

**USA Diving Athlete Biography**

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**RACHELLE KUNKEL (PRONOUNCED RA-SHELL)**

Height..... 5' 4"  
 Weight..... 125 lbs.  
 Birthdate ..... May 1, 1978  
 Birthplace..... Salt Lake City, Utah  
 Hometown..... West Valley City, Utah  
 Current Residence..... Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Education ..... Brigham Young University  
 Major ..... Nursing  
 Club..... Trojan Dive Team  
 Trains ..... Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Coach ..... Hongping Li  
 National Team..... 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

**Personal:** Daughter of Kent and Diane Smith ... has three siblings: Mike (7/4/74), Erica (1/19/76), Sarah (2/23/82) ... enjoys racquetball, reading, eating, cooking and watching movies... also enjoys being with family and friends ... competed in track and field while in high school ... would like to work as a nurse in labor and delivery or pediatrics ... has been diving since 1994 ... trains four to five hours per day, 5 days a week ... favorite dive is a 5152B ... reads or listens to music between dives during a contest.

<b>Year</b>	<b>National Events</b>	<b>1-meter</b>	<b>3-meter</b>	<b>Platform</b>
<b>1996</b>	West Junior National Diving Championships.....	16th (303.10)		
	Speedo National Junior Diving Championships .....	23rd (341.35)	32nd (292.15)	
	Phillips 66 National (Outdoor) Diving Championships .....	21st (186.06)		
<b>1997</b>	<i>Dallas Morning News</i> National Diving Championships.....	12th (194.61)		
<b>1998</b>	Cinergy/PSI National Diving Championships.....	6th (237.72)		
	U.S. Summer National Diving Championships .....	26th (191.28)		
<b>1999</b>	U.S. Spring National Diving Championships .....	2nd (262.02)		
	U.S. Summer National Diving Championships .....	<b>1st (305.55)</b> .....	26th (219.69)	
<b>2000</b>	U.S. Indoor National Diving Championships .....	<b>1st (270.54)</b>		
	U.S. Outdoor National Diving Championships.....	6th (230.70)		
<b>2001</b>	U.S. National Indoor Diving Championships .....	4th (274.92)	<b>1st (490.41)</b>	
	U.S. National Outdoor Diving Championships.....	3rd (260.37)	13th (428.07)	
<b>2002</b>	World Cup Trials .....		7 <sup>th</sup> (626.44)	
	Speedo National Diving Championships.....	<b>1st (295.83)</b> .....	10th (464.34)	
<b>2003</b>	World Championship Trials .....		<b>1<sup>st</sup> (1073.07)</b>	
	World Championship Trials [sync. Soldati] .....		3 <sup>rd</sup> (516.90)	
	Speedo National Diving Championships.....	<b>1<sup>st</sup> (305.37)</b> .....	6 <sup>th</sup> (454.89)	
<b>2004</b>	World Cup Trials .....		3 <sup>rd</sup> (772.41)	
	World Cup Trials [sync. Davison].....		4 <sup>th</sup> (528.42)	
	Speedo American Cup.....		<b>1<sup>st</sup> (772.44)</b>	
	U.S. Olympic Team Trials.....		2 <sup>nd</sup> (874.38)	
	Speedo National Diving Championships.....	1st (295.83).....	9 <sup>th</sup> (415.69)	

<b>Year</b>	<b>International Events</b>	<b>1-meter</b>	<b>3-meter</b>	<b>Platform</b>
<b>1999</b>	XXth World University Games.....	13th (220.38)		
<b>2001</b>	Canada Cup .....		10th (455.49)	
	China Open.....		12th (446.79)	
	IX FINA World Championships.....	9th (240.30)	25th (223.74)	
	IX FINA World Championships [sync. Soldati].....		8th (267.00)	
	World University Games .....	4th (247.28)	11th (249.84)	
	World University Games [sync. Stramandi] .....		5th (230.39)	
	Goodwill Games .....		8th (301.62)	

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	Goodwill Games [sync. Soldati] .....	5 <sup>th</sup> (217.20)
<b>2003</b>	Speedo American Cup.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> (495.15)
	FINA World Championships .....	11 <sup>th</sup> (250.08).....21 <sup>st</sup> (261.78)
<b>2004</b>	Speedo FINA Diving Grand Prix.....	4 <sup>th</sup> (321.85)
	Olympic Games.....	9 <sup>th</sup> (546.72)

**Other Accomplishments:** Sixth on 1-meter at the 2000 NCAA Championships ... All-WAC Diver in 1997, 1998 and 1999 ... All-American honorable mention in 1999 ... MWC Female Diver of the Year ... 2000 NCAA All-American ... BYU Crowd Pleaser Award 2000 ... All-MWC Diver 2000 ... Academic All-WAC 1997, 1998, 1999 ... Academic All-MWC 2000.

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