



FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



JEFF SMART
Graduate Assistant (Defense)

Jeff Smart is in his first year as the defensive graduate assistant, as he joined the staff of his alma mater just ahead of 2011 spring practice. His primary role is assisting Brian Cabral with the linebackers along with general overall duties with the entire defense.

For Smart, 24, this is his first foray into coaching. He graduated from CU in December 2009 with a degree in Sociology.

Originally a walk-on at Colorado, he would finish his career ranked 18th all-time in overall tackles with 291, including the 13th most solo stops, 188, in school history. As a senior, he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches, along with first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's NFF chapter. A team captain, he won the Dave Jones Award as his teammates selected him as the most valuable defensive player for the season.

As a junior, he was a second-team All-Big 12 performer (*Associated Press*), and was first-team All-Colorado; in racking up 118 tackles (80 solo), he became just the third former walk-on in school history to lead the team in tackles. He was placed on scholarship during the 2007 season, when he initiated a streak of what would become 33 straight games in the starting lineup. He joined the Buffs as an invited walk-on in August 2005.

He was born November 22, 1986 in Boulder, graduating from Boulder High School where he was an honorable mention All-State performer in football.



MATT THURIN
Graduate Assistant (Offense)

Matt Thurin is in his first year in the University of Colorado football program, as he serves as the offensive graduate assistant working with most aspects of the offense. He joined the staff in March 2011, just in time for spring practice.

Thurin, 27, came to CU from the University of Akron, where he worked as a defensive graduate assistant, working primarily with the linebackers, for the 2008 through 2010 seasons. The first two of those seasons were under then-head coach J.D. Brookhart, who is now CU's tight ends and special teams coach, with the '10 campaign under coach Rob Ianello.

He graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College (Berea, Ohio) in 2007, where he majored in Early Childhood Education and was on the Dean's List. At BWC, he played both football (defensive end) and baseball (outfield/first base). He then earned his Master's in Sports Science and Coaching from Akron in 2009.

He entered coaching at his alma mater, working as a student coach. He worked with the defensive line and linebackers for the 2004 and 2005 seasons, and then with the defensive backs in 2006. He then moved on to Walsh University (North Canton, Ohio) for the 2007 season, where he was the offensive grad assistant, coaching the tight ends and working with the offensive line.

He was born June 27, 1984 in Canton, Ohio, but considers Louisville, Ohio his hometown; he graduated from Louisville High School, where he lettered three times each in football and baseball, serving as a team captain for both teams. He was an All-County and All-Conference performer in football. His hobbies include music and watching most sports.



TRAVIS SMITH
Offensive Technical Intern

Travis Smith is in his first year as the offensive technical intern, joining the Colorado staff just days before the start of fall camp in August 2011.

Smith, 25, came to Colorado from Santa Monica Junior College, where he was an assistant football coach, tutoring the tight ends and also assisting with the defensive linemen.

He graduated from Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo in 2009, earning his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology. His playing career for Cal Poly was limited as he underwent three shoulder surgeries while a player there.

He was born December 10, 1985 in Walnut Creek, Calif., and graduated from Foothill High School in Pleasanton, Calif., where he was a four-year letterman playing both linebacker and fullback. His father, Richard, played collegiately at Fresno State and is the linebacker coach for the National Football League's Denver Broncos; he spent two years with the Carolina Panthers under coach John Fox and came to Denver with him when the Broncos hired him for the 2011 season.



BERT WATTS
Defensive Technical Intern

Bert Watts is in his second year as the defensive technical intern, joining the Colorado staff in June 2010.

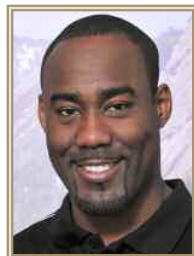
Watts, 32, came to Colorado from Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville, Fla., where he served as the defensive coordinator for the 2009 season. In 2008, he was the defensive backs coach for Jacksonville's Bartram Trail High School.

He headed to Florida from Vienna, Austria, where he was the defensive coordinator for the Raiffeisen Vikings for the 2007 season.

He spent two seasons as the defensive graduate assistant as his alma mater, California, in 2004-05, helping the team to a combined 18-6 mark in those two seasons, including a 10-2 season in 2004 that ended with a berth in the Holiday Bowl. Watts was on the same staff at Cal as assistant head coach Eric Kiesau, then the wide receivers coach for the Bears; Watts was a senior in Kiesau's first year at Cal in 2002. As a safety, Watts led the Bears with 80 tackles that year, helping lead the team to a 7-6 record, which was the program's first winning season in nine years. He had a career-high 15 tackles against USC as a senior and received the team's Joe Roth Award, which is given for courage, attitude and sportsmanship. He holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Education from California.

He was a multiple-position threat at Ridge High School (Basking Ridge, N.J.), where he played quarterback, tailback, wide receiver and safety. He scored 25 touchdowns as a senior, helping the team to a league title with an 8-1 record, the best mark in school history.

He was born August 31, 1979 in Piedmont, Calif., where he grew up prior to moving to the east coast. His grandfather played football at Oregon State, while his dad (Rich) played football at San Jose State and signed a free agent contract with the Atlanta Falcons. One brother, Rich, Jr., earned All-America honors in baseball at UC-Davis and played for two years in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization while another brother, Tom, played football at UC-Davis. His brother-in-law, Greg Tremble, played football at Georgia. He married Lyndsay Graubard this past July 9.



JASHON SYKES

Director of Football Operations

Jashon Sykes is in his sixth year as a member of the football staff, his first as the director of football operations, as he was promoted to the position in January 2011. He is continuing his rise in administration, as he spent the previous two years (2009-10) as the assistant operations

director and coordinator of football relations after working two years as the assistant director of on-campus recruiting. He returned to his alma mater in August 2006 as an administrative assistant, working in recruiting and operations, after retiring from professional football.

Sykes, 31, spent the four years prior to his return in the National Football League, signing on as a free agent with the Denver Broncos after his CU career and was on the team's practice squad for the 2002 season. He was a member of the team the next two years, starting 11 games at linebacker in 2003 (including a playoff game at Indianapolis), as he had 65 tackles, two fumble recoveries and a blocked punt for the NFL's fourth-ranked defense. He ended his career with the Washington Redskins.

He interned with the Broncos during the 2007 and '08 training camps. In 2007, he worked with the linebackers as an intern; a year later, he worked with the operations department, helping out primarily with the defensive line.

