

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. Eight are currently active. Ten have been Olympians. Twenty-seven have made World Championship Track or Cross Country teams. Eighteen made World teams while still running for CU.

RENEE METIVIER BAILLIE('05) Distance Club Mizuno

- 2005 USATF Outdoor Championships (5th, 10k)
- 2006 USA XC Championships (3rd, 4k), IAAF World XC Championships (49th)
- 2008 USA XC Championships (2nd), IAAF World XC Championships (49th)
- 2008 USA Olympic Trials Qualifier (5k)
- 2010 USA XC Championships (5th), IAAF World XC Championships (38th)
- **2010 USA Indoor 3k Champion**
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championships (8th, 5k)
- 2011 Bolder Boulder Team USA Member (6th)
- 2012 Chicago Marathon, 1st American, 7th overall (2:27.17)

- *2012 Olympic Games Steeplechase Finalist (9th)
- *2012 USA No. 1 Ranked Steeplechaser
- 2014 USA No. 1 Ranked Steeplechaser
- 2014 Shanghai Golden Grand Prix (1st)
- **2014 USA Steeplechase Champion**
- **2014 Glasgow British Athletics Diamond League (2nd), broke the American record (9:11.42)**
- **2014 IAAF Continental Cup Champion**
- *run while still in college

KARA GOUCHER ('01)..... Distance Club NIKE

- 2006 USA XC Championships (7th, 4k), IAAF World XC Championships (21st)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 5k)
- 2007 USA XC Championships (3rd)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 10k)
- **2007 IAAF World Championship Bronze Medalist (10k)**
- 2007 Great North Run Half Marathon Champion (1:06.57)
- **2008 USA Olympic Trials 5k Champion**

EMMA COBURN ('13)Mid Distance/Steeple Club New Balance

- ***2011 USA Steeplechase Champion**
- *2011 IAAF World Championship Steeplechase Finalist (13th)
- *2011 USA No. 1 Ranked Steeplechase
- ***2012 USA Olympic Trials Steeplechase Champion**



Renee Metivier Baillie



Emma Coburn



Kara Goucher

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- 2008 USA Olympic Trials (2nd, 10k)
- 2008 Olympic Games (10th, 10k; 9th, 5k)
- 2008 NYC Marathon, 1st American, 3rd Overall (2:25.53), fastest U.S. woman debut
- **2009 USA Outdoor 5k Champion**
- 2009 Boston Marathon (3rd overall, 1st American)
- 2009 IAAF World Championships (9th, marathon)
- 2011 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 10k)
- 2011 Boston Marathon (5th)
- 2012 USA Olympic Marathon Trials (11th)
- **2012 USA Half Marathon Champion**
- 2012 Olympic Games Marathon (11th)
- 2013 Boston Marathon (6th)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
- 2007 USA XC Championships (3rd)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 10k)
- 2008 USA Olympic Marathon Trials (2nd)
- **2008 USA XC Champion**
- 2008 Olympic Games Marathon (9th)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 10k)
- 2009 IAAF World Championships (6th, 10k)
- **2009 Set USA 5k National Record (12:56.27)**
- **2009 World Half Marathon Championship Bronze Medalist**
- **2010 USA XC Champion**
- 2012 USA Olympic Marathon Trials (4th)
- 2012 USA Olympic Trials (3rd, 10k)
- 2013 USA XC Championships (2nd)
- 2013 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 10k)
- 2013 IAAF World Championships (10th, 10k)

BILLY NELSONSteeple/Distance Clubunattached

- 2008 USA Olympic Trials (2nd, steeplechase)
- 2008 Olympic Games (29th, steeplechase)
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championships (5th, steeplechase)
- **2011 USA Steeplechase Champion**
- 2011 IAAF World Championships participant
- 2012 USA Olympic Trials finalist
- 2014 USA Outdoor Championships participant

DATHAN RITZENHEIN Distance Club NIKE

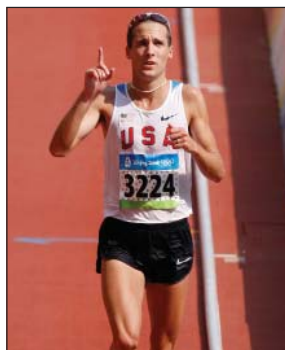
- 2004 USA Olympic Team member (10k)
- **2005 USA XC Champion**
- **2005 USA Road 10k Champion**

JENNY SIMPSON ('09) Middle Distance Club New Balance

- ***2007 USA Steeplechase Champion**
- *2008 USA Olympic Trials (3rd, steeplechase)
- ***2008 Olympic Games (8th, steeplechase), broke the American record**
- ***2009 USA Steeplechase Champion**
- ***2009 IAAF World Championships (5th), broke the American record (9:12.50)**
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
- **2011 USA Indoor Champion, Mile and 3k**
- 2011 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 1,500)
- **2011 IAAF World 1,500 Champion**
- **2012 USA Indoor Champion, Mile and 3k**



