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ASSOCIATION



National Collegiate Table Tennis Association

2024 Annual Report

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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

NCTTA is the governing body of collegiate table tennis in the US and Canada. It is a US government-recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established with the mission to develop and promote table tennis as a collegiate sport.

NCTTA is a National Organization Member of USA Table Tennis as well as a certified club. NCTTA has been recognized as a National Organization member by the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee/USA Table Tennis since 2008.

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**

Human Resources Coordinator - **Stephanie Shih**

USA Table Tennis Board Liaison - **Kagin Lee *** (Brandon Lawrence resigned March 25, 2024)

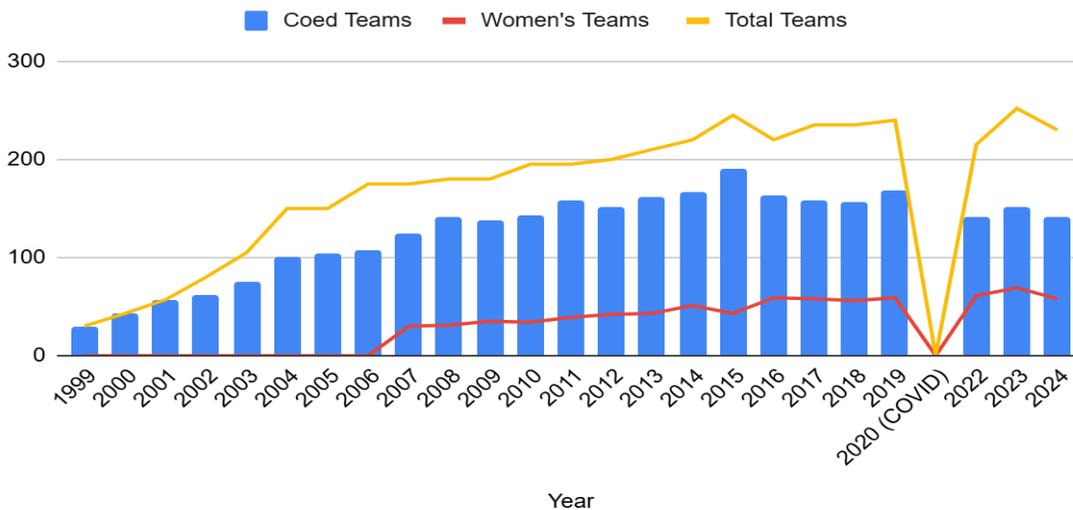
MAJOR SPONSORS



LEAGUE

The NCTTA league is the organization’s main activity. The league consists of intercollegiate varsity team competition among Coed/Men’s teams and Women’s teams. Varsity teams are composed of at least 4 players; up to 8 players may be on a roster at any given time. Junior varsity teams and alumni teams are also invited to compete in scrimmage competitions, and separate singles competitions are also held.

Coed Teams, Women's Teams and Total Teams



NCTTA’s competition season is played during an academic year, which is from October to April 2024. Regular season competition took place both in the Fall and the Spring, in six regions subdivided into 26 divisions. Almost 3500 competitive athletes participated, forming 142 Varsity Coed and 58 Varsity Women’s teams and a total of over 200 teams. NCTTA also organizes singles play in divisional, regional, and national championship play.

Immediately following the regular season, the strongest teams and singles players were invited to 6 regional championships, which also served as qualification events for the National Championships.



Division (League play) (Fall 2023 and Spring 2024)

- ▣ **Regional Championships (in 2024)** (6 around the USA/Canada)
- ▣ **National Championships (in 2024)** (Averaging 250 athletes, 50 schools)

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 2024 Championships were one of the most competitive national events in our organization's history.

A plethora of top-tier players (over 250) from 46 U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities, including international students from 24 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.