At Colorado, he finished his career 10th all-time in tackles (330), tied for 16th in quarterback sacks (12½), tied for 12th in tackles for loss (33) and tied for fifth in forced fumbles (7). Interestingly, he has had 14 tackles each time out in three games versus Nebraska for 42 of those 330. As a senior in 2001, he started the first four games of the season, but a herniated disc and subsequent operation ended his season. He decided to forego pursuing a medical redshirt and declared for the NFL draft. He had been on the official watch lists for both the Butkus and Lombardi awards.

As a junior (2000), he earned honorable mention all-Big12 honors as he had 111 tackles (78 solo), 13 third down stops, three-and-a-half sacks, four hurries, two pass deflections and interception. He had at least seven tackles in all 11 games, and hit double figures eight times. His sophomore season, he blossomed into one of the nation's top linebackers at CU's new defensive position, "hawk" linebacker, one of two inside positions in the CU scheme. He earned defensive MVP honors in the Insight.com Bowl, when he had nine tackled and returned an interception for a touchdown against Boston College. He earned second-team All-America honors from the *Football News*, with the *Associated Press* selecting him first-team All-Big 12. He was selected by his teammates as the Zack Jordan Award winner as CU's most valuable player, and he also won the Dave Jones Award for the most outstanding defensive player as presented by the coaching staff. He led the team and was second in the Big 12 in tackles with 134 (including 82 solo), just the fifth sophomore to lead the Buffs since tackles started being tracked in 1965. He forced seven fumbles, which not only set a school record, but led the nation as well.

He developed rapidly his true freshman year, as he played in all 12 games and started four of the last five, including the Aloha Bowl. He finished seventh on the team in tackles with 52 (31 solo), with 28 in the last four regular season games including 14 at Nebraska; the 52 tackles were the most ever by a true freshman at the time. He was a co-winner of the Lee Willard Award, presented by the coaching staff to the most outstanding freshmen, and *The Sporting News* selected him as a first-team freshman All-American.

As a high school senior at Serra (Los Angeles), he earned a host of All-America honors, and received the maximum 10 votes in being named to the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-In-West team. He also lettered three times in tracks (sprints) and once in basketball.

Born September 25, 1979 in Los Angeles, Calif., he graduated with a degree in Ethnic Studies from CU in 2002, and is taking graduate courses in Business Administration. He is married to his high school sweetheart, the former Qiana Turner, and the couple has two daughters, Joslyn (6) and Autumn (3), and one son Semien (1). As a player, he played with a small bible on the left side of his football pants. It was given to him from his grandmother on her deathbed before he watched her take her last breath, and he would think about her and that situation before every game.



MARCELL GASH

Director of Football Administration

Marcell Gash is in his first year as the director of football administration, joining the Colorado staff in March 2011. In his primary role, he directs all football administrative operations and serves as the primary point of contact for the CU football program.

Gash, 30, came to Colorado from Cherry Creek High School in Englewood (Colo.), his alma mater, where he had served as the assistant varsity wrestling coach, while also working in private business.

He has previous experience in football administration, working as a youth sports assistant with the Orange Bowl Committee for the 2005 season, and then as a football operations intern with the New England Patriots in 2006-07.

He graduated from Colorado State University in 2004, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.

He was born June 8, 1981 in Denver, and graduated from Cherry Creek, where he lettered in wrestling. He was a member of the state of Colorado's national wrestling team in 1999 that earned a ninth place finish in the country. His hobbies include listening to music and art.



DARIAN HAGAN

Director of Player Personnel

Darian Hagan, one of the names synonymous with Colorado's rise to glory in the late 1980s, is in his seventh season overall on the CU staff, shifting from coach into the role of director of player personnel in January 2011.

Hagan, 41, spent the previous five seasons (2006-10) as running backs coach, as he was one of two assistant coaches retained by new CU head coach Dan Hawkins when he was named to the position in December 2005.

He was named an offensive assistant coach on Gary Barnett's staff on February 9, 2005, and worked with the skill position players on offense in the spring and fall in his first year as a full-time collegiate assistant.

A popular coach with his players yet with a stern touch, he was coaching true freshman Rodney Stewart on the way to a 1,000-yard season in 2008 until a season-ending injury sidelined him in the ninth game of the 2008 season. Stewart's 622 yards were the third most by a CU freshman in school history. In 2010, Stewart hit the plateau and then some, rushing for 1,318 yards and in position to threaten many of the school's all-time rushing marks. In 2007, Hagan tutored Hugh Charles to a 1,000-yard year including the Independence Bowl; he has since gone on to play successfully in Canada.

Hagan made a difference in his first season (2006) mentoring the running backs, as CU had three 500-plus yard rushers for just the 10th time in its history. He also played a role in the development of quarterback Bernard Jackson, as Hagan's own skills of blending the run and the pass rubbed off on the Buff junior in his first year as a starter.

He had a brief taste of coaching in the spring of 2004 as he subbed as secondary coach when the staff was minus a full-time assistant. Otherwise, he was the defensive technical intern for the '04 season, assuming that role in February of that year. It marked the third time he has made the University of Colorado his destination of choice.

He starred at quarterback for the Buffaloes between 1988 and 1991, leading the school to its first national championship, and following his professional playing career, returned in the mid-1990s to work as CU's Alumni C Club Director.

Hagan left CU in the spring of 1998 to work as an area sales manager for the Transit Marketing Group. Three months into his new



position, he was promoted to Southeast Regional Sales Manager. He remained in that position for over five years until deciding to pursue his dream as a coach and return to his alma mater for the third time. By working as a technical intern, he learned the intricacies of the profession in a hands-on role in his desire to coach; when a temporary vacancy opened on the staff, he was "activated" as a coach to work with the defensive backs and it added to his penchant for the profession.

Arguably the best all-around athlete in the history of the CU football program, he was an integral part of CU's run at two national championships in 1989 and 1990. The Buffs were 11-1 in 1989, losing to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, but went 11-1-1 in 1990 with a win over the Irish in an Orange Bowl rematch to give CU its first national title in football. CU was 28-5-2 with him as the starting quarterback for three seasons, including a 20-0-1 mark in Big Eight Conference games as he led the Buffs to three straight league titles in 1989, 1990 and 1991. His 28-5-2 record as a starter (82.9 winning percentage) is the 37th best in college football history.

