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**WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMUNITY ASKED TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR UIC GYMNASTICS**

**BOWLING GREEN, OHIO (September 3, 2018)** – Randy Lane, chair of the Collegiate Gymnastics Growth Initiative and associate head coach at UCLA, issued a call to action to save the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) women's gymnastics team. He asked members of the Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA), UIC alumni and community, and all women's gymnastics enthusiasts to email, call, or use social media to contact UIC's administration to advocate for maintaining the program.

The UIC men's and women's coaches and gymnasts were notified by the administration Friday that both programs would be eliminated after the 2018-19 academic year.

"I am asking for the gymnastics community to come together to save opportunities for the current UIC student-athletes and all the girls and boys who dream of competing at the collegiate level," Lane said. "This isn't even a hard sell because we are talking about model student-athletes in the classroom, community, and in competition."

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- Michael Amiridis, UIC Chancellor: [chancellor@uic.edu](mailto:chancellor@uic.edu); office: 312-413-3350.
- Tonya McGowan, UIC women's gymnastics administrator: [tmcgowan@uic.edu](mailto:tmcgowan@uic.edu); office: 312-996-3556.

Please include #thisisuic #itsuic and #saveUICGYM in social media posts.

For sample email, phone, and social media posts and more information, please visit <https://www.wcgagym.com/>.

The WCGA is the advocate for women's collegiate gymnastics. The Collegiate Gymnastics Growth Initiative is a committee of WCGA members charged with raising awareness and seeking out opportunities for participation in Women's Collegiate Gymnastics.

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