



# FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



**DAVE FORMAN**  
**Director of Sports Performance**

Dave Forman is in his third year as the director of sports performance at the University of Colorado, officially joining the staff on January 7, 2013.

Forman, 36, joined the Buffalo staff from San Jose State University, where he was the football strength and conditioning coach under Mike MacIntyre for two

seasons, having joined the Spartan staff in January 2011. When MacIntyre was hired as head coach at Colorado, he came to Boulder along with several other SJSU coaches and staff members.

He had an immediate impact on the CU program: from 2010 through 2012, the Buffaloes lost 274 games due to injury by players in the two-deep, an average of 91 per season; in 2013, that number dropped to 23, much of it credited to his training techniques, and was low again in 2014 aside from a couple of freakish injuries.

Forman had moved up the road to San Jose State from Stanford, where he served three years as a Cardinal strength and conditioning assistant coach (2008-10), where he worked directly with the football and wrestling programs. Stanford's football team had a banner season his final year there, going 12-1 in 2010 (a school record number for wins), including a 40-12 rout of No. 13 Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl en route to finishing fourth in both final major polls (Associated Press, Coaches). The Cardinal made back-to-back bowl appearances in 2009-10, a program first in nearly 20 years (1991-92). The wrestling team finished a university all-time best 11th at the 2011 NCAA Championships.

Forman got his start in strength and conditioning as an undergraduate student assistant at James Madison, working under Greg Werner while as a member of the football team, from 1999-2002. He then had the opportunity to intern for the Detroit Tigers organization during the team's 2004 spring training in Lakeland, Fla.

In 2005, Forman switched coasts, as he worked as a volunteer in strength and conditioning at the University of Southern California. He then decided to go back to school for his Master's, becoming a graduate assistant at the University of Mississippi for the 2005-06 athletic year. He completed a summer internship at the University of Notre Dame in 2006, where he worked with the football program.

Forman's first full-time coaching position in the business came as an assistant coach at Sacramento State in the fall of 2006, where he worked with the football and women's basketball teams. In 2007, he became Northern Arizona University's assistant strength and conditioning coach before moving on to Stanford.

He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology in 2002 from James Madison University, where he lettered three times for the Dukes in football at both linebacker and safety. He earned his Master's degree in Exercise Science from Mississippi while working as an S&C grad assistant in 2006.

A native of Glendale, N.Y., he graduated from St. Francis Prep High (Fresh Meadows, N.Y.). He is certified by the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA).



**BRYAN MCGINNIS**  
**Director of Football Operations**

Bryan McGinnis is in his third year as the director of football operations at the University of Colorado, having joined Mike MacIntyre's new Buffalo staff on January 2, 2013. In his position, he coordinates many facets for the football program, including team travel arrangements, itineraries and scheduling.

McGinnis, 34, served in the same capacity under MacIntyre for two seasons at San Jose State University, and thus accepted the invitation to follow him to Boulder. A life-long resident of the San Francisco Bay area, this marks his first time he has ever lived outside of Northern California.

Prior to being promoted to being in charge of San Jose State's football operations, he spent six years on the Spartans' coaching staff, working a variety of positions as an operations assistant in recruiting, equipment and video services. He also was a student assistant working with the defense, the linebackers in particular, the 2005 through 2007 seasons, and then switched sides, working as a graduate assistant on offense (running backs) for the 2008 and 2010 season; in-between, in 2009 he was the staff's operations assistant.

At San Jose, he was on the staffs of two teams that earned bowl invitations: the Spartans defeated New Mexico, 20-12, in the 2006 New Mexico Bowl (their first bowl since 1990) and beat Bowling Green, 29-20, in the 2012 Military Bowl.

Those are the only two bowl games SJSU has ever played outside the state of California.

McGinnis played wide receiver for two years (2000-01) at Cabrillo College in Aptos, and then got into coaching, beginning his career at his alma mater, Harbor High School, where he spent two years as the school's offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach. In 2003, he joined the San Francisco 49ers staff as an intern in the player personnel department.

He then returned to school to finish his degree, graduating from San Jose State with Bachelor's in Kinesiology in 2007. While working with football, he took several graduate courses in Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation Management.

