

**2009 CERRITOS COLLEGE
WOMEN'S TENNIS BIOGRAPHIES**

SHAMARIAH DeROJAS
SOPHOMORE



LA MIRADA HIGH SCHOOL (2007)
HT: 5-7
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY



Cerritos (2008): Went 10-5 in singles action and split time between the #3-#6 spots... Reached the semi-finals of the South Coast Conference singles championships, where she lost to eventual champion Courtney Petero of Long Beach City... Teamed with Joanna Gonzalez in doubles action and posted a 13-6 record with her, while she was a combined 14-7 including other partners.....

La Mirada HS: Attended Fullerton College out of high school, but did not participate in any sports... Voted her team's Most Valuable Player her senior year after reaching the Suburban League singles quarterfinals... Named the team's captain as a junior and senior... Earned the Coaches Award as a junior... Voted the junior varsity team's Most Improved Player as a sophomore after being named their Most Inspirational Player her freshman season.....

Personal: Would like to transfer to either Cal State Fullerton or Cal State Long Beach and aspires to be either a psychiatrist or guidance counselor... Her brother Julius (24) was on the track and basketball teams at Troy High, while twins Vaniah (21) and Elijah (21) also competed in sports at La Mirada High... Her father was a sprinter in Ecuador... Likes to find new music and spend time with friends in her spare time... Nicknamed "Shamy"... Is the daughter of Julio and Marisa DeRojas... Born in La Mirada, CA on September 30, 1989.....

Favorite Athlete: Tom Brady

Favorite Movie: "The Bourne Trilogy"

Favorite Food: Korean

Favorite TV Show: "CSI"

Favorite Book: "City of Tiny Lights"



GABRIELA DIAZ
SOPHOMORE



HOME SCHOOLED (2006)
HT: 5-1
MAJOR: KINESIOLOGY



Cerritos (2008): Went 4-3 in singles play, which included a 4-1 record in the #6 position... Teamed with three different partners in doubles play and went 0-3 on the year...

Cerritos (2007): Was a red-shirt.....

Home School: Attended Los Angeles Trade-Tech College but did not play tennis... Learned to play tennis by taking classes at Cerritos College.....

Personal: Would like to transfer to Cal State Los Angeles and study to be a physical therapist... Likes to play the clarinet in her spare time... Also plays the violin... Nicknamed "Gaby"... Has three siblings - Aidee (33), Wens (31) and Felipe (29)... Is the daughter of Othon Diaz and Gabriela Gonzalez... Born in Mexico City, Mexico on August 17, 1987.....

Favorite Athlete: Rafael Nadal

Favorite Movie: "Pan's Labyrinth"

Favorite Book: "Cien Anos de Soledad"

Favorite TV Show: "Grey's Anatomy"



Gahr HS: Helped her team to two straight San Gabriel Valley League championships... Voted her team's Most Valuable Player as a junior and senior... Selected the school's Athlete of the Quarter during her senior season... Posted a 33-3 record as a senior after going 36-3 her junior year.....

Personal: Most memorable moment was her match in the first round of the CIF Tournament her junior year... Is working on a minor in business and would like to transfer to USC... Aspires to be a dentist... Her father played football and was on the track team at Washington High... Likes to play tennis, eat and watch TV in her spare time... Has two siblings - Tennia (29) and Ryan (21)... Is the daughter of Paul and Jessyca Johnson... Born in Harbor City, CA on October 19, 1990.....

Favorite Athlete: Novak Djokovic
Favorite Food: Anything
Favorite Book: "Uglies"

Favorite Movie: "Step-Brothers"
Favorite TV Show: "That 70's Show"


ALANA JOHNSON
FRESHMAN



GAHR HIGH SCHOOL (2008)
HT: 5-4
MAJOR: PRE-DENTAL



SAMANTHA NADRES
FRESHMAN



TROY HIGH SCHOOL (2008)
HT: 5-4
MAJOR: NURSING



Pt. Loma University: Attended Pt. Loma but did not play tennis.....


Troy HS: Helped her team win the CIF Division II team championship for two years, while they were finalists another season... Teamed up to advance to the CIF doubles championship one season, while she reached as a single player another year... Named Orange County Register All-County... Won the Freeway League doubles championship four years in a row... Graduated with honors.....

