

POST COLLEGIATE SUCCESS

Here at CU we are no more proud of the successes of present Buffs than we are of those who went on to the next level. Frankly, we don't believe there is another college program in the country that can boast as many national level professionals.

During the tenure of Coach Wetmore, numerous graduates of the Buff distance program have gone on to professional contracts. Fourteen are currently active. Nine have been Olympians. Twenty-five have made World Championship Track or Cross Country teams. Fifteen made World teams while still running for CU.

RENEE METIVIER BAILLIE ('05).....Distance ClubNIKE

- 2005 USAF Championships (5k, 10th)
- Won the 3k in a pr 9:09.60 in her European debut at the Cardiff Grand Prix
- 2006 USA XC Championships (3rd, 4k), 49th IAAF World XC Championships
- 2006 USAF Championships (10th, 5k)
- 2007 USA Indoor Championship Mile Champion
- 2008 USA XC Championship (2nd), 49th IAAF World XC Championship
- 2008 Olympic Trials (DNF, 5k)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (9th, 5k)
- 2010 USA XC Championship (5th), 38th IAAF World XC Championship
- 2010 USA Indoor Championship 3k Champion
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championship (8th, 5k)
- 2010 Boulder Boulder Team USA Participant (11th)
- 2011 USA Outdoor Championship participant
- 2011 Boulder Boulder Team USA Participant (6th)

JENNY (BARRINGER) SIMPSON ('09). Middle ClubNew Balance

- 2010 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
- American steeplechase record holder (9:12.50)
- 2011 USA Indoor Championships 3k and mile Champion
- 2011 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 1,500)
- 2011 IAAF Outdoor Championships 1500m Champion

ALAN CULPEPPER ('96).....Distance Clubadidas

- Seven-time United States Champion (1999, '03 12k cross country, 1999, '03 10k, 2002 5000-m), 2003 Outdoor 10k, 2004 Marathon
- 1997 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 5000-m)
- USA Cross Country Championships (7th)
- Top finisher at 1999 World Cross Country Championships (21st)
- Ran a 2000 season best 10k (28:03.35) at the Olympic Trials (2nd) and went on to finish 17th in the first round in Sydney.
- 2000 USA Cross Country Championships (2nd, long course)
- 2001 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd-5k, 3rd-10k), 18th at World Championships
- When he ran a PR 27:33.93 at the 2001 Cardinal Invitational, he became the sixth fastest American all-time
- Finished third in 2002 at the USA Outdoors (10k), USA Cross Country Championships (12k) and at USA 15k Championships

- 2003 USA Championships (9th, 5k)
- Ranked #1 in 10k by T&FN
- Made his marathon debut in 2002 in Chicago where he ran 2:09.41, tying him with Alberto Salazar for the fastest American debut in history
- After winning the US Marathon Trials, finished 12th in Athens Olympic Games
- His fourth place 2005 Boston Marathon finish was the highest American finish in the race in 20 years.
- Took 5th in the 2006 Boston Marathon
- 2007 USA XC Championship Champion
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (4th, 10k)
- 2007 Boulder Boulder participant (Team USA)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (4th, 10k)
- 2008 Olympic Trials marathon participant

SHAYNE CULPEPPER ('97)Middle ClubNIKE

- 1998 USA Championships (6th, 1500-m)
- USA Indoor Championships (7th, 3000-m)
- 1999 USA Winter Cross Country Championships (4th)
- 1999 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 1500-m)
- 2000 Olympic Trials (4th, 1500-m)
- 2000 USA Winter Cross Country Championships (4th, short course)
- 2001 USA Outdoor Championships (6th, 1500-m)
- 2002 USAF Club Cross Country Championships (1st, 6k)
- 2003 USA Indoor Championships (runner-up, 3000-m)
- 2003 USA Winter Cross Country Champion
- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (11th, 1500-m)
- 2004 USA Indoor 3k Champion, Bronze medalist at Worlds
- 2004 Olympic Trials 5k champion, 25th in Athens in prelims
- 2005 adidas Track Classic (1st, 1,500-m)
- 2005 USA Indoor 3,000-m champion
- 2005 USA XC Championships (2nd, 4k), 20th IAAF World XC Championships (team bronze)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (11th, 1,500-m)
- 2009 USA Indoor (2nd, 1500)