He was born June 22, 1981 in Santa Cruz, Calif., and graduated from Harbor High School there, lettering in football and track. He is a certified speed training coach by SAC (Speed, Agility & Conditioning USA/Canada). He is married to the former Vrinda Murphy, who is a behavior therapist for children with autism; the couple has one daughter, Emily Margaret (1).



**ADAM TOYAMA**  
**Director of Football Recruiting**

Adam Toyama is in his third year as the director of football recruiting at the University of Colorado, having joined Mike MacIntyre's new Buffalo staff on January 2, 2013.

Toyama, 33, joined the Colorado staff from San Jose State University, where he was the coordinator of football relations for the 2011 and 2012 seasons under MacIntyre; he was offered a promotion to direct all aspects of recruiting and thus accepted his invitation to follow him to Boulder.

Prior to joining MacIntyre at San Jose State, he was a recruiting and operations assistant at UNLV for two seasons under head coaches Mike Sanford (2009) and Bobby Hauck (2010). Before taking the UNLV job, he worked in facilities operations at Stanford.

Toyama earned his Bachelor's degree in Health, Exercise and Lifestyle Management from the University of Hawai'i in 2004, and went on to earn a Master's in Sports Management from the University of San Francisco in 2007. While earning his graduate degree, he spent over a year as an operations intern with the National Football League's San Francisco 49ers and for the 2006 season, he worked in suite sales and client relations for the Oakland Raiders.

He was born July 24, 1982 in Honolulu, Hawai'i, and graduated from the St. Louis School there, where he earned letters in volleyball and a sport unique to the islands, canoe paddling. He is married to the former Emmeline Yu; the couple had its nuptials this past July 11.



**DARIAN HAGAN**  
**Director of Player Development**

Darian Hagan, one of the names synonymous with Colorado's rise to glory in the late 1980s, is in his 11th season overall on the CU staff, shifting from coach into the role of director of player development in January 2013.

Hagan, 45, spent the previous two years as the director of player personnel (2011-12) under head coach Jon Embree. He worked five seasons (2006-10) as running backs coach for head coach Dan Hawkins, as he was one of two assistant coaches retained by 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 to CU in the mid-1990s to work as the 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. The Colorado Sports Hall of Fame finally recognized his achievements as well, inducting him into its prestigious group in the Class of 2014.

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.

In the summer of 2015, he served as an assistant under former CU head coach Dan Hawkins for the champion Team USA in the Federation of American Football (IFAF) World Championship in Canton, Ohio.

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., who played defensive back at California, and the late DeVaughn (who passed away on December 6, 2010 at the age of 19), and a daughter, Danielle.

Before entering the NFL scouting ranks, Murphy was a coach on both the professional and collegiate levels. He first served on the staff at Iowa State as a graduate assistant for two years (1990-91), while pursuing his master's degree in Higher Education. He moved on to Arizona Western for one season (1992) prior to a two-year stint at Bethel College in Tennessee (1993-94), where he was the school's offensive coordinator. Two years as linebackers and special teams coach with the Ottawa Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League (1995-96) preceded his move into NFL scouting. He also spent one year (1989) assisting in the personnel department of the CFL's Winnipeg Blue Bombers, where his father was the general manager and head coach.

He earned his bachelor's degree in 1989 in Physical Education from William Jewell College, where he lettered two seasons in football (strong safety). He then worked as a student assistant in the football office during the 1989 season.

He was born December 29, 1964 in Vancouver, B.C., and graduated from St. Francis Xavier High School (Edmonton, Alberta), where he played football, basketball and soccer and was also on the swim team. His hobbies include playing golf, biking, swimming and fishing.

His father (Cal) was inducted into the CFL Hall of Fame in 2004 following a 26-year career as both a coach and general manager in the CFL (1974-99; he led teams in that time frame to nine Grey Cup championships). He is married to the former Camille Walker, and the couple have two daughters, Tyler and Morgan.



## KATIE BASON

### Director of Football Academics

Katie Bason is in her third year as the director of football academics at the University of Colorado, having joined Mike MacIntyre's new Buffalo staff on January 7, 2013.

Bason, 32, joined the Colorado staff from San Jose State, where she spent the previous two years (2011-12) as the academic learning specialist for the football program under MacIntyre. When MacIntyre accepted the CU job, he built in the newly created position of director of academics and offered it to her. Prior to working specifically with the Spartans' football program, she spent a year as a learning specialist for the athletic department.

