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Jillian is Vice President of Business Development at Brainard Strategy and is responsible for developing the Northern California region for the company.

She is an enthusiastic driven individual who has experience leading high performing teams because of her athletic and academic background. She has strong international experience with multi-cultural teams and understands the workings of an effective group environment.

At UCLA, she was Co-Captain her senior year and won four NCAA National Championships in women's water polo, selected as a three time All American athletically and academically, and was honored as the Mountain Pacific States Federation Conference Player of the Year.

Prior to joining Brainard Strategy, Jillian was a member of the United States Senior National Team for Women's Water Polo and committed herself to a selective full time training group, competing in several international tournaments for a position on the Olympic Team. She has traveled extensively and was able to proudly represent her country by winning five Gold Medals and a Bronze Medal during her athletic career.

While with the National Team, she received her MBA from UC Irvine, The Paul Merage School of Business, and was an assistant coach for UC Irvine Women's Water Polo Team for three years.

After returning from playing professionally in Rome, Italy for Roma Pallanuoto, she launched JK Aquatics Academy. It is a successful business that targets an untapped market of boys and girls of all ages interested in private water polo lessons and clinics nationally and internationally.

Jillian attended University of California, Los Angeles and graduated with a B. A. Degree in political science.