2024 Championship Results

Men's Singles

Top 80 players, all rated above 2000

Champion: Nikhil Kumar (California)
USA Olympian

Finalist: Ved Sheth (California)

Semifinalists: Jonatan McDonald (Texas Wesleyan) and Kai Zhang (USC)

Women's Singles

Top 40 players, over 50% rated over 2000

Champion: Zhen Deng (Texas Wesleyan)
2024 South Regional Women's Finalist

Finalist: Angie Tan (UCLA)

Semifinalists: Jiaqi Lin (Texas Wesleyan) and
Crystal Wang (Emory University)



Nikhil Kumar (California)

Crystal Wang (Emory University)

Men's / Coed Teams

Champion: Texas Wesleyan University

Finalist: University of California, Berkeley

Semifinalists: New York University and Indiana

Women's Teams

Champion: Texas Wesleyan University

Finalist: University of California, Los Angeles

Third place: New York University



(right) Texas Wesleyan's Women's Team (Photo credit: Grant Bergmann)

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



(to the left) 2024 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 Danny Yip).

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 and Women's teams, with most expenses paid by the college.



Pictured to the left is Kansas State University (Central Plains Division) and on right is Lehigh University (Pennsylvania Division). Both of these schools are representative of medium-sized clubs in NCTTA.

Of particular note, four member schools offer table tennis programs and some with athletic scholarships/assistance: Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth, TX), Dallas Baptist University (Dallas, TX), Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, VA) and Fashion Institute of Technology (New York City, NY).

MEDIA

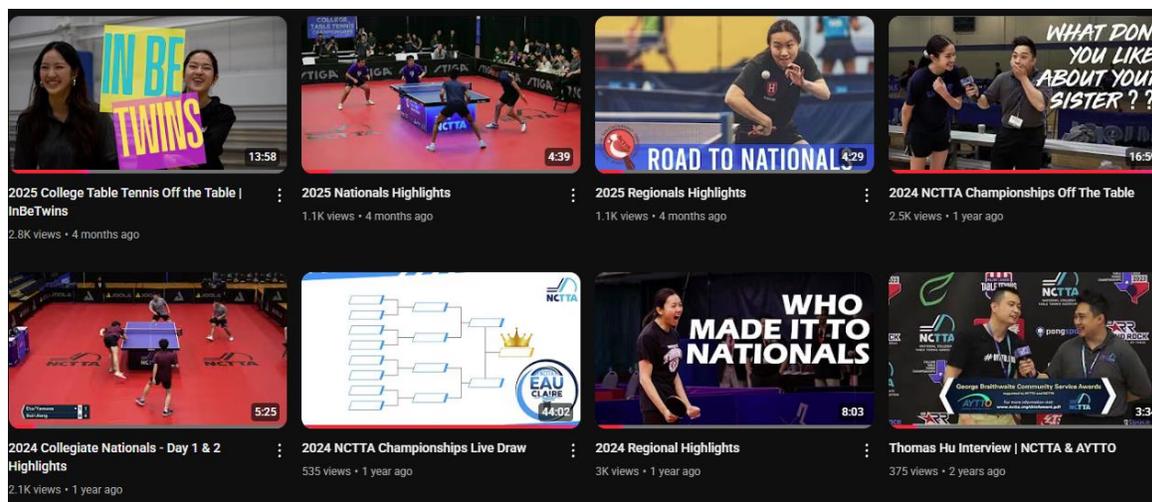


The NCTTA Media team comprises all volunteers and mostly alumni from different areas such as graphic design, social media, journalism, and video production.

The team publishes a monthly email newsletter that includes all current topics related to college table tennis and reaches over 4000 people providing exposure to sponsors and affiliates throughout the year.

The College Table Tennis Championships are streamed live in high definition on YouTube, in TV quality complete with four camera angles, live commentary, and replay on the Official NCTTA YouTube Channel - produced by an all-volunteer staff.

Andy Nguyen, Marketing Committee Chair extraordinaire, created several videos featuring NCTTA and our student-athletes, found on the NCTTA Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@NCTTAVideos/videos>. They include interviews, highlights and summaries of our programming.



