



# *Vanessa Zamarripa*

Elite Gymnast  
US National Team Member



<sup>2021</sup>*Hall of Fame*



*Vanessa Zamarripa*  
MIDWEST TWISTERS/UCLA

A black rectangular graphic containing a portrait of Vanessa Zamarripa. The portrait is a head-and-shoulders shot of her with long, dark hair, wearing a black tank top. The portrait is framed by a white border. To the right of the portrait, there is a small, stylized illustration of a gymnast in a blue leotard performing a split leap. At the bottom of the graphic, the name "Vanessa Zamarripa" is written in a pink, cursive font, with "MIDWEST TWISTERS/UCLA" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

# HALL OF FAME

Inducted 2021

Vanessa Zamarripa began gymnastics at the age of seven and quickly moved through the levels to become a Level 7 gymnast by the time she was nine years old. At age 10 she placed 1<sup>st</sup> All Around at the Circle of Stars competition in her only Level 8 meet before moving to Level 9 and winning Bars at Easterns.

Vanessa is one of the most accomplished gymnasts in Junior Olympic history winning nine Level 10 individual national titles from 2003-2007. Vanessa won the National All-Around titles in 2003, 2004 and 2007. She set a JO National record in 2004 scoring a 9.825 on vault. The following year she set another record by winning vault for the third time in a row. Vanessa's third national record came in 2007 when she won her third All-Around National Championship. With the training she received at Midwest Twisters under the guidance of Mickey Orr and Jenny Haden, Vanessa received a full scholarship to UCLA where she continued to succeed. Some of her accomplishments are printed below.

- Many State and Regional Titles over her JO career.
- Level 9 Eastern National Bar Champion – Landover, MD 2001
- JO Nationals – 3<sup>rd</sup> on Vault – Landover, MD 2002
- JO Nationals – Vault, Floor and All Around Champion – Colorado Springs, CO 2003
- American Challenge – Jr. Pre Elite Vault, Beam and All Around Champion – Ontario, CA 2004
- JO Nationals – Vault (National Record, 9.825), Bars and All Around Champion – Orlando, FL 2004
- JO Nationals – Vault Champion (National Record, 3 years in a row), 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> All Around – 2005
- JO Nationals – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vault and All Around Champion (National Record, 3 JO All Around Titles) – Cincinnati, OH 2007
- Region 5 JO Athlete of the Year 2004
- Region 5 Allstar Teams – 2004, 2005, 2006
- Member of 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team at JO Nationals – 2002, 2004, 2005
- JO National Team Member – 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007

- Full ride scholarship to UCLA, 2009-2013
- USA Senior National Team Member, 2010-2011
- NCAA National Vault Champion 10, 2010
- NCAA Team Champion, 2010
- 19 time NCAA All-American – UCLA