In 1989, he became just the sixth player in NCAA history at the time to run and pass for over 1,000 yards in the same season, finishing, as just a sophomore, fifth in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy. He established the school record for total offense with 5,808 yards (broken three years later by Kordell Stewart), and is one of two players ever at CU to amass over 2,000 yards both rushing and passing along with Bobby Anderson. He was a two-time all-Big Eight performer, and the league's offensive player of the year for 1989 when he also was afforded various All-America honors. He still holds several CU records and was the school's male athlete-of-the-year for the 1991-92 academic year.

In 2002, he was a member of the fourth class to be inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame, and his jersey (No. 3) is one of several to have been honored.

Hagan played for Toronto, Las Vegas and Edmonton over the course of five seasons in the Canadian Football League, mostly as a defensive back and special teams performer. He returned to CU to earn his diploma just prior to his last professional season, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in May 1996. He was hired later that year (December 1) as the Alumni C Club Director, a position he held for 16 months until leaving for an incredible opportunity in private business.

He was born February 1, 1970 in Lynwood, Calif., and graduated from Los Angeles' Locke High School in 1988, where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was drafted in two sports, football (by San Francisco in the fourth round in the 1992 NFL Draft) and baseball (selected as a shortstop by both Seattle and Toronto). He is the father two sons, Darian, Jr. (21), a senior defensive back at California, and DeV Vaughn (18), and a daughter, Danielle (14).



MAX ALLEN

Assistant Director of Player Personnel

Max Allen is in his second year working on the University of Colorado football staff, his first in a full-time position as he serves as the assistant director of player personnel. He assists with on-campus recruiting and coordinates the freshman enrollment process.

Allen, 23, joined the department in August 2010 as an operations intern and was promoted to his current position in March 2011. He graduated from CU with a degree in Business (Finance) in May 2010.

He was born January 31, 1988, in Durango, Colo., and graduated from Durango High School, where he lettered in football and baseball. In his spare time, he enjoys skiing, hiking and spending as much time outdoors as possible.



SHERYL VOTH

Administrative Assistant to the Head Coach

Sheryl Voth is in her first year with the Colorado football program as the administrative assistant to head coach Jon Embree, joining the staff in March 2011.

Voth's physical move into her position was a short one, in fact, just down the hall: she worked in the Herbst Academic Center for student athletes. Before that she worked on the CU-Boulder campus as an administrative assistant in the Registrar's Office. A long-time fan of CU athletics and basketball in particular, her family has owned CU's men's basketball season tickets since 1988.

A native of Boulder, she graduated from Fairview High School. The former Sheryl Bonnes, she is the mother of three, Tyler, Shelby and Shaylyne. When she was in sixth grade, she became one of the first girls in Boulder to play on a boys' Little League Baseball team.

A professional cake decorator, including wedding cakes (she also used to teach classes), her hobbies include waterskiing, particularly at Lake Powell, snow skiing, hiking and biking. She has also coached youth basketball, as this winter will be her 13th year coaching a YMCA girls' team in Boulder.



JEAN ONAGA

Administrative Assistant

Jean Onaga is in her 26th year with the Colorado football program as the administrative assistant to the assistant coaches, handling all secretarial duties for both the offensive and defensive coordinators and each staff as well.

She also coordinates all football office volunteers and facilitates program activities and events including: pro scout visits, Pro Timing Day, Junior Team Pro Day, Coaches' Clinic, Passing Jamboree and Big Man DL-OL Camp. She also assists with registrations for various football camps and the Friday Night Lights camp.

She joined the football staff in January 1986 and is the longest continuous employee in the football department; only four current employees have been associated with the entire athletic department longer than her. She has worked with five CU head coaches: Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett, Dan Hawkins.

For her years of service, Jean was recognized as an honorary member of the Alumni C Club by the Board of Directors during CU-Missouri game on November 3, 2007.

Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, Jean and her husband Loren, moved to Boulder in 1985. She graduated from McKinley High School and graduated from Kapiolani Community College with a degree in business.



KIRK JONES

Director of High School Relations

Kirk Jones is in his third year on the University of Colorado football staff in a full-time position, holding down his third position in as many years as he is now the program's director of high school relations. He serves as the point of contact for the program for high schools

coaches for all things CU related, including camps and clinics.

He joined the staff as a student intern for the operations staff in January 2009 and served as an operations assistant for the 2009 season, and then was promoted to operations specialist in 2010.

Jones, 26 graduated from Metro State College in Denver in May 2009 with a degree in sport industry operations. Jones attended the University of Colorado from 2003 to 2006 before transferring to Metro State.

Born Dec. 8, 1984 in Grand Junction, Colo., he attended Grand Junction high school where he lettered in cross country and track and field and also played baseball and basketball. He was an All-Conference and all-region track and cross country performer from his sophomore through senior seasons.



SUPPORT PROGRAM DIRECTORS



J.T. GALLOWAY
Director of Equipment & Licensing

J.T. Galloway is in his seventh year as CU's director of equipment operations, having joined the athletic department on April 4, 2005. In 2011, he also assumed the role of licensing director, as he coordinates and manages all phases of CU's

licensing, logos and imaging.

Galloway, 43, oversees the equipment needs of CU's 16 intercollegiate sports, but his primary day-to-day obligation is with the Buffalo football program. He is a certified member of the Athletic Equipment Manager's Association (AEMA), a status he attained in 1995 upon entering the profession full-time.

He graduated with a degree in sport management in 1994 from Washington State University, where he worked all four years of his college career as a student employee in the WSU equipment room. He began his professional career as an equipment intern at the University of Virginia in the fall of 1994 and worked there six months. He then moved on to the National Football League's Atlanta Falcons, where he was an assistant equipment manager for the 1995 season.

He returned to the college ranks as the football equipment director at Wake Forest from 1996 to 1998 before heading west to Arizona where he would spend the next six seasons as the associate director of equipment.

Born May 10, 1968 in Columbus, Ohio, Galloway graduated Gaither High School in Tampa, Fla. A sports fanatic, he enjoys all sports, especially golf. J.T. stands for John Thomas. He is married to the former Kelly Christy, a registered nurse, and the couple has two children, Katie (12) and Collin (9).



KRIS LIVINGSTON
Director of Academic Support Services

Kris Livingston is in her 15th year at the University of Colorado and third year as the Director of Student-Athlete Academic Support Services. She oversees the Herbst Academic Center which provides academic support to all

of CU's 350 student-athletes.