Billy Nelson



Dathan Ritzenhein



Jenny (Barringer) Simpson

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- 2012 USA Olympic Trials (3rd, 1,500)
- 2012 USA Olympic 1,500m semifinalist
- **2013 USA Outdoor 5k Champion**
- **2013 IAAF World Championship 1,500 Silver Medalist**
- 2014 USA XC Runner-up (8k)
- 2014 Toyko Seiko Golden Grand Prix (1st)
- **2014 USA 1,500 Champion**
- 2014 Paris Meeting AREVA (2nd) -ran the second fastest time by an American (3:57.22)
- 2014 DN Galan Stockholm Grand Prix (1st)
- 2014 Zurich Grand Prix (1st)
- **2014 IAAF Diamond League Champion (1,500-meters)**

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BRENT VAUGHN Distance
Club unattached

- 2008 USA Olympic Trials finalist (5k)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championships (9th, 5k)
- 2010 Bolder Boulder Elite Race (4th), highest American finisher
- **2011 USA XC Champion**
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championships (5th, 5k)
- 2011 USA Indoor Championships (4th, 3k)
- 2012 USA Olympic Trials (7th, 10k)

Retired Buffs

ALAN CULPEPPER ('96) Distance
Club adidas

- 1997 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 5k)

- **1999 USA XC Champion (12k)**
- **1999 USA Outdoor 10k Champion**
- 2000 USA XC Championships (2nd, 12k)
- 2000 USA Olympic Trials (2nd, 10k)
- 2000 USA Olympic Team Member (10k)
- 2001 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 5k/3rd, 10k)
- 2002 USA XC Championships (3rd, 12k)
- **2002 USA Outdoor 5k Champion**
- 2002 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 12k)
- **2002 Chicago Marathon, 6th, fastest U.S. debut in history**
- **2003 USA XC Champion, 12k**
- **2003 USA Outdoor 10k Champion**
- **2004 USA Olympic Marathon Trials Champion**
- 2004 Olympic Games Marathon, 12th
- 2005 Boston Marathon, 4th
- 2006 Boston Marathon, 5th
- **2007 USA XC Champion**

SHAYNE CULPEPPER ('97) Middle
Club NIKE

- 1999 USA XC Championships (4th, 4k)
- 1999 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 1,500)
- 2000 USA XC Championships (4th, 4k)
- 2000 USA Olympic Trials (4th, 1,500)
- 2000 USA Olympic Team Member, 1,500
- **2002 USATF Club Cross Country Champion**
- 2003 USA Indoor Championships (2nd, 3k)
- **2003 USA XC Champion, 4k**



Brent Vaughn



Alan Culpepper



Shayne (Wille) Culpepper

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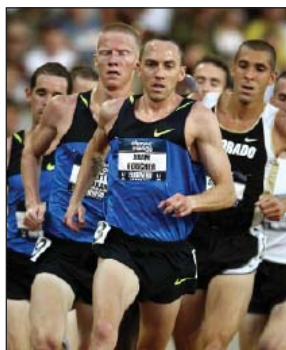
- **2004 USA Indoor 3k Champion**
- **2004 IAAF Indoor Championships Bronze Medalist, 3k**
- **2004 USA Olympic Trials 5k Champion**
- 2004 USA Olympic Team Member, 5k
- **2005 USA Indoor 3k Champion**
- 2005 USA XC Championships (2nd, 4k)
- 2005 IAAF World XC Championships (20th, 4k)
- 2009 USA Indoor Championships (2nd, 1,500)

ADAM GOUCHER ('97).....Middle ClubNIKE

- **1999 USA Outdoor 5k Champion**
- 1999 IAAF World Championships finalist (12th, 5k)
- **2000 USA XC Champion (4k & 12k - only man to win both in the same year)**
- **2000 USA Olympic 5k Trials Champion**
- 2000 Olympic Games finalist (12th, 5k)
- 2001 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
- 2001 IAAF World Championships finalist (10th, 5k)
- 2001 Ran fastest 3k of the year (7:34.96) by an American
- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
- **2006 USA Indoor 3k Champion**
- **2006 USA XC Champion, 4k**
- 2006 IAAF World XC Championships (6th, 4k)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (4th, 5k)
- 2007 USA XC Championships (2nd)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)

- STEVE SLATTERY ('02).....Steeple ClubNIKE**
- 2002 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, steeplechase)
 - **2003 USA Outdoor Steeplechase Champion**
 - 2004 USA Olympic Trials (5th, steeplechase)
 - 2005 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, steeplechase)
 - 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, steeplechase)
 - 2010 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, steeplechase)

- JORGE TORRES ('03)Distance ClubReebok**
- 2002 USA XC Championships (2nd, 4k)
 - 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
 - 2003 IAAF World Championships finalist (15th, 5k)
 - 2003 Ranked No. 1 American at 5,000 meters
 - 2004 USA Olympic Trials (7th, 5k)
 - **2005 USA 8k Road Champion**
 - 2005 USA XC Championships (2nd, 12k/4th, 4k)
 - 2005 IAAF World XC Championships (13th, 4k)
 - **2006 USA Outdoor 10k Champion**
 - 2007 USA XC Championships (4th)
 - 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (5th, 10k)
 - 2008 USA XC Championships (2nd)
 - 2008 IAAF XC Championships (19th)
 - 2008 USA Olympic Trials (3rd, 10k)
 - 2008 Olympic Games (27th, 10k)
 - 2009 USA XC Championships (4th)



Adam Goucher



Steve Slattery



Jorge Torres