Prior to her three years at SJSU, she worked seven years with her alma mater, Wake Forest University, her main emphasis working with at-risk student athletes on improving study habits and skills. She also worked as a high school teacher in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, N.C., her courses including English, world history, civics and economics. She also held various operations positions for the Teach for America branch office in Charlotte.

Bason graduated from Wake Forest with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 2005, where she was a member of the Dean's List. As a student at WFU, she was a manager for the Demon Deacons men's basketball team.

She was born June 29, 1983 in Martinsville, Va., and graduated from Carlisle High School there, where she lettered in football and baseball; she was the only girl on the varsity baseball team, and was for four years. She played for the Chicago Storm women's baseball team (the 2002 Roy Hobbess National Champions) as well as the 2002 U-21 U.S. women's national team.



## JOE BLEYMAIER

### Director of Quality Control

Joe Bleymaier is in his first year as the director of quality control for the University of Colorado football program. He was promoted from the assistant's position on August 1, 2015, having worked in that role for two years after he joined Mike MacIntyre's first Buffalo staff on April 15, 2013.

Bleymaier, 33, graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor's degree in History in 2005, and earned his J.D. degree in Law from Marquette University in 2009.

At Delaware, he lettered four years for coach K.C. Keeler at wide receiver (2002-05), where he had 74 career receptions for 864 yards (11.7 per catch) and 10 touchdowns; he also scored a touchdown rushing. His playing career did not overlap with quarterback Joe Flacco, who transferred to Delaware in 2005 but was ineligible to play until the following season, but they were teammates Bleymaier's senior year. As a sophomore in 2003, when he started seven games, the Blue Hens finished with a 15-1 record, capped off with a 40-0 win over Colgate to win the I-AA National Championship.

He was an assistant coach at Milwaukee's Wauwatosa East High School for the 2006 and 2007 seasons while attending law school, and spent three



## MIKE MURPHY

### Director of Player Personnel

Mike Murphy is in his first year as the football program's director of player personnel, joining Mike MacIntyre's staff on March 1, 2015.

Murphy, 50, joined the Colorado staff from one year in private business (real estate), which followed 18 years in the National Football League as a scout and

other positions for four different franchises. Most recently, he spent six seasons as the a member of the Miami Dolphins scouting staff (2008-13), and as a regional scout, he was responsible for canvassing the southeastern part of the United States for the club.

He got his start in the NFL as a pro personnel assistant in the scouting department of the Kansas City Chiefs from 1996-99. He moved on to the role as Midwest scout with the Seattle Seahawks in 2000 and served in that post for five years (through 2004). He then took a position as a national scout with the Dallas Cowboys for the next three seasons (2005-07) before joining the Dolphins staff.





summers (2007-09) as a football operations intern with the Philadelphia Eagles in the National Football League. After he earned his law degree, he moved out west where he worked the better part of two years as the assistant director of compliance at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. In the spring of 2011, he moved to Mountain View, Calif., and co-founded an early stage tech start-up with his younger brother, Tom.

He was born August 9, 1982 in Boise, Idaho, and spent his entire childhood there, as he is the son of longtime Boise State athletic director Gene Bleymaier (who is now the AD at San Jose State). He graduated from Boise's Bishop Kelly High School where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He was a three-time Academic All-Atlantic 10 Conference team member his sophomore through senior years at Delaware and was the Newark Elks Club Scholar Athlete of the Year and Outstanding Senior at End for 2005. He is married to the former Stephanie Gilbertson.



## **NATHAN EMERT**

### **Graduate Assistant (Offense)**

Nathan Emert is in his first year as an offensive graduate assistant coach, joining the CU staff in February 2015. His primary role is assisting Gary Bernardi with the offensive line as well as general overall duties with the entire offense.

Emert, 29, was a pastor at a church in Austin, Texas, prior to returning to the sport he played in college.

A star quarterback in high school, he started his collegiate career at Missouri Southern State (Joplin, Mo.), where he competed as a freshman and sophomore (2004-05). Over the two seasons, he completed 332-of-548 passes (61 percent) for 3,759 yards and 26 touchdowns, setting 18 school records in the process. He earned Freshman of the Year honors, was his school's offensive and team most valuable player, first-team All-MIAA and a Freshman All-American.