Dan Hawkins credits her organization and philosophy about academics as one of the strongest factors for the football team's back-to-back record years for grade point average for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years.

She came to CU in May of 1997, hired by then-women's basketball head coach Ceal Barry to be the program's first-ever Director of Basketball Operations. She spent eight seasons in that position until Barry's retirement from coaching in March of 2005.

Livingston came to Boulder from Littleton, Colorado, where she was a Senior Consultant at USA Group Noel-Levitz, an educational consulting firm that is hired by colleges to help recruit and retain students. Prior to that, Livingston spent eight years at Iowa State University as Assistant Women's Basketball Coach (1984-89), Admissions Counselor (1989-91) and Telecounseling Coordinator (1991-92).

She earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) in May of 1983, where she was a four-year letter winner on Miami's women's basketball team and earned first-team all-Mid American Conference and first-team academic all-MAC honors. In August of 1997 she was inducted into Miami's Hall of Fame, only the second women's basketball player to be so honored.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, she graduated from Lake High School in Millbury, Ohio, in 1979. A three-sport athlete, she was an inaugural member of her high school Hall of Fame in 1983. Livingston is working on her master's degree in Sports Administration through the University of Northern Colorado.



JAMIE GUY
Director of Sports Video

Jamie Guy is in his eighth year as CU's director of sports video and his 11th year overall on the Colorado staff, as he joined the department in August 2001. He was promoted to his current position in the fall of 2004 after working

just over three years as the assistant director.

Guy, 36, came to CU from the Chicago Enforcers of the now-defunct XFL, where he worked the lone season of the league's existence.

He was twice selected as the video coordinator of the year in the Big 12 Conference, first in 2005-06 and again in 2009-10. The awards are coordinated and voted by members of the Collegiate Sports Video Association; members of each conference select the winner for their respective leagues, and the recipients are placed on the national ballot for the overall CSA award.

He graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in general studies. As a student, he worked in the Bearcats' sports video office for four years. Prior to entering the sports video profession, he worked as an electrician's apprentice and as a staff manager at Fitworks Fitness.

Born March 18, 1975 in Cincinnati, Ohio, he graduated from Lawrence Central High School (Indianapolis, Ind.) in 1994, where he lettered in track and football. His hobbies include collecting football memorabilia and playing the guitar. He is married to the former Kimberly Ernst.



DR. ERIC McCARTY
Director of Sports Medicine

Dr. Eric McCarty is in his ninth year working with the CU athletic program, joining the sports medicine team in July 2003. But he's certainly no stranger to the University or to Boulder.

McCarty, 46, accepted the Chief of Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery position in the Department of Orthopedics at CU's Health Sciences Center in Denver, where he also is an associate professor, enabling him to return to his home state where he starred as both a prep and collegian.

He returned to CU from Vanderbilt University, where he was an orthopedic surgeon, assistant professor and team physician for the Commodores' athletic teams for four years.

McCarty is the head team physician for both the University of Colorado and University of Denver athletic programs. As a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon his specialized practice involves the care of collegiate athletes as well as recreational and highly competitive athletes from the community. A large part of his practice is the sports medicine care of high school athletes in the state of Colorado.

He graduated in 1988 from CU with a degree in kinesiology and a 3.75 grade point average. A four-time Academic All-Big Eight team



member, the first in school history to be honored four times, he was an Academic All-American his senior year, when he reached the finalist stage for the Rhodes Scholarship. On the field, he earned first-team All-Big Eight honors as a senior, when he led the Buffaloes with 148 tackles, the fourth highest total at the time in team history. He had 237 career tackles in two years on defense, after moving over from offense where he played fullback (503 career rushing yards), and earned four letters.

He earned his M.D., with honors, in 1993 from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, and did his internship residency at Vanderbilt in orthopedic surgery between 1993 and 1998. Shortly thereafter, he spent a year at the internationally renowned Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, where he received a fellowship in sports medicine and shoulder surgery. While residing in New York, he worked with the NFL's New York Giants. During this time is when he obtained his expertise in the arthroscopic and open surgical management of sports injuries to the knees and shoulders as well as a special emphasis in the management of complex shoulder problems including shoulder instability, rotator cuff tears and shoulder replacement surgery for arthritis.

In addition to his busy clinical practice, Dr. McCarty is very active in research, teaching, and writing articles in the field of sports medicine and knee and shoulder surgery. He has received grants for his research and has given numerous talks at both the national and international level. One of his many interests is the care of the high school athlete, and his background allows him the ability to understand the issues surrounding the prep athlete.

McCarty has been the recipient of over four dozen awards in his professional career, and has had papers published on 15 occasions while contributing to several others.

He was born November 16, 1964 in Lundstuh, West Germany. He graduated from Boulder High School in 1983, where he was the state's player of the year as a senior and considered one of the nation's top recruits after rushing for 1,301 and 13 touchdowns; he won the prestigious Denver Post Gold Helmet Award that same year. He is married to the former Miriam Liddell, and they have four children, Madeleine (16), Eric Cleveland, Jr. (14), Shannon (11) and Torrance (9).

tional campaigns and public relations programs for coaches. Plati has written two books on CU football, the first about the school's 1990 national championship, and the second published in 2008, *Colorado Football Vault*, a coffee table style book with an awesome collection of photographs and reproduced keepsakes. In 2005, the Denver Buff Club recognized him as its "MVB" choice (Most Valuable Buff)

Plati is also an adjunct instructor in CU's School of Journalism, teaching a sports media relations class for the last 10 years, and since April 2001 has been CU's representative on the board of directors of the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. In 2006, he became a member of the District 7 Screening Committee for the Hall. In 2009, he was appointed to the board of the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame, and in 2010, he was named to the board of the Colorado Rock & Roll Museum and Hall of Fame.

While attending CU, Plati served four years as the information director for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. He also worked for the Colorado Golf Association and for the *Rocky Mountain News*.

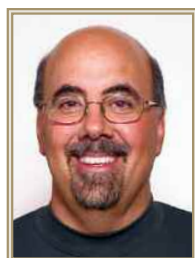
He spent his senior year in college (1982) as the public relations director with the triple-A Denver Bears Baseball Club of the American Association. He has been a member of the Denver Broncos statistics crew since 1980, creating and maintaining miscellaneous stats (he received game balls from the NFL team for their back-to-back Super Bowl wins). He has worked 321 Bronco games through the 2010 season, and among the many innovative numbers he is credited with first charting was "scoring percentage inside-the-20," which is now commonly known as the red zone. In the 1980s, he worked as a statistician for TBS for NBA telecasts and continues to work freelance for several networks, both television and radio, in a similar capacity. In 2004, he was appointed by major league baseball to serve as one of two official scorers for the Colorado Rockies baseball team.

