

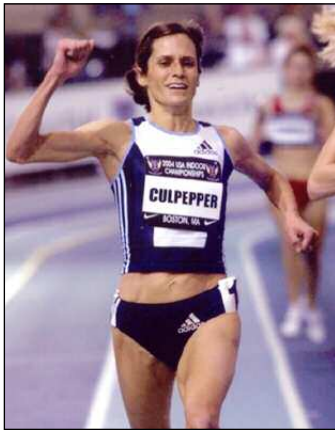
TRACK & FIELD Olympians

The University of Colorado has produced 60+ Olympians (through the 2008 Summer Games). The majority of the Olympians to come from the Boulder campus are former members of the Buffs' esteemed ski teams, with alumni also competing in figure skating (2), bobsledding (1), equestrian (1), luge (3), basketball (3), cycling (1) while the following list of athletes have competed in track and field during the 20th Century.

Ambassador David Bolen, Colorado's first Olympian, finished fourth in the 400-m dash during the 1948 Summer Games in London, England. In his name, Colorado established the David Bolen Olympic Award in 1949, awarded to any current CU student-athlete who competes under the United States flag.



Alan Culpepper



Shayne (Wille) Culpepper



Casey Malone



Jenny Barringer



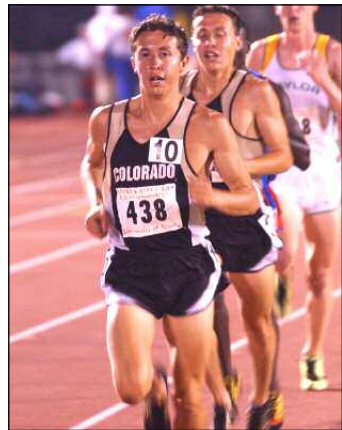
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Billy Nelson



Dathan Ritzenhein



Jorge Torres

- 1948, The XIVth Olympiad, London, England**
David Bolen (USA)4th-400-m
- 1960, The XVIIth Olympiad, Rome, Italy**
Ted Woods (USA)1,600-m Relay
- 1968, The XIXth Olympiad, Mexico City, Mexico**
Bill Toomey (USA)Gold Medal-Decathlon
- 1972, The XXth Olympiad, Munich, Germany**
Jane Wardell Frederick (USA)21st-Pentathlon
- 1976, The XXIth Olympiad, Montreal, Canada**
Annette Tannander (Sweden).....7th-High Jump
Jane Wardell Frederick (USA).....7th-Pentathlon
Bill Jankunis (USA)High Jump
- 1984, The XXIIIth Olympiad, Los Angeles, United States**
Art Burns (USA).....Discus
Mary Decker (USA).....3,000-m
Annette Tannander (Sweden).....14th-Pentathlon
- 1996, The XXVth Olympiad, Atlanta, United States**
Yvonne Kanazawa Scott (Japan).....100-m Hurdles

- 2000, The XXVIIth Olympiad, Sydney, Australia**
Hannah Cooper (Liberia).....100-m Hurdles
Alan Culpepper (USA)10,000-m
Shayne (Wille) Culpepper (USA)1,500-m
Adam Goucher (USA).....13th-5,000-m
Karol (Damon) Rovelto (USA).....High Jump
Yvonne Kanazawa Scott (Japan).....100-m Hurdles
- 2004, The XXVIIIth Olympiad, Athens, Greece**
Alan Culpepper (USA)12th-Marathon
Shayne (Wille) Culpepper5,000-m
Casey Malone (USA)6th-Discus
Dathan Ritzenhein (USA).....10,000-m
- 2008, the XXIXth Olympiad, Beijing, China**
Jenny Barringer (USA)9th-3,000-meter steeplechase
Kara (Grgas-Wheeler) Goucher (USA)9th-5,000-m
10th-10,000-m
Casey Malone (USA)19th(prelims)-Discus
Billy Nelson (USA)29th-3,000-meter steeplechase
Dathan