He transferred to the University of Arkansas prior to his junior season and would letter twice for coach Houston Nutt, earning a scholarship after he walked on the team. He rose to second on the depth chart by his senior year and was the recipient of the school's Crosland Character Award as a senior. A member of the Razorbacks' SEC West champion team in 2006, he went to two bowls, the '07 Capital One and the '08 Cotton Bowl. He earned his bachelor's degree from Arkansas in 2008 in Communications.

He was born January 26, 1986 in Fayetteville, Ark., and graduated from Shiloh Christian High School (Springdale, Ark.), where he lettered in football (a high school All-State performer), basketball and track. His hobbies include playing golf, woodworking and fly-fishing; he also helped plant a church from scratch in Austin, Texas (ONEchapel). His father-in-law, David Lee, is the quarterbacks coach for the Buffalo Bills. He is married to the former Shannon Lee, and the couple has four children, sons Levi (7) and Benjamin (5) and daughters Halle (2) and Elizabeth (1). Emert himself is one of six children and has an identical twin (Luke).



## **BEN GEORGE**

### **Graduate Assistant (Defense)**

Ben George is in his first year as a defensive graduate assistant coach, as he joined the staff on June 15, 2015. His primary role is assisting Charles Clark and Joe Tumpkin with the defensive backs, along with general overall duties with the entire defense.

George, 24, joined CU from Vail Valley Anglers, where he worked in sales and shipping for the organization's on-line merchandising store.

A defensive back, he attended the University of Texas as a preferred walk-on and redshirted as a true freshman in 2010. His playing career was cut short in his redshirt sophomore season by injuries. He remained at UT and graduated with bachelor's degree in Economics and a minor in Business (general) in 2014.

He was born May 22, 1991 in Houston, Texas, and graduated from Lee High School in Tyler, Texas, where he lettered in football and baseball; he was a second-team All-District performer and a first-team Academic All-State honoree, graduating in the top four percent of his class. His hobbies include hunting and fishing. He has a twin sister (Caroline), and has been active in community service projects throughout his lifetime in Tyler, Austin and the Vail Valley, particularly working with Young Life.



## **TYRONE MCKENZIE**

### **Graduate Assistant (Defense)**

Tyrone McKenzie is in his first year as a defensive graduate assistant coach, as he joined the CU staff on July 20, 2015. His primary role is assisting his former college coach, Jim Leavitt, with the linebackers along with general overall duties with the entire defense.

McKenzie, 29, is in his first coaching role after retiring from professional football. He was selected by New England in the third round of the 2009 National Football League Draft out of South Florida, where he completed his career as a first-team All-Big East performer at linebacker.

He began his collegiate career in 2004 at Michigan State, where he played in 11 games as a true freshman. He then transferred to Iowa State, where he



## **A.J. BAER**

### **Assistant Director of Recruiting**

A.J. Baer is in his second year on the football staff at the University of Colorado, his first as the assistant director of recruiting. He was promoted into the position in May 2015 after working his first year as an offensive graduate assistant. He originally joined the staff on February 24, 2014 with his primary role assisting Gary Bernardi with the offensive line, working with Klayton Adams with the running backs and tight ends, as well as general overall duties with the entire offense.

Baer, 27, joined the CU staff from San Jose State, where he also spent the 2012 and 2013 seasons as a graduate assistant coach; he worked primarily with the defensive coaches.

He worked as a student assistant in coach at Washington State University under coach Paul Wulff for the 2011 season; while there, he completed his undergraduate degree in Social Sciences/General Studies, with a minor in Sports Management, graduating in December 2011.

Baer played collegiately as a safety at Glendale Community College and Mesa (Ariz.) Community College, named one of the team captains at the latter. He was an All-American at Mesa, and earned a scholarship to attend Western Washington, but they dropped its football program three weeks before the 2009 season. He then chose to remain in the state of Washington and joined the Washington State program as a walk-on, but eventually a knee injury sidelined his career.

He was born March 24, 1988 in Walnut Creek, Calif.; he graduated from Mountlake Terrace High School (Brier, Wash.), where he lettered in football (he attended there one year; prior, he attended Mountain Pointe High School outside of Phoenix, and he lettered in football and track (sprints). He is the son of CU's former defensive coordinator, Kent Baer, a longtime veteran collegiate coach. He has assisted his dad with the New Era Bowl in Japan on two occasions (the game annually integrates top Japanese college players with selected American players and coaches). A.J. stands for Aaron James.