He has worked as the media relations liaison for the Bolder Boulder 10K since 1987, and also served as a media relations assistant for the Colorado Open Golf Tournament for 12 years (1980-91). He was the media coordinator for the 1985, 1989 and 1996 NCAA West Regionals, and was the local media coordinator and NCAA liaison for the 1990 Final Four. He also was the Hula Bowl's director of game week communications for four years (1995-98). He has also worked three BCS National Championship games (2002, 2006, 2009 seasons), one Fiesta Bowl and one Rose Bowl for a grand total of 27 postseason bowl games when including CU's 18.

Plati co-founded the Rocky Mountain Athletic Media Relations Directors Association (RMARA) in 1989 with Bronco PR director Jim Saccamano, and basically serves as the group's executive director.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in public relations, along with a minor in geography, from CU in 1982. He was a member of the journalism student council and wrote for *The Campus Press*.

Born April 19, 1960 in New Rochelle, N.Y., Plati graduated from Woodlands High School (Hartsdale, N.Y.) in 1978, where he lettered in football and golf (and was also the school's SID his senior year). In 1984, he was awarded an "Honorary C" for his service to Colorado athletics. An avid golfer, he won the 2005 Rocky Mountain Golf Writer's Association fourth annual tournament. One of his proudest moments in his CU career came when late golf coach Mark Simpson asked Plati to present him for induction at Simpson's Golf Coaches Hall of Fame induction ceremony in January, 2005. He is also an avid concert goer, having attended some 330-plus in his lifetime (led by 30 Jimmy Buffett performances). His younger brother (Mark) was nominated for two Grammy Awards with David Bowie in 1998 (he was a guitarist in Bowie's band for five years), and also engineered the Song-of-the-Year for 1997 (Shawn Colvin's "Sunny Came Home"). He is single.



DAVID PLATI
Associate AD/Sports Information

David Plati is in 28th year as the athletic department's director of sports information, and his 34th year overall in CU's Sports Information Office. He was promoted to assistant athletic director for media relations on July 1, 1988, and

attained associate athletic director status in August 2005.

Plati, 51, was named the 13th full-time sports information director in CU history on July 24, 1984, after serving for three years as the assistant SID. The youngest SID in the nation at the time of his hiring, he previously worked as a student assistant and statistician after coming to CU as a freshman in 1978. Only six people have served in the role since 1952, with Plati's tenure in the position the longest in school annals; he was recognized in 2009 with the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Quarter Century of Service award.

His primary responsibilities are with the football, skiing and men's golf programs, though he oversees the sports information efforts for all sports, and at one time or another has personally handled nine sports during his CU career. He has coordinated numerous successful promo-



MIGUEL RUEDA

Head Athletic Trainer

Miguel Rueda is in his sixth year as the head athletic trainer at Colorado, as he was named to the position on August 1, 2006, just ahead of the start of football camp.

Rueda, 39, came to CU from Fresno State University, where he has been the Director of Sports Medicine since February 2001. At FSU, his primary responsibilities were the care and prevention of injuries for the football program and overseeing all areas of the Fresno State Sports Medicine Program. He has similar duties at Colorado, as he coordinates the needs and staffing for CU's 16 intercollegiate varsity programs.

With CU's move to the Pac-12 Conference, he was named the Education Director for the Pac-12 annual sports medicine meeting, a role he will serve in for at least the next two years.

Ironically, his first football game as Fresno State's head trainer was in Boulder, as the Bulldogs played the Buffaloes in the Jim Thorpe Association Classic on August 26, 2001; FSU won the game, 24-22, and went on to climb into the nation's top 10, until getting knocked off by Boise State, then coached by CU's eventual new man, Dan Hawkins.

Rueda previously had worked two years (1995-97) as a graduate assistant trainer for the Bulldogs while earning his master's degree in exercise physiology.

He had rejoined the Fresno State staff from Towson University, where he served as an assistant athletic trainer from 1998 to 2001; he was the head trainer for football. Prior to Towson, Rueda spent time with the Miami Dolphins of the National Football League in 1997-98 and with Holy Cross in 1994-95. He also has extensive teaching experience, instructing classes ranging from sports medicine administration to basic athletic training courses over the past 10 years.

He received his undergraduate degree in athletic training from Boston University in 1994, and his master's degree from Fresno State in 1997. Rueda is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, the College Athletic Trainers Society and has American Red Cross CPR and First Aid certification.

He was born November 17, 1971 in San Francisco, graduating from the city's Jay Eugene McAteer High School where he lettered in cross country and track. He and his wife, Andrea, have two sons, Gabriel and Christopher, and a daughter, Isabella.



JIM SENTER

Associate AD/Football Sport Administrator

Jim Senter is in his sixth year of being associated with University of Colorado athletics, his first as the associate athletic director/sport administrator for football. He officially transitioned into the newly created position on Sept.

1, 2011, moving over from the CU Foundation, where he had been associate athletic director for development for five years, since being named June 2006.

Senter, 49, will oversee Buffalo Sports Properties and the football program, with particular emphasis on human resource needs and coaches contracts, in his new position. He will also be the liaison to

CU's development unit for the athletic department.

In his previous role, his responsibilities included all fundraising efforts, including the annual fund (student-athlete scholarships), major gifts and coordinating all donation-related activities and staff. He brought to CU an extensive background in college administration, coaching and fund development.

He also was very active with the National Association of Athletic Development Directors (NAADD), and is still serving as the organization's second vice president and secretary for the 2011-12 academic year. In 2007, he was first named to the executive committee of NAADD, which is under the umbrella of NACDA (National Association of Collegiate Athletic Directors).

Senter came to CU from San Diego State University where he had worked in a similar capacity for 18 months. Working closely with the University foundation on development projects on campus, he was responsible for overseeing the athletic department's development, including major gifts.

As the athletic director at Idaho State from 2003-04, Senter helped increase football attendance by 19 percent and saw the school's advertising, marketing and corporate sales revenue jump \$600,000 during his stay in Pocatello. Senter was part of the senior staff at the University of Idaho, serving as chief fundraiser and associate athletic director for three years.