ADAM GOUCHER ('97)Middle ClubNIKE

- 1999 USA Outdoor 5k Champion
- 1999 World Championships (12th, 5000-m)
- 2000 Olympic Trials Champion (5k), 13th in Sydney Games
- 2000 USA Cross Country Champion (4k, 12k)
- 2001 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 1500-m)

- 2001 World Outdoor Championships (11th, 5000-m)
- Ran the fastest 3,000-m by an American in Monaco (7:34.96 PR)
- 2003 USA Outdoors (5k, 2nd)
- 2003 T&FN Rankings #3 (3k), #4 (5k)
- 2004 Olympic Trials (5k, 19th)
- 2004 Prefontaine Classic (9th, 1500m)
- Ran the second fastest 3k (7:40.09) by an American in '05 in winning the Sport Solidarieta.
- 2006 USAF Indoor Championships (1st, 3k)
- 2006 USA XC Championships (1st, 4k), 6th IAAF World XC Championships
- 2006 USAF Outdoor Championships (4th, 5k)
- 2007 USA XC Championship (2nd)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (3rd, 5k)
- 2008 Olympic Trials (9th, 5k and 7th, 10k)

KARA GOUCHER ('01).....Distance ClubNIKE

- 2001 USA Outdoor Championships (7th, 5k)
- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (14th, 5k and 1,500-m)
- Ran a 1,500-m PR 4:11.17 in Greece in '03
- 2005 USAF Championships (5, 11th)
- 2006 USA XC Championships (7th, 4k), 21st IAAF World XC Championships
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 5k)
- 2007 USA XC Championship (3rd)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (2nd, 10k)
- 2008 Olympic Trials (2nd, 10k and 1st, 5k)
- 2008 Beijing Olympic Games (10th, 10k and 9th, 5k)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (1st, 5k)
- 2009 IAAF World Championships (5th, marathon)
- 2010 USA C Championship (7th)
- 2011 USA Outdoor Championship (2nd, 10k)
- 2011 IAAF Outdoor Championship (13th, 10k)

CARRIE MESSNER-VICKERS ('00). Steeple ClubAsics

- 2002 ranked fifth nationally in 3k
- 2003 Boulder Race Series Winner (Uni-Hill 2k Champion, Pearl Street Mile Champion) & Eldorado Springs
- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (23rd prelims), 1500-m)
- Ranked as high as third in the steeple in '04
- Finished 21st in 2004 Olympic Trials semifinals (1,500)
- 2004 Olympic Trials (3rd), 5th at Heusden, 1st at Mt. SAC, ranked #4 by T&FN



Sara Slattery

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- 2005 USATF Championships (3rd)
- 15th at 2005 World Championships following a third place prelim pr 9:39.68
- 2006 USA XC Championships (32nd, 4k and 30th, 8k)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (6th)
- 2007 USA XC Championship (19th)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (13th)
- 2008 Olympic Trials (8th, steeple; 4th, 5k)

BILLY NELSONSteeple/ Distance

- ClubNIKE**
- 2008 Olympic Trials (2nd, steeple)
- 2008 Beijing Olympic Games (29th, steeple prelims)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (13th, steeple)
- 2010 USA XC Championship (24th)
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championship (5th, steeple)
- 2011 USA Outdoor Championship Champion
- 2011 IAAF Outdoor Championship participant

STEPHEN PIFERDistance Club

- NIKE**
- 2008 Olympic Trials (7th, 5k and 13th, 1,500 prelims)
- 2009 USA XC Championship (14th)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (4th, 1500)
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championship (12th, 1500)
- 2011 USA Outdoor Championship (participant, 1500)

DATHAN RITZENHEINDistance Club

- NIKE**
- 2004 Olympic Trials (10k, 22nd-INJ)
- 2005 Reebok SC Challenge (Belfast) Champion
- USA XC Championships (4th, 12k)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
- 2006 NYC Marathon (11th)
- 2007 USA XC Championship (3rd)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (3rd, 10k)
- 2008 USA XC Championship Champion
- 2008 Olympic Trials (8th, 10k)
- 2008 Beijing Olympic Games (9th, marathon)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (2nd, 10k, IAAF World Championship (6th, 10k))
- 2010 USA XC Championship Champion