The graphics team, led by Cedric Mosdell and Tae Kim, expanded NCTTA’s look in key areas of programming in Superlatives, NCTTA Fundraisers, NCTTA Championships, Player Spotlights, NCTTA Registration, and National Holidays!



The NCTTA Media Team produces excellence year after year, producing graphics for our membership and viewership alike.



COED TEAMS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

DUKE UNIVERSITY

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

EMORY UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

WESTERN UNIVERSITY

WATCH LIVE @NCTTAVIDEOS

NCTTA has a talented and engaging video crew led by Andy Nguyen showcasing feature player interviews and videos.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NCTTA offers scholarships to future NCTTA athletes (currently in high school) based on GPA, financial need, table tennis ability, and an essay. Scholarships to high school-only athletes are a recent change to the program in the hopes of promoting high school play and continued college play.

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 2023-2024 season.



The 2024 scholarships were awarded to:

Sean Chen (NYU)



Ved Sheth (California)



Nick Kozenieski (Florida)



Kai Zarehbin (UCLA)



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.

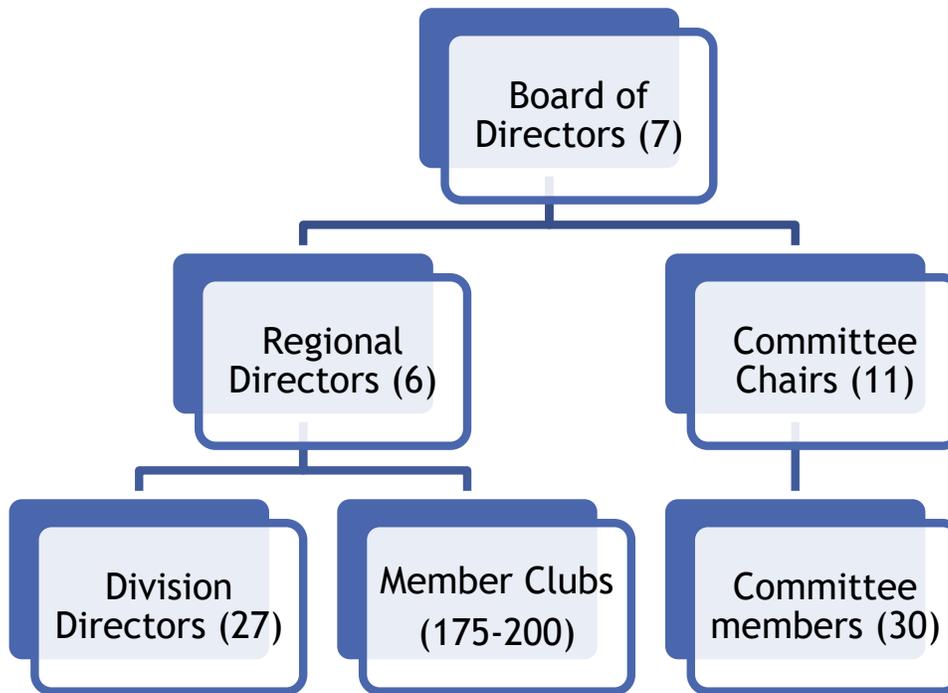


Northeast Region Directors seen to the left: Xinye Ji and Nancy Zhou

Committees oversee various specific areas. The Alumni Committee created an NCTTA Career Panel to assist soon-to-be graduating students with resources.

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

2023 REGIONALS	2024 REGIONALS
Men's Singles = 140	Men's Singles = 144
Women's Singles = 81	Women's Singles = 80
Total Singles = 221	Total Singles = 224
Coed Teams = 68	Coed Teams = 69
Women's Teams = 38	Women's Teams = 36
Total Teams = 106	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.

PARTNERSHIPS



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



It will recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of Table Tennis and will offer up to a \$5,000 scholarship for a high school senior in the AYTTO family who is entering college and exhibits outstanding volunteerism for our sport.