At Idaho, Senter was responsible for the University's Capital Campaign for Athletics, helping raise money for the \$13 million athletic facility expansion. He also ran the annual fund for Vandal Athletics, handling the work of 48 national directors and overseeing and planning a fiscal budget of \$1.2 million. He first worked with current CU athletic director Mike Bohn at Idaho, when Bohn was the director there, with the two reunited a few years later after Bohn became the AD at San Diego State.

Before moving into administration and joining the development staff, Senter was an assistant football coach for the Vandals for nine seasons. He wrapped up his coaching days in 1997, when he was the assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator for a Vandals squad that compiled a 13-9 record over the '96 and '97 seasons. Senter coached the linebackers and defensive line from 1986-92, as Idaho went 52-21 and reached the NCAA I-AA playoffs six times in seven seasons.

Senter began his coaching career at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, where he was a student assistant for the 1981 and 1982 seasons, a role he later held at his alma mater, Tulsa, between 1983 and 1985. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Tulsa in 1985. His passion for coaching brought him to Idaho where he served as defensive line and linebackers coach at Idaho for six seasons before being promoted to assistant head coach. While coaching at Idaho, he earned a master's degree in recreation from the school in 1992.

He was born November 9, 1961 in Doylestown, Pa., and graduated from Jay (Okla.) High School, where he lettered in football. His hobbies include hunting, camping and gardening. He is married to the former Susan Beck, and the couple has four children, Shawna, Derick, Matthew and Samantha.



WILL SIMPSON
Director of Ticket Operations

Will Simpson is now in his fifth year as the director of ticket operations for the University of Colorado athletic department, having been named to the position on May 14, 2007. In his role, he oversees all aspects of ticketing for foot-

ball, men's and women's basketball and volleyball.

Simpson, 35, came to CU from Southern Methodist University, where he spent eight years in the Mustangs' ticket office. After starting out as an intern in the SMU ticket office in 1999, he was named assistant ticket manager after just one year in Dallas and then was promoted to ticket manager just a year later in the summer of 2001. In 2005, he was again promoted, this time to assistant athletic director of ticket operations.

At SMU, he also served as ticket manager and/or liaison for several national and conference tournaments, including two NCAA Soccer College Cups (women's in 2001, men's in 2002) and the NCAA Women's Dallas Regional in 2007.

He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology/Sports Management. A letterman at fullback for the Aggies, he was a member of A&M's 1998 Big 12 Conference championship team that posted an 11-3 record and defeated Kansas State 36-33 in double overtime in the league's title game (after being down 27-12 with 9:27 left in the fourth quarter). During his collegiate career, A&M played in two Big 12 championship games and three bowl games: 1995 Alamo, 1998 Cotton and the 1999 Sugar, as the Aggies were 45-16-1 during his five years there under head coach R.C. Slocum.

As a player, he visited CU twice in his career, first in 1995 as the No. 3 team in the nation only to see the Buffs win, 29-21, the second time in 1997, when his 21st-ranked Aggies dealt the No. 16 Buffaloes a 16-10 defeat.

He was born in Hempstead, Texas, and graduated from Oak Grove High School in San Jose, Calif. in 1994, where he lettered in football and basketball. His hobbies include traveling and playing golf, and as a senior in college, he was the president of A&M's Sports Management Society. He is married to the former Alissa Brewer and they are the parents of a daughter and a son.



DERIC SWANSON
Director of BuffVision

Deric Swanson is in his 13th year as the Director of BuffVision, coordinating all aspects of production involving the \$3.6 million video display board operation for athletics.

Swanson, 37, came to CU from the National Hockey League's Colorado Avalanche, where he had worked for a brief time as the manager of game entertainment and video production. He had previously worked three-plus seasons with the Colorado Rockies Baseball Club, first as a stadium camera operator, and then as video production coordinator, including the 1998 Major League Baseball All-Star Game at Coors Field.

In 2003, BuffVision won the Golden Matrix Award for "Best Overall Video Display" in the University Division at the Information Display and Entertainment Association (IDEA) conference in Atlanta.

The following year, BuffVision was awarded two distinctions, one for the 2004 Aurora Awards, a Platinum Best of Show statue for In-Game Entertainment Graphics/Design, and a Telly Award for The Buffalo Stampede, CU's coaches' show. In 2006 and 2007, BuffVision won three more Telly Awards for Swanson's production, including two for the "Ralphie on Campus" institutional spot and another for The Buffalo Stampede.

He is a 1996 graduate of Colorado State University, earning his bachelor's degree in technical journalism and broadcasting. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and was recognized as CSU's outstanding graduate in journalism.

He was born May 24, 1974 in Oakland, Calif., and attended two high schools. His father was stationed in the Azores, Portugal, and he spent two years at Lajes High School, where he lettered in football, soccer, volleyball and basketball. After moving to Colorado, he graduated from Liberty High School in Colorado Springs, where he lettered in football. He played volleyball on CSU's club team for three years. Swanson has also competed in four IronMan events, including a personal best of 11 hours and 29 minutes in Phoenix, Ariz., in 2009.

He is married the former Heather Cohea and the couple has a son, Gavin (3) and Dane (born this past January).



SUPPORT PROGRAM ASSISTANTS



Those who have daily interaction with the entire team or program.



JASON DePAEPE
Athletic Turf Manager

Jason DePaepe is in his 11th season as Athletic Turf Manager at the University of Colorado, as he was promoted to the position in February 2001. He previously had worked one season as the assistant turf manager after joining the CU staff in June 2000.

DePaepe, 37, is responsible for all maintenance, renovation, upkeep and painting and design of Folsom Field's natural grass surface as well as the athletic practice fields located just north of Boulder Creek and Prentup Field, home to CU's women's soccer team.

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) honored DePaepe and his staff in January 2003, when the organization recognized Folsom Field's turf with the Football Field of the Year Award for the college/university division. STMA has over 2,400 members, so the award, especially in just the fourth season since Folsom returned to natural grass, was quite an honor.

In 2008, he oversaw the complex replacement of SportGrass on the Folsom Field floor with a natural Kentucky blue grass.

He came to CU from the Baltimore Ravens, where he was the assistant field manager for a year. Prior to that, he was employed at Iowa State, where he graduated from in 1999 with Bachelor's degree in horticulture and turf grass management. He worked two years at ISU as a student turf manager.

