

ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS

Colorado's student-athletes showed their true Black and Gold in 2004 when they graduated at a higher percentage rate than the general student population for the first time.

While 70 percent of the student-athletes graduated in the most recent six-year cycle, only 66 percent of their counterparts on campus did. The overall grade point average for student-athletes was 2.8 with 68 percent of them maintaining a 2.5 gpa

ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

First Team

Michelle Bews	1985	Molly Austin	1999, 01	Sara Vaughn	2007	Kestrel Bishop	1994, 95
Andrew Dunn	1986, 87, 88	Jen Fazioli	1999, 00, 01	Richard Medina	2008, 09	Holly Stanish	1994
Sarah Hanson	1985	Lesley Higgins	1999, 00, 01	Allison Sawyer	2008	Jeremy Gintoft	1994
Tom Kresl	1985	Jodie Hughes	1999, 00, 01	Laura Thweatt	2008, 09, 10	Zeke Tiernan	1994, 95
Michelle Kantor	1988, 89, 90	Kara Grgas-Wheeler	1999, 00	Andy Wacker	2008, 09	Adam Batliner	1995
Bill Hinkley	1988	Tera Moody	2000, 01, 02	Matthew Biegner	2009, 10	Ewen Nichol	1995
Eric Meleney	1989	Liz Sabochik	2000, 01	Megan Burrell	2009, 10	Tom Reese	1995
Amy Merten	1989	Aaron Blondeau	2000, 01	Katie Cumming	2009, 10	Brian Aiken	1995
Pat Dolan	1990, 91	Chris Schafer	2000	Seth DeMoor	2009	Jay Johnson	1995
Shannon Busch	1990	Jorge Torres	2000	Stephen Kasica	2009, 10	Adrian Arnold	1995
Jennifer Jones	1989	Ed Torres	2000	Diana George	2010	Jessica Cirelli	1995
Wendy Smith	1990, 91	Sara (Gorton) Slattery	2001, 04	Kelly King	2010	Rachel McKeen	1995
Andy Samuelson	1991, 92	Anna Wright	2001	Nikki Look	2010	Laura Bruns	1996, 97
Dave Barbieri	1992, 93	Catherine Wright	2001	Jerome Perkins	2010	Kara Grgas-Wheeler	1996, 97
Micah Moore	1992	Sara Hamlin	2001	Brooke Regan	2010	Mike Friedberg	1998
Jay Cleckler	1992, 93, 94	Jon Severy	2001, 02, 03, 04	Ryan Savercool	2010	Megan Clute	1998
Ben Bossut	1993	Jared Scott	2001, 03, 04	Matt Tebo	2010	Wes Berkshire	1999
Patty Roberts	1993, 95	Sean Smith	2001	Laura Tremblay	2010	Zach Crandall	2000
Scott Larson	1993	Zach Crandall	2001	Elizabeth Tremblay	2010	Molly Austin	2002
Allison Lusby	1994	Austin Baille	2002, 04, 05			Sara Gorton	2002
Rachel McKeen	1994	Travis Macy	2002			Jared Scott	2002
Jon Cooper	1994, 95	Jamie Rosenquist	2002			Matt McCue	2002
Tim Catalano	1994	Shannon Yessak	2002			Anthony Chiulli	2004, 05, 06
Chris Severy	1995, 96, 98	Matt McCue	2003, 04			Bret Schoolmeester	2004
Alan Culpepper	1995	Katie Kissane	2003			Greg Castro	2005, 07
Kelly Smith	1995, 96, 97	Payton Batliner	2004, 05			Pete Janson	2005
Kristina Dahlberg	1995	Will Campbell	2004, 05			Shanna Sparks	2005, 07
H. Burroughs	1995, 96, 97, 98	Pete Janson	2004, 06, 07			Seth DeMoor	2006
Colleen Glyde	1995	Daniel Kenney	2004, 05, 06			Liza Pasciuto	2006
Adam Batliner	1996, 97, 98	Brent Vaughn	2004, 06, 07			Dan Edwards	2007
Jay Johnson	1996, 98	Christine Bolf	2004			Matt Herzl	2007
Matt Napier	1996, 97	Allison Bruce	2004			Kenyon Neuman	2007, 08, 09
Chris Schafer	1996, 97, 98	Kristen Hoogheem	2004, 05			Christian Thompson	2008, 09
Zeke Tiernan	1996, 97	Erin Marston	2004, 06, 07			Emma Coburn	2009, 10
Lindsay Arendt	1996, 97, 98, 99	Renee Metivier	2004			Jordan Kyle	2009
Deb Rieck	1996, 97, 99	Erik Heinenon	2005, 06			Allison Sawyer	2009
Heidi Scarlett	1996, 97	Bret Schoolmeester	2005			Courtney Bouchet	2010
Oscar Ponce	1998	Kalin Toedebusch	2005			Camille Logan	2010
Chris Valenti	1998	Jenny Barringer	2006, 07, 09			Brennan Lynch	2010
Matt Elmuccio	1998	Rachel Gioscia	2006			Nathan Rice	2010
Briana Stott-Messick	1998	Jennifer Hooper	2006, 07			Andy Wacker	2010
Jen Gruia	1998	Kenyon Neuman	2006			Jeff Warren	2010
Gia White	1998	Caitlin Schultheiss	2006				
Lindsay Bradfield	1998	Anna Chase	2007				
Theresa Dean	1998	Emily Hanenburg	2007, 08, 09				
Liz Sabochik	1998, 00, 01	Bradley Harkrader	2007, 08				
		Dani Rodriguez	2007				
		Aislinn Ryan	2007				

