named second team All-EAGL on beam.

**2003:** Won EAGL all-around title with a championship meet record 39.625 ... first Terp to win the crown ... posted a 9.925 on the beam, the floor and vault at the EAGL Championships, tying for first place on beam and coming in second place on the floor ... came in sixth place at the NCAA Regionals ... named to first team All-EAGL in the all-around and the floor ... second team All-EAGL on the vault ... recognized as EAGL Gymnast of the Week twice ... earned a personal-best 9.95 on the floor at the Mar. 15 meet against Rutgers ... earned a 9.90 on the bars at the Feb. 22 quad meet ... won six all-around, five vault events, one bar competition, two beam events and four floor events during 2003.

**Prior to Maryland:** Competed in the Section 8 conference in high school ... earned All-American honors ... national elite vault and floor champion ... the 2002 Level 10 Junior Olympic National Vault Champion ... team captain and MVP in high school ... placed second in state ... recruited by Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana State, ASU.

**Personal:** Rachel S. Martinez ... born Mar. 20, 1984 ... daughter of Hillary and Ray Martinez ... has two sisters, Jamie, and Erica ... majoring in special education.



### 2005 HIGHS:

Vault: 9.85  
Uneven Bars: 9.80  
Balance Beam: 9.85  
Floor Exercise: 9.90  
All-Around: 39.025

### CAREER HIGHS:

Vault: 9.95 (School Record)  
Uneven Bars: 9.925 (Tied School Record)  
Balance Beam: 9.925  
Floor Exercise: 9.95  
All-Around - 39.625 (Tied School Record)

## TERP TALK WITH RACHEL

**What is your fondest memory as a Maryland gymnast?**  
Winning EAGL (all-around) my freshman year

**What do you plan to do after you graduate?** Teach and move back to Long Island

**One word to describe myself would be...** Princess

**What are your favorite movies?** Bronx Tale and Moulin Rouge



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## 2006 MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

# REBECCA RUPPERT

**5-2 • SR. • ALL-AROUND**  
**LAKERIDGE, VA./WOODBIDGE**



**2005:** Tri-Captain ...competed on vault in 13 meets...competed on floor exercise 6 times...scored season-high 9.775 on vault at the Maui Invite on Jan. 7...notched a season-high 9.750 on floor exercise at EAGL conference championships on March 25...garnered NACGC Scholastic All-American honors...named to EAGL All-Academic team...earned community service award.

**2004:** Competed on vault in all 14 meets...notched season-high 9.850 on vault vs. Stanford on March 6...tied for third on vault at Rutgers on Feb. 28...scored season-best 9.775 on floor on Feb. 11 at George Washington... NACGC Scholastic All-American ...named to EAGL All-Academic team.

**2003:** A vault specialist ... notched a 9.70 three times during the season ... posted a career-best 9.75 on Mar. 12 against GWU and at EAGL on Mar. 29 ...NACGC Scholastic All-American... named to the EAGL All-Academic team.

**Personal:** Rebecca-Jane Ruppert ... daughter of Debra and Damian Ruppert ... has one brother, Brendan and one sister, Sarah ... a four-year letterwinner in track at Woodbridge ... hobbies include football and basketball ... a member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club in high school ... majoring in criminology & criminal justice.

### 2005 HIGHS:

**Vault:** 9.775

**Floor Exercise:** 9.75

### CAREER HIGHS:

**Vault:** 9.85

**Floor Exercise:** 9.775

## TERP TALK WITH BECCA

**What are you going to miss about the University of Maryland?** I will miss gymnastics.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** Protecting the President of the U.S. (the Secret Service)

**Who is your favorite athlete and/or sports team?** Allen Iverson, Philadelphia 76ers

**What is your favorite movie?** The Godfather

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