Personal: Would like to transfer to UCLA and aspires to be a nurse... Has many relatives who competed in sports... Likes to go dancing, shopping and eating in her spare time... Nicknamed "Sam"... Has one sibling - JP (24)... Is the daughter of Potenciano and Tes... Born in Beverly Hills, CA on December 18, 1989.....

Favorite Athlete: Kobe Bryant
Favorite TV Show: "Gossip Girl"
Favorite Food: Asian



CHRISTINA NGUYEN
FRESHMAN



GAHR HIGH SCHOOL (2008)
HT: 5-3
MAJOR: UNDECIDED

Gahr HS: Helped her team to two straight San Gabriel Valley League championships... Earned the Coaches Award and was a team captain as a senior after garnering the Most Improved Award as a junior.....

Personal: Most memorable moment was when the team defeated La Quinta High in the first round of the CIF Playoffs... Is working on a minor in business law and would like to transfer to either the University of California-Berkeley or USC... Aspires to work for the United Nations... Likes to read, travel and play pool in her spare time... Has two siblings - Jackey (28) and Timmy (27)... Is the daughter of Chau Nguyen and Michelle Dao... Born in Fountain Valley, CA on March 5, 1990.....

Favorite Food: Anything

Favorite Book: "The Bet"



CRISTINA SANCHEZ
SOPHOMORE



LA MIRADA HIGH SCHOOL (2007)
HT: 5-4
MAJOR: KINESIOLOGY

Cerritos (2008): Went 8-4 in singles action, which included a 4-2 record in the #5 position... Also went 2-0 at #6 and 2-1 in the #5 spot... Was 19-5 in doubles play and teamed with Steffanie Mendez to go 19-4 together... The two reached the semi-finals of the South Coast Conference Tournament, but were defeated by teammates Annika You and Sonia Gutierrez... They also lost in the second round of both the Ojai Tournament and Southern California Regional Tournament.....

La Mirada HS: Reached the second round of the Suburban League Championships in doubles play as a freshman after placing fourth her junior season... Named the team's Captain both years... Voted the team's Most Inspirational Player as a sophomore.....

Personal: Most memorable moment was advancing to the second day of the league's semi-finals her junior year... Would like to transfer to Cal State Long Beach, San Diego State or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo... Aspires to be a physical therapist... Her brother Emmanuel (21) played basketball in high school... Likes to play tennis, sing and play the piano in her spare time... Nicknamed "Crissy", "Steen" and "Tina"... Is the daughter of Meynardo and Cynthia Sanchez... Born in Anaheim, CA on January 3, 1990.....

Favorite Athlete: Jelena Jankovic

Favorite Movie: "A Walk to Remember"

Favorite Food: Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo



ISAMAR VEGA
FRESHMAN

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL (2008)
HT: 5-4
MAJOR: UNDECIDED

Pioneer HS: Spent one season on the tennis team and was voted the team's Most Valuable Player... Won the single championship at the Del Rio League Tournament....

Personal: Most memorable moment was her 6-4, 6-1 decision in the finals of the Del Rio League singles championship... Would like to transfer to USC, UCLA or Cal State Fullerton... Aspires to be a doctor and work at a hospital that treats children with cancer... Likes to play tennis in her spare time... Nicknamed "Isa"... Has one sibling - Jose (16)... Born on November 19, 1990.....

Favorite Athlete: Serena Williams
Favorite Food: Italian
Favorite Book: "Pride & Prejudice"

Favorite Movie: "The Lake House"
Favorite TV Show: "One Tree Hill"



MICHELLE YI
FRESHMAN



WARREN HIGH SCHOOL (2008)
HT: 5-6
MAJOR: BIOLOGY

Warren HS: Won the San Gabriel Valley League individual singles championship as a senior and placed second in the league tournament... Advanced to the CIF tournament... Voted the team's Most Valuable Player as a sophomore after finishing in second place in the league in singles... Helped the team win the league championship as a freshman.....

Personal: Most memorable moment was her 6-2, 6-2 win in the league singles championship that advanced her to the CIF tournament... Would like to transfer to UCLA and study to be a pediatrician... Comes from a family where everyone is active in athletics... Likes to play sports, eat and experience adventures in her spare time... Nicknamed "Yi"... Has two siblings - Ethen (23) and Jonathan (13)... Is the daughter of Danny and July Yi... Born in Los Angeles, CA on April 15, 1990.....

Favorite Food: Korean

Favorite TV Show: "Grey's Anatomy"

Favorite Book: "East of Eden"