## **NATE TAYE**

### **Assistant Director of Quality Control**

Nate Taye is in his first year as the assistant director of quality control, having been promoted to the position on August 1, 2015. He previously worked two years as a defensive graduate assistant coach, as he joined the CU staff on June 3, 2013.

His primary role as a graduate assistant was coaching the nickelbacks, in addition to assisting former defensive coordinator Kent Baer with the linebackers as well as having general overall duties with the entire defense.

Taye, 25, joined CU from the San Jose State football staff, where he was a student assistant his junior and senior years. At SJSU, he also helped Baer with an assortment of duties including breaking down video, working with the scout team and other daily activities. He graduated from SJSU with a degree in Political Science in May 2013 and was a member of the Dean's List.

He was playing jaycee football but wanted to pursue a career in a coaching, so he approached Mike MacIntyre at San Jose about volunteering and eventually earned a student assistant position.

He was born May 16, 1990 and grew up in San Jose, Calif., graduating from Prospect High School in nearby Saratoga, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. His hobbies include movies and video games.



earned second-team All-Big 12 honors as a sophomore in 2006, when he recorded 129 tackles (eighth in the NCAA), with 10 for losses and two quarterback sacks, four forced fumbles and an interception. But prior to the 2007 season, his widowed mother was injured in a car accident and transferred to the University of South Florida to be closer to home and to help support her.

The NCAA granted him a hardship waiver and as a junior in 2007, he earned second-team All-Big East honors in setting a USF record with 121 tackles, with two quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles, two recoveries and a blocked kick. As a senior the following year, he was a nominee for the Butkus and Nagurski awards as well as the Lott Trophy. He once again led the Bulls in tackles with 116 (with 15 for losses including a sack, eight passes broken up and an interception); USF was 17-9 in his two years there, earning two bowl bids to the Sun and St. Petersburg games.

He spent one full season on the Patriots practice squad in 2009 and was with the team for a brief time in 2010 before moving on to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he finished the season (playing in three games) and also spent part of 2011 with the Bucs. He was picked up by the Minnesota Vikings, where he played in all 12 games in 2012 and remained on the team roster in 2013.

He was born December 11, 1985 in Queens, N.Y., and graduated from Riverview (Fla.) High School where he played running back and linebacker, earning first-team All-County honors and was a top 50 prospect in the state (he also lettered in track as a hurdler).

Field, as he worked as an intern for coach Roy Edwards with the CU men's golf team for the 2010-11 season. His role with the team included helping to facilitate and organize the 2011 NCAA Men's Regional Championships that the Buffaloes hosted at Colorado National Golf Club in Erie, Colo.

He graduated from CU in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing. He also earned his Business of Sports Certificate in 2010.

He was born on August 31, 1988 in Sterling, Colo., and graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins where he played baseball and basketball. His hobbies include basketball, golf and hiking.



## **LUCIUS JORDAN**

### **Assistant Director of Sports Performance**

Lucius Jordan is in his second year as an assistant director of sports performance, joining the department on September 5, 2014. He works primarily with Colorado's football program.

He is certified as a strength and conditioning specialist by both the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and the United States Weightlifting Association (USWA).

Jordan, 29, came to CU from Coastal Carolina University where he worked four years (2011-14) as the assistant director of speed, strength and conditioning for the Chanticleers. He worked specifically with men's and women's track and field, men's soccer, women's tennis and women's cross country.

Prior to accepting his first full-time position at CCU, he spent two years at the University of Georgia (2009-11), where he interned with the Olympic Sports program while attending UGA's graduate school. He assisted the baseball, volleyball, track, women's soccer and women's basketball teams.

Jordan served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at the Nike SPARQ Combine in Boston in 2009. He was responsible for assisting with player development programs for soccer, football, baseball and lacrosse players of various skill levels from high school to professional.

He graduated from East Carolina University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Sports Science. At ECU, he was a walk-on defensive back for one season. He went on to earn his master's degree in Kinesiology at the University of Georgia in 2011.

He was born July 10, 1986 in Houston, Texas, and graduated from Athens Drive High School in Raleigh, N.C., where he lettered in football (safety) and soccer (defenseman). His hobbies include fishing, watching movies and weightlifting; he is also bilingual (in English and Spanish).