SARA SLATTERY ('05)Distance Club

- NIKE**
- 2005 USATF Championships (8th, 5k)
- Ran a 3k pr (9:06.03) at Super Grand Prix Madrid
- 2006 USATF Indoor Championships (4th, 3k)
- 2006 USA XC Championships (4th, 8k), 26th IAAF World XC Championships
- Won 2006 Bolder Boulder
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 10k)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (8th, 10k)
- 2008 USA XC Championship (10th)
- 2008 Olympic Trials (7th, 10k and 4th, 10k)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (11th, 5k)
- 2011 USA Outdoor Championship (13th, 5k)

STEVE SLATTERY ('02)Steeple Club

- NIKE**
- 2002 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd)
- 2003 USA Outdoor Champion
- Six top-10 finishes in 2003
- 2004 Nike Prefontaine Classic (5th, 1,500)
- 2004 Olympic Trials (5th)
- 2004 Ranked 5th T&FN
- 2005 USATF Championships (3rd)
- 2005 World Championships (10th, heat 1)
- 2006 USA Indoor Championships (5th, 3k)
- 2006 USA XC Championships (14th, 4k)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, steeple)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (1st, prelims)
- 2008 USA Indoor Championship (6th, 3k)
- 2008 Olympic Trials (10th, prelims/DNF finals)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (23rd)
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championship (3rd, steeple)
- 2011 USA Outdoor Championship participant

ED TORRES ('03)Distance Club

- Reebok**
- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (8th, 10k PR 28:22)
- 2005 Cardiff Grand Prix (3k, 2nd)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (14th, 10k)
- 2007 USA XC Championship (10th)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (11th, 10k)
- 2008 USA XC Championship (9th), 45th at IAAF World XC Championship
- 2008 Olympic Trials (11th, 10k)
- 2008 Beijing Olympic Games (27th, 10k)

- 2009 USA XC Championship (8th); 53rd at IAAF World XC Championship
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (DNF, 10k)

JORGE TORRES ('03)Distance Club

- Reebok**
- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
- 2003 European Circuit with stops in Greece (3rd, 1500-m), Belgium (11th, 5k) and Finland (3k), setting pr's in all three races.
- 2003 World Championships (15th, 5k)
- Ranked No. 1 by T&FN in 5k
- 2004 Olympic Trials (5k, 7th)
- 2004 USA XC Championships (10th, 12k)
- 2006 USA XC Championships (4th, 4k and 2nd, 12k), 27th IAAF World XC Championships (short)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (1st, 10k)
- 2007 USA XC Championship (4th)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (5th, 10k)
- 2008 USA XC Championship (2nd), 19th at IAAF World XC Championship
- 2008 Olympic Trials (3rd, 10k)
- 2008 Beijing Olympic Games (27th, 10k)
- 2009 USA XC Championship (4th)
- 2010 Bolder Boulder Team USA participant (11th)
- 2011 USA Outdoor Championship (13th, 10k)

BRENT VAUGHNDistance Club

- NIKE**
- 2008 Olympic Trials (16th, 5k)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (9th, 5k)
- 2010 Bolder Boulder Team Colorado Participant (4th - highest American finisher)
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championship (5th, 5k)
- 2010 USA XC Championship Champion; 53rd at IAAF XC Championships
- 2011 USA Indoor Championship (4th, 3k)

CLINT WELLS ('98)Dist/Steeple

- 1999 U.S. National Championships (7th)
- 2000 Olympic Trials (5th)
- 2001 USA Winter Cross Country Championships (4th, 4k)
- 2001 World Cross Country Championships (41st, 4k)
- 2002 USA Cross Country Championships (7th)
- 2002 USA 15k Championships (5th)
- Bolder Boulder Team USA (2001, 02, 03) and Team Colorado (2005)



2008 OLYMPIANS Billy Nelson (steeplechase), Dathan Ritzenhein (marathon), Jorge Torres (10k)

2011 COLORADO CROSS COUNTRY