NCTTA and AYTTO also joined forces to celebrate NCTTA's 25th year anniversary with a match between one of NCTTA's first schools in its history, Harvard University and one of the top high schools in the country, Lexington High School!



HARVARD
UNIVERSITY

V/S



LEXINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL



LA Ping Pong

Los Angeles area ping pong clubs, leagues, and news

LA Ping Pong is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization with a goal 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.

NCTTA AS A SPONSOR



NCTTA also sponsored the 2024 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 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 2024 (as in 2021, 2022, and 2023) NCTTA partnered up again with [SPIN](#) 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 to the right, is last summer's SPIN Seattle Alumni Pong Party, and below is Nelson Chin (one of the founders of NCTTA) at the SPIN Boston NCTTA pong party.



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.



Angela Guan, a former US National Team member and former top Collegiate table tennis player with Berkeley giving back behind the camera!

We are NCTTA is a common social media hashtag, and at the NCTTA Championships, this principle is very much at play from the many who take time out of their lives to be



away from family and friends in another location for sometimes up to a week.

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

From video streaming to umpiring to media to even our trophies, which are now custom-made from 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:

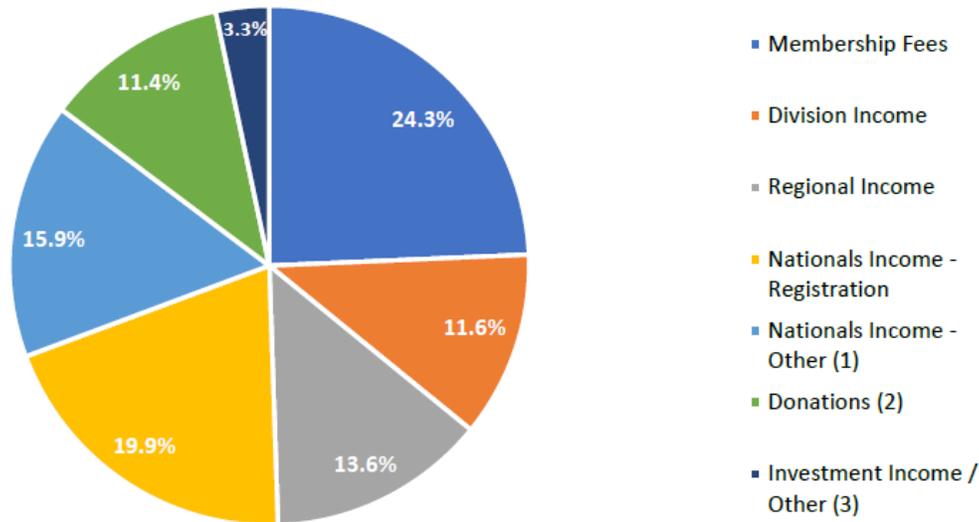
- David Del Vecchio (NCTTA Alum and US Table Tennis Hall of Fame Member)
- Cyrus Aga (NCTTA Alum and Chief Financial Officer)
- Dennis Yanga and Grant Bergmann (Volunteer photographers)
- Nelson Chin and Thomas Hu (Founded NCTTA in 1993 and have returned to give back)
- Angela Guan (NCTTA Alum and Division Director) & Andy Nguyen (NCTTA Alum, Committee Chair)
- Jorge Vanegas (NCTTA Volunteer Umpire)