## **JEREMY LAYPORT**

### **Assistant Director of Sports Performance**

Jeremy Layport is in his first year as an assistant director of sports performance, joining the department on April 1, 2015. He works primarily with Colorado's football program.

He is a senior instructor for Strong First, certified in Level I and II "Hardstyle" Kettlebell instruction as well as in strong first barbell instruction. He is also certified as a strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA). The United States Weightlifting Association (USWA) certified him in Olympic Lifting Technique and he is also a barefoot training specialist (Level I by both).

Layport, 35, joined the CU staff from Academy of Art University in San Francisco, where he worked three years (2012-14) as the Urban Knights' head strength and conditioning coach, coordinating the needs of the school's 16 NCAA sport programs, including men's and women's basketball, baseball, volleyball and track and field (AAU's women's track teams won both the indoor and outdoor NCAA Division II titles in the same year during his time there).

Prior to accepting the head position at the AAU, he was an assistant strength and conditioning coach at San Jose State University for eight years (2004-12), where he first met current CU head coach Mike MacIntyre. He oversaw the conditioning needs of the baseball, softball, volleyball, men's golf, men's soccer and women's water polo programs and also assisted with football. While at SJSU, he earned his master's degree in Exercise Physiology in 2006 while working as a graduate assistant prior to being promoted to a full-time assistant.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and Sports Medicine



## **PATRICK WILLIAMS**

### **Graduate Assistant (Offense)**

Patrick Williams is in his second year as an offensive graduate assistant coach, as he shifted into the position on July 1, 2014. His primary role is assisting Troy Walters with the receivers as well as general overall duties with the entire offense.

Williams, 29, returned to his alma mater in the last week of August 2013 as the assistant director of recruiting, a position he held until moving into the graduate assistant role.

A team captain as a senior, he finished his CU career ninth all-time in receptions (104) and 18th in receiving yards (1,070), one of just nine players at the time to have both 100 catches and 1,000 yards in a Buffalo career. He caught at least one pass in 44 of 50 career games (including two bowls). He was the recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award for leadership as a senior, and had also received the John Wooten Award for outstanding work ethic prior to the season. He won the Iron Buffalo Award among all the receivers in the spring of his junior and senior years, recognized for his work in the weight room.

He was a member of Gary Barnett's 2004 recruiting class, but he would earn a medical redshirt for his true freshman season after breaking bones in both hands. In the 2006 opener against Montana State, Dan Hawkins' first game as CU head coach, he caught a 42-yard pass from James Cox on CU's first play of the game, which remains the longest gain on any first play of a season in Colorado history.

He signed as a free agent with Green Bay and spent the 2009 season with the Packers; he was then on the practice squads for Seattle (2010) and with Baltimore (2011).

He graduated from Colorado with a degree in Sociology in December 2008. He was honored that year with the Most Improved Student-Athlete Award at CU's Academic Recognition Luncheon.

He was born January 13, 1986 in Dallas, Texas, and graduated from DeSoto (Texas) High School where he was an All-Midlands performer in football and a multi-event performer in track and field. His hobbies include playing basketball, listening to music (particularly R&B) and mentoring young kids back home in DeSoto when he has the chance. Growing up, he played the saxophone and owned a vast collection of bass fishing hooks, and at CU, he regularly led team Bible studies.



## **SCOTT UNREIN**

### **Operations & Recruiting Assistant**

Scott Unrein is in his fourth year on the University of Colorado football staff as the operations and recruiting assistant, named to the position in July 2012. His primary duties include overseeing the parents program, assisting with on-campus recruiting and daily football operations, including the team's social media

coordinator.

Unrein, 27, joined the football staff basically from the other side of Folsom





(ESSM) from Cal Lutheran University in 2002, where he lettered four years at nose tackle for coach Scott Squires. He was a second-team All-SCIAC performer his senior season, when he served as a team captain and won CLU's Most Inspirational Award.

He was born July 12, 1980 in Paso Robles, Calif., and graduated from Paso Robles High School where he lettered in football and track. He has won several Olympic weightlifting competitions and has qualified for nationals. He has won a (RAW) Power Lifting competition (where he was the "lifter of the meet"), and was the third person to ever pass the "Beast Tamer Challenge," which he did in 2006 in the Russian Kettlebell Challenge.



## **MT EISNER**

### **Assistant Director of Sports Performance**

MT Eisner is in her third year as an assistant director of sports performance, joining the department in September 2013. She works primarily with Colorado's football, cross country and track, skiing and spirit programs.