Honorable Mention/Second Team

Michelle Bews	1986, 88		
Lize Brittin	1988		
Annie Farris	1988		
Kaye Rains	1988		
JoAnne McDonald	1988		
Brian Reynolds	1988		
Bill Whetstone	1988		
Nate Wright	1988		
Pat Dolan	1989		
William Drake	1989		
William Hinkley	1989		
Andy Samuelson	1990		
Jason Pozner	1990		
Amy Merten	1991		
Brett Larsen	1991		
Scott Larson	1991		
Chris McDonald	1991		
Steve Barbieri	1992		
Jason Drake	1992, 93		
Donelly Larson	1992		
Mike Sobolik	1992		
Jennifer Jones	1992		
Catherine Fahres	1992		
Julia Huff	1992		
Molly Curran	1993		
Michell Wilkolaski	1993		
Ricky Cron	1993		

POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Big Eight/Big 12

Ben Bossut	1994
Jon Cooper	1996
Heather Burroughs	1999
Aaron Blondeau	2002
Rachel Gioscia	2009

NCAA

Heather Burroughs	1999
Kara Grgas-Wheeler	2001

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Fall/Winter At-Large

1996	Chris Severy (1st Team)	2003
	Kelly Smith (1st Team)	2005
	Heather Burroughs (1st Team)	
1998	B. Stott-Messick (2nd Team)	2007
1999	Kara Grgas-Wheeler (2nd Team)	2008
2000	Kara Grgas-Wheeler (1st Team)	
		2009
		2010

Cross Country/Track

Jodie Hughes (2nd Team)
Jon Severy (3rd Team)
Jon Severy (1st Team)
Renee Metivier (1st Team)
Erik Heinenon (1st Team)
Jenny Barringer (1st Team)
Brent Vaughn (1st Team)
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STEPS

STEPS is a program designed to assist graduating student-athletes as they transition to life after the university setting. The program will have Department of Athletics staff and university faculty assist them in the following areas:

- **“Learn to Earn” with Alice Swanson, veteran of The Boulder Chamber of Commerce and currently of Leeds School of Business**

- Interview Skills
- Job Placement
- Contract Negotiation

- **Personal Financial Planning with Susan Morley of Leeds School of Business**

- Playbook for Life, the Student-Athlete's Guide to Understanding and Planning Your Financial Future

- **Exit Interview with the Department of Athletics**

- Student-Athletes discuss their CU experience with a senior level administrator in the Department of Athletics. (One-on-one interview and survey)

- **Career Services**

- Resume / Folio 21
- CSO On-line
- Letters of Recommendation (4-6)
- Job Fairs
- Post-Graduation Test Preparation

- **Exit Physical**

- Athlete completes final medical physical, reviews medical history with Office of Sports Medicine and discusses lingering injuries with Sports Medicine on coverage

- **Counseling and Psychological Services**

- CU psychologist, Dr. Jan Johnson, offers one-on-one counseling sessions to athletes learning to cope with the impending life changes once their careers have ended.

- **Graduation Checklist**

- **Alumni C-Club**

- Student-Athletes stay connected to CU through membership in the Alumni C-Club.

- **Post-Graduate Scholarships**

- **Professional Sports Counseling Panel**



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READ WITH THE BUFFS

1. The University of Colorado and IBM work together to promote literacy in local elementary schools through the "Read With the Buffs" program.
2. Focus of the program is to:
 - a. Have CU student-athletes promote reading as the basis for success in school.
 - b. Promote the importance of school and doing your personal best.
3. Designated school districts are Boulder Valley and St. Vrain school districts.
4. Teacher's Responsibilities:
 - a. Decisions:
 - i. It is suggested for students to compete against themselves, not others.
 - ii. Encourage students to read over the holidays.
 - iii. At the end of the program send into the athletic department a list of all students who have participated in "Read With the Buffs" successfully.
5. Student-athletes will visit the classroom for a 45-minute presentation.
 - a. Pencils, stickers and/or bookmarks will be given out to students who are able to answer the comprehension questions correctly after the book is read.
6. Student-athletes will deliver the message: do well in school, work hard, do your personal best, and importance of reading.
7. No more than two classrooms should be combined with one group of student-athletes.
8. One adult volunteer is assigned to two to three student-athletes.
9. CU pencils and bookmarks or stickers will be left for all students.
10. In addition, a T-shirt (autographed) will be left with each classroom teacher to hang up in the classroom as a continual reminder about "Read With the Buffs."
 - a. The T-shirt will be for the classroom teacher to keep as a thank you for participating in "Read With the Buffs."
11. Students who participate in the program and successfully meet the criteria, set by the teacher, will receive a ticket to attend either a men's or women's basketball game.
12. A special section will be set aside for all "Read With the Buffs" participants.
13. Two students will be on the court during halftime representing their classroom.