Born May 4, 1974 in Minot, N.D., he graduated from Waterloo (Iowa) West, where he lettered in baseball and basketball. His hobbies include golf and basketball. He married Kristen Sorensen, CU's director of special events, this past July.



STEPHEN ENGLEHART
Assistant Strength Coach/Football

Stephen Englehart is in his first year as the assistant speed-strength and conditioning coach for football, joining the department on April 1, 2011.

Englehart, 30, came to CU from Southern Methodist University, where he worked one year (2010) as the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Mustangs. That followed one season (2009) as the head football strength coach at Portland State University, his first full-time year in the profession. He got his start in the business as a graduate assistant at the University of Hawai'i, where he spent three years (2006-08). He was on the Warrior staff the year the UH earned a Sugar Bowl invitation against Alabama as a "BCS" buster following a 12-0 regular season in 2007.

While at Hawai'i, he earned his Master's in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science in the spring of 2009. He received his Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2005.

He was born June 5, 1981 in New Orleans, and graduated from Fountainbleau High School (Mandeville, La.), where he lettered in basketball. His twin brother, Chad, is an assistant strength coach with the Washington Redskins. He is married to the former Laura Williams (a registered nurse at the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center in Longmont); the couple has one son, Braylon (3).



ADAM HOLLIDAY
Assistant Trainer/Football

Adam Holliday is in his first season as an assistant athletic trainer at the University of Colorado, having joined the sports medicine department for a second go-round in August 2010. He works primarily with the football and women's golf programs.

He previously spent the 2004-05 academic year in Boulder as the professional intern under former head trainer Steve Willard, working with the football and men's and women's tennis teams. He returned to CU from the University of Texas, where he spent three years as the assistant athletic trainer for the Longhorns' football squad.

A 2002 graduate of the University of Kansas where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Science, he worked three years as a student athletic trainer for the Jayhawks. His first full-time position in athletic training came at Loris High School in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the year before being named an intern at CU. After his time in Boulder, he moved on to the University of Minnesota where he was a graduate assistant trainer for two years while earning his Master's in Sports Management in 2007.

He was born March 28, 1980 in Johnson, Kan., and graduated from Stanton County (Kan.) High School where he lettered in football and basketball.



RYAN KATAOKA
Assistant Director/Academics

Ryan Kataoka enters his sixth year in the Herbst Academic Center after joining the University of Colorado staff in August of 2006. In addition to being assistant director of the entire academic operation, he is the lead academic coordinator for the football and

women's basketball teams.

For five years, he also coordinated the Success Training and Exit Plan for Seniors (STEPS) program which assists student-athletes in their transition to life after graduating from CU. He continues to serve as the teaching assistant for the freshmen CU Experience course, a role he has performed the last three years.

Prior to his arrival at CU, Kataoka was a high school teacher and coach for 10 years in the Tustin and Santa Ana Unified School Districts in Orange County, Calif. He taught 9th through 12th grade English and Language Arts in his first eight years. He spent his last two years as a program specialist, coordinating high school college and career centers. He coached basketball and volleyball each year while in high school education.

A native of San Diego, Kataoka attended Grossmont High School where he played basketball, volleyball and football. He graduated from the University of California, Irvine in 1996 with a bachelor of arts in English. He earned a Single Subject Teaching Credential in Language Arts and a Cross-Cultural Language and academic development certification in 1997.

Kataoka is also completing his Master's Degree in Educational Foundations, Policy and Practice in the School of Education at CU. He and his wife Suzanne have two daughters, Leah and Marisa.



PREMA KHANNA
Director of Marketing

Prema Khanna is in her seventh year as CU's director of marketing, as she was promoted to the position July 7, 2004. She is in her 10th year overall the department, having worked two years as promotions manager for the Buffaloes after joining the staff in August 2002. She is responsible for coordinating marketing efforts for football, basketball and volleyball ticket sales, as well as promotions both on and-off the fields and courts, including game day atmosphere.

Khanna, 40, came to Colorado from Texas Tech, where she worked two years as the director of marketing and promotions. She got her start at Missouri, her alma mater, as a graduate assistant in 1995, and was hired full-time the following year as marketing and promotions coordinator. In 1997, she was promoted to assistant director of marketing and held that position for the next three years before moving on to Texas Tech in 2000.

She graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1995, and earned her master's degree in sports administration from MU in 1997.

Born July 29, 1971 in Haldwani, India, her family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, when she was a toddler, and then to Toronto, Ontario in second grade. She lived in Canada until she was 13, when her family established residency in Columbia, Mo. She graduated from Rock Bridge High School, where she played tennis.



JO MARCHI
Associate Director/Compliance

Jo Marchi is her seventh year as the associate director of compliance/monitoring for the University of Colorado athletic department, named to the position full-time in October 2005 after working as an intern in CU's compliance office for seven months.

In her position she performs multiple duties on behalf of the student-athletes, including serving as the staff liaison with CU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), as well as the sport camp coordinator, roles she both assumed in 2007. She serves on the CUSPY (CU Sports Performers of the Year) selection committee with the sports information staff and is a regular member of search committees for department openings.

Marchi, 29, came to Colorado from Indiana University, where she worked as a compliance intern her senior year in college. She graduated from Indiana with Bachelor's degree in Sport Marketing and Management in 2004. She then moved west to Colorado and accepted an intern position with CU in February 2005.

She was born January 29, 1982 in Bloomingdale, Ill., and graduated Glenbard (Ill.) East High School, where she lettered in basketball and track and field. Her hobbies include traveling and baking.



JOHN KRUEGER
Assistant Athletic Director/Facilities

John Krueger is now in his 25th year as a member of the athletic department, his 12th as the assistant athletic director for facilities as he was promoted on July 1, 1999. In his position, he also continues to oversee CU's athletic facilities and grounds, the position he first was hired full-time for on August 1, 1986.

Krueger, 47, is responsible for all maintenance and scheduling for all facilities and grounds, as well as set-up procedures for athletic and special events. He also is the liaison for events such as the Bolder Boulder, the Fourth of July Fireworks and numerous concerts and graduations. As a student at CU, he worked four years under the facilities director, first working for the late Mark Simpson as a freshman in 1982.

He was born October 11, 1963 in Oak Park, Ill. He graduated from Lyons Township High School (LaGrange, Ill.) in 1981, and graduated from CU in 1986 with a B.S. degree in economics. He is married to Colleen Reilly, CU's former associate sports information director, and the couple has two children, Mandiza (8) and Enapay (6).