She has certifications in CSCS (certified as a strength and conditioning specialist), USA Weightlifting (Level I) and in CPR/AED.

Eisner, 29, joined CU from the University of Denver, where she worked as a part-time assistant strength and conditioning coach, working with all 17 of the Pioneer Division I programs. She previously has practicum positions with the National Strength and Conditioning Association, at the Air Force Academy, the U.S. Olympic Training Center and with Front Range Weightlifting.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Communication and Journalism in 2008 from Fairfield University, where she lettered four years in soccer. She earned first-team All-Metro Athletic Conference honors her junior and senior seasons, and as a freshman, Fairfield won the MAAC title; she earned All-MAAC Tournament team accolades in helping her team to a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Eisner received her master's degree in Sports Medicine with a specialization in Strength and Conditioning from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs in 2013.

Born Mary Therese Church on November 26, 1985 in Casper, Wyo., she graduated from Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colo., in 2004 where she lettered in soccer and basketball. Her hobbies include running and playing tennis; she is married to Justin Eisner, who is a marketing executive.



## **ERIK AUNESE**

### **Football Intern**

Erik Aunese is in his first year on the University of Colorado football staff as a football intern, named to the position on August 1, 2015, after working the previous two years as a student assistant in the football office.

Aunese, 23, is currently taking on-line classes with Colorado Mesa University (Grand Junction, Colo.) to finish off his bachelor's degree in Sports Management. He was hired as a student assistant just prior to coach Mike MacIntyre's first fall camp at CU in August 2013.

He attended Fort Lewis College (Durango, Colo.) as a freshman on a partial scholarship in 2010; he returned to his native California where he played two years on the defensive line at Palomar Junior College under coach Joe Early. He earned his A.A. degree at Palomar in 2013.

He was born on June 30, 1992 in Oceanside, Calif., and graduated from Mission Hills High School (San Marcos, Calif.), where he played football (fullback and defensive line); he attended MHHS for three years after going to Vista High School his freshman year. His hobbies include playing basketball and spending time with his extended family. An uncle, the late Sal Aunese, CU's starting quarterback in the 1987-88 seasons who passed away from stomach cancer on Sept. 23, 1989.



## **COREY EDSALL**

### **Football Intern**

Corey Edsall is in his first year on the University of Colorado football staff as a football intern, named to the position on August 1, 2015.

Edsall, 23, has spent two summers as a scouting intern in a pair of National Football League training camps, New England in 2013 and Philadelphia in 2014.

He graduated with his bachelor's degree in Family Science from the University of Maryland in 2015. He started out as a freshman at Syracuse University, where he played quarterback for coach Doug Marrone, but then transferred to Maryland where his father, Randy Edsall, was named head football coach in 2011 after coaching the University of Connecticut team for 12 seasons. At Maryland, he worked three years (2012-14) as a student assistant on the offensive side of the ball, and staffed a pair of bowl games with the Terrapins (2013 Military, 2014 Foster Farms).

He was born on August 13, 1992 in Boston, Mass., and graduated from East Catholic High School in Manchester, Conn., where he lettered four times in football, twice in baseball and once in lacrosse. At Syracuse, he made the Big East All-Academic team for the 2011 season.



## **CHIDERA UZO-DIRIBE**

### **Football Intern**

Chidera Uzo-Diribe is in his first year on the University of Colorado football staff as a football intern, named to the position on July 13, 2015 and returning to his alma mater in the process.

A four-year letterman at defensive end for the Buffaloes, he graduated from CU in December 2014 with a bachelor's degree in Communication. He finished his career tied for sixth in quarterback sacks (20), tied for 17th in tackles for loss (31) and second in forced fumbles (10); his percentage of solo tackles (99) to overall tackles (118), or 83.9 percent, is the highest in CU history.

He signed with the New Orleans Saints as a free agent, and was one of the last to be waived during their training camp.

As a senior team captain, he earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation, was named CU's Defensive Trench Award winner and played in the East-West Shrine game. For the season, he was in on 46 tackles (36 solo), with 11 for losses including four quarterback sacks; he had seven tackles for zero gain, meaning he had 18 total stops at or behind the line of scrimmage. He was second in the nation in forced fumbles with five, and he also batted down four passes in 739 snaps of action. He was one of 27 players on the final watch list for the Ted Hendricks Award (defensive end of the year), and was one of 76 players on the official preseason watch list for the Bednarik Award.

He was born May 30, 1992 in Long Beach, Calif., and graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins where he played baseball and basketball. A cousin is Osi Umenyiora, the second round choice of the New York Giants in the 2003 NFL Draft; in 10 seasons with the Giants, he appeared in two Pro Bowls and was a member of the 2008 Super Bowl champion team; he spent the last two seasons with the Atlanta Falcons. Another cousin, Charles Saseun, was a sprinter at Cal-Berkeley.



## **SHERYL VOTH**

### **Assistant to the Head Coach**

Sheryl Voth is in her first year of her second stint with the Colorado football program, as she is the assistant to head coach Mike MacIntyre, moving into the role in April 2015.

She had been working in the CU's athletics facility department for the previous two years, after she spent two years as the assistant to head football coach Jon Embree for the 2011 and 2012 seasons. She shifted into that position literally from down the hall in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, as she worked in the Herbst Academic Center.

Prior to working in athletics, she was employed on the CU-Boulder campus as an administrative assistant in the Registrar's Office. Before returning to the



work force in 2008, she was fortunate to be able to stay at home with her three children, Tyler, Shelby, and Shaylynn. She has always been actively involved with volunteering, especially at her children's schools. Before raising her children, she worked for Safeway for many years managing the bakery at one of the Boulder stores.

A native of Boulder, she graduated from Fairview High School, and attended the University of Colorado. The former Sheryl Bonnes, 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 and instructor, her hobbies include waterskiing, particularly at Lake Powell, snow skiing, hiking and biking. She has also coached youth basketball, mentoring the YMCA girls' team in Boulder since 1999. A long-time fan of CU athletics and basketball in particular, she has had season tickets since the 80's.



**JEAN ONAGA**  
**Administrative Assistant**

Jean Onaga is in her 30th 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. She also assists the director of football operations and director of recruiting in administrative duties.

Onaga also coordinates all football office volunteers regarding security for spring and fall practices. She facilitates program activities and events including all pro scout visits year-round and the school's annual pro timing day every March. She also coordinated former events such as the coaches' clinic and passing tournament camp, and still assists with registration for various football camps.

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

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.

## **SUPPORT PROGRAM STAFF**

*(Biographies for those who have considerable daily interaction with the program.)*



**JASON DePAEPE**  
**Assistant AD/Facilities & Game Day Operations**

Jason DePaepe is in his 16th year at the University of Colorado and his third as the assistant athletic director for facilities, promoted to that post in February 2013. Coordinating game day operations, specifically for football and CU's other outside sport programs, were added to his responsibilities in September 2014.

He is responsible for overseeing all facility needs for Folsom Field, the Dal Ward Athletic Center, Balch Fieldhouse, Prentup Field, Potts Field, the Football Practice Facility, Kittredge Lacrosse Field, and the Kittredge Tennis Facility.

DePaepe, 41, had served as the athletic turf manager for 12 years prior to his promotion, 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. He originally joined CU in June 2000 as an assistant turf manager and was promoted to the head position in February 2001. He is considered by many to be one of the best in his field, and he still oversees all of CU's field operations.

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.

He was born May 4, 1974 in Minot, N.D., and graduated from Waterloo (Iowa) West, where he lettered in baseball and basketball. His hobbies include golf and basketball. He is married to the former Kristen Sorensen, CU's former director of special events, and the couple has one daughter, Brielle (2), with another due in September.



**J.T. GALLOWAY**  
**Assistant AD/Equipment & Licensing**

J.T. Galloway is in his 11th 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 is now in his third year coordinating and managing all phases of CU's licensing, logos and imaging and was thus promoted to an assistant athletic director.

Galloway, 47, oversees the equipment needs of CU's 17 intercollegiate sports, but he has reduced his day-to-day obligations with the Buffalo football program as he is transitioning more and more into his licensing duties. 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 became the fourth person to hit double figures in years serving as the equipment head in CU history. Lee "Silver" Akins handled the chores for 34 years (1936-69), with Bill Crowder heading the area for 17 years and Mike Smith just under 11.

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. He is married to the former Kelly Christy, a registered nurse, and the couple has two children, Katie (16) and Collin (13). J.T. stands for John Thomas.