

Former CU Buff Joe Garten on College Football Hall of Fame ballot

Two-time All-American center joins Bieniemy and McCartney for College Football Hall of Fame consideration

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Former Colorado offensive lineman Joe Garten is one of 16 players named to the College Football Hall of Fame ballot for the first time this year.

The ballot was released today by the National Football Foundation and includes the names of 79 players and nine coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision. Former Buff running back Eric Bieniemy and former CU coach Bill McCartney are also on the ballot for the second consecutive year.

Garten was a two-time All-American at CU. He garnered consensus honors in 1989 and was a unanimous selection in 1990. Garten was a member of two Big Eight Conference championship teams and helped lead the Buffs to back-to-back national championship games.

The 12,000 NFF members and all living members of the hall are eligible to vote for candidates. Those votes are submitted to the Honors Court, which deliberates and selects the class. Those who earn induction will be announced in May and will be inducted Dec. 6 in New York City at the organizations annual awards dinner.

There are also four new coaches on this year's ballot, including former Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry.

The Colorado program has produced five Hall of Fame inductees, the most recent being former linebacker Alfred Williams just last year.

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