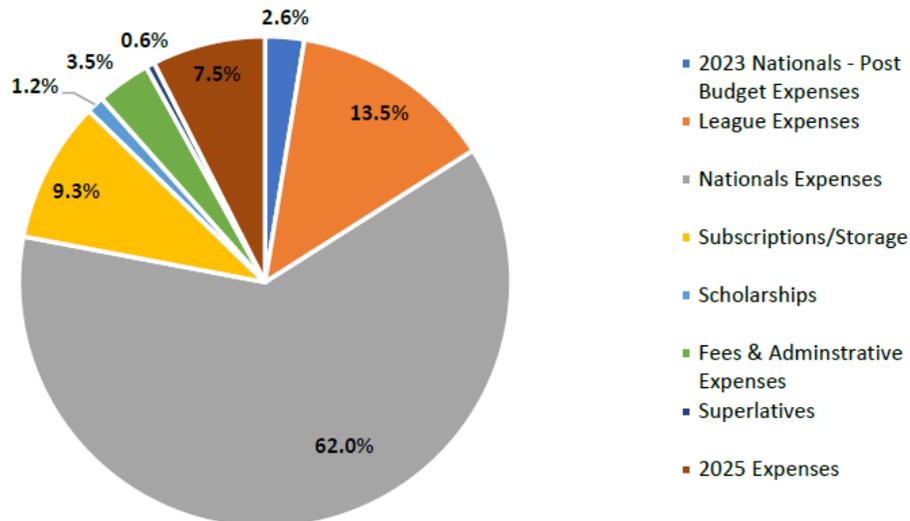
FINANCIAL STATUS

The NCTTA 2023-24 financial year shows increased year-on-year revenue. The NCTTA National Championships continue to comprise the largest percentage of overall expenses.

2023-24A Revenue Breakdown



2023-24A Expense Breakdown



ELITE COLLEGE ATHLETES

The landscape of College Athletics has always been defined by pioneers - students who not only pursue a degree but also remain fiercely loyal to their sport. NCTTA has played a crucial role year after year in fostering national team table tennis athletes. NCTTA has been a home to former and current Junior/National athletes from the USA, Canada, and other countries.

Being in College or University while maintaining one's table tennis level takes an immense amount of time management skills, support and grit! Unlike professional sports where that is the singular focus, collegiate athletes endure the dual challenge of excelling in two worlds at once (academics and Table Tennis).

From Lily Zhang (California) to Amy Wang (UCLA) and finally to our current elite college athletes, they have showed the rest what it takes to be a student athlete.

NCTTA provides a competitive platform for these collegiate table tennis players to test and showcase their skills and compete at a high level.

Several collegiate athletes who once competed for USA Table Tennis teams as juniors or even on the adult national team should be noted.

On the women's side, Angie Tan, Faith Tung, Joanna Sung all from (UCLA) and more are still very involved in representing themselves in international competitions and play in NCTTA!



On the men's side, Kai Zhang (USC), Nikhil Kumar, Ved Sheth (California), Sharon & Gal Alguetti (Indiana) and more are continuing their table tennis success while enrolled in college or university and playing in the NCTTA.

Nikhil Kumar (California), Jonatan McDonald (Tx Wesleyan) and Senura Silva (Tx Wesleyan) also compete as professionals in Major League Table Tennis. They show that you can go to college, play in NCTTA, and continue to compete at a high level while using your academic prowess to earn a college degree!



Derron Douglas, a Trinidad and Tobago National Team player, attends Texas Wesleyan University and plays on the varsity team there while still holding a national team ranking.

Senura Silva also from Texas Wesleyan is a Sri Lankan National Champion and continues to show his strong play while earning a degree in the US.



Several top Canadian athletes also participate in NCTTA: Jeremy Hazin (NYU), Kenny Jiang (University of Chicago) and Jiayi Nie (Western) not pictured.

Jeremy Hazin of NYU led his team to a coveted NCTTA Team Championship, all while being a full-time student.



Kenny Jiang, former Canadian Junior phenom, led his team at the University of Chicago.



NCTTA has been organizing the USA World University Games team since 2006. NCTTA managed the trials and team with the help of long time volunteer Jasna Rather. Top athletes would get to compete at the highest stage. 2023 was in Chengdu; 2025 will be in Germany.

Seen here are pictures of previous teams that represented the USA at the World University Games, including the first-ever team (below) - the 2006 WUG USA Team.



Picture credit: Angela Guan

Amy Wang and Rachel Sung took home the bronze medal! First medal for College Team USA ever!



Picture credit: Rachel Sung