A caddy for six years, he attended CU on a prestigious Evans Scholarship. In March 2004, he was named Chapter Advisor for the same Eisenhower-Evans Scholar House that he lived in while attending CU. In that role, he is the chapter's liaison to the University and Western Golf Association and provides personal, chapter, University and academic counseling to the chapter's four dozen annual scholars.



MEDFORD MOORER
Academic Coordinator

Medford Moorer is in his first year as an academic coordinator in the Herbst Academic Center, joining the athletic department staff on August 1, 2011, from across campus, where he had been working in administration as the graduate coordinator in the Civil Engineering department for five years.

Prior to returning to his alma mater in 2006, he worked one year at Texas A&M as an assistant in academics. That followed two years as a teacher for a charter school in metro Denver, his first full-time position after he completed his college football career for the Buffaloes.

He graduated from CU with a degree in Sociology in August 2003. As a junior, he was the recipient of the Clancy A. Herbst Student-Athlete Achievement Award, presented to the Buff who overcame personal, academic and/or emotional difficulties to success academically while participating in athletics.

He was a four-year letterman in football at Colorado, leading the team in tackles with 111 his senior year in 2003, when he earned second-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches. He won three postseason team awards that year, the Hang Tough Award (overcoming the most adversity); the Dave Jones Award (outstanding defensive player); and the Buffalo Heart Award (selected by "the fans behind the bench"). In the postseason, he played in the Hula Bowl. As a sophomore, he had a big play in CU's 39-37 win over Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, returning an interception 64 yards for a touchdown that gave CU a 29-10 lead late in the first half. His 256 career tackles are still the 27th most in school history.

He was born November 28, 1980 in Los Angeles, and graduated from the city's Locke High School, where was an All-City and All-League performer in football and also lettered in basketball and track. He is married to the former Mandy (Ament), and the couple recently had their first child, Marshall (both this past June).



BRENT OJA
Assistant Equipment Manager/Football

Brent Oja is in his first year as the assistant equipment manager for the football program, joining the athletic department in March 2011.

Oja, 28, came to Colorado from the University of Virginia, where he had worked the previous three-plus years as an assistant equipment manager. At UVA, he was responsible for all the equipment needs for the men's and women's basketball teams as well as the men's and women's swimming and diving teams. He got his start in the business at Iowa State, where he served one year as an associate for equipment operations for the 2007-08 academic year.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2006 with two degrees, earning a Bachelor of Science in Sports Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in History.

He was born April 8, 1983 in St. Cloud, Minn., and graduated from Melrose Area High School (Melrose, Minn.) where he lettered in football and basketball (his father was his head coach in both) as well as in track and field. His hobbies include reading and watching movies.



DR. SOURAV PODDAR
Team Physician

Dr. Sourav Poddar is his 12th year working with the CU athletic program as a team physician, his 11th with the football program.

Poddar, 39, is an assistant professor at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and is on staff at the CU Sports Medicine Clinic as well as the University Medicine-Westminster. He is also the associate director of the Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship at the UCHSC.

He is board certified in family practice, with a CAQ certificate in sports medicine. His specific areas of medical interest are sports medicine, heat illnesses and concussions.

He graduated from Rice University in 1993 with a degree in biochemistry, and then completed medical school at the University of Texas-Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas in 1997. At Rice, he was a member of the soccer team.

Sourav completed his residency in family practice at the UCHSC-Rose in Denver (he was chief resident during his third year in residency), and subsequently completed a fellowship in sports medicine at the University of Colorado, working with former CU team physician Rob Loeffler.

Born April 15, 1972 in Bombay, India, his family moved to the United States when he was a two-year old; he graduated from Clear Lake High School in Houston, where he lettered in soccer. He is married to the former Emily Aldeen. (*His name is pronounced Shuh-rav Poe-dar.*)



CURTIS SNYDER
Associate SID/Football

Curtis Snyder is in his 13th year as a member of the University of Colorado athletic department, including his fourth as the associate sports information director, returning to the Buffaloes on December 1, 2008 after a five-and-a-half year absence. He works primarily as the

secondary contact for football, as well as with the women's golf and ski programs in addition to managing special projects.

Snyder, 35, returned to CU from Duke University, where he served as the director of Internet operations from 2003-08, where he managed the day-to-day operations of GoDuke.com and had various SID duties for the football and men's basketball programs. He accompanied the basketball team during the post season, during which time the Blue Devils captured two ACC Championships and a berth in the 2004 Final Four in San Antonio. He also traveled with the women's basketball team to the 2006 Final Four in Boston.

He previously served four years as a student assistant in CU's athletic media relations office (it's then name) from 1994-98 and then five years as a full-time assistant SID and as well as the Internet managing editor from 1998-2003. As a student, Snyder worked with the volleyball and men's basketball programs and was presented with the Athletic Director's medal for service to the department.

In his first stint at CU, he worked at various times as the primary contact for the men's basketball, volleyball and men's and women's tennis programs while also being named the Internet coordinator and eventually Internet managing editor, overseeing the official website, CUBuffs.com.

He also currently serves as a back-up statistician for the NBA's Denver Nuggets and has worked with the AVP (professional beach volleyball tour). He is an active member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and has served on the technology committee for the past five years.

Born Sept. 2, 1975, in Boulder, he graduated from Boulder High School in 1994, where he was a fourth-generation student and lettered three times in basketball. His grandmother graduated from CU in 1929, his grandfather was recruited to CU by Frank Potts to be a decathlete and also to play basketball and football and his father, mother and sister all attended CU. He is married to the former Kami Carmann, a four-time letterwinner and two-time captain of the women's basketball team at CU. The couple resides in Erie and has two children, twins Lucy and Samuel, 1.



MELANIE ZAHARIAS
Academic Coordinator

Melanie Zaharias is in her fourth year as an academic coordinator at the University of Colorado, as the Colorado native joined the athletic staff in January 2008. She works specifically with the football and men's and women's ski teams.

Prior to coming to Colorado, she served for a year and a half as an assistant academic coordinator at the University of Missouri, where she also worked with the football program.

Zaharias graduated with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and Business from the University of Kentucky in 2003, where she also was a member of the gymnastics team. Since then, she has worked for Denver Public schools in a variety of settings, including special education. She completed her master's degree in Educational Counseling Psychology, with an emphasis in Mental Health Practices in Schools from the University of Missouri in 2008.