

CU's Marshall named candidate for Class Award

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Colorado soccer star Nikki Marshall was named one of 30 candidates for the Lowe's Senior Class Award on Wednesday.

The award -- presented annually to the Division I Athlete of the Year in nine sports -- focuses on classroom, character, community and competition. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the award was launched in 2001 to honor college senior students who remain committed to their university and pursue the many rewards that a senior season and complete college education can bring.

A preseason All-American, Marshall is the first player in team history to score 34 goals in a career, including a record 15 game-winners, and she ranks among the top-10 in assists.

The Mead native is the first CU soccer player to be nominated for the Class Award and the third Buff overall. She joins former women's basketball players Jackie McFarland and Tera Bjorklund on that list.

The list of 30 nominees will be narrowed down to 10 finalists midway through the regular season.

Marshall and the Buffs return to action at 4 p.m. Friday when they take on No. 13 Illinois at the DU Invitational in Denver. CU will wrap up the Denver weekend against St. Mary's on Sunday at 11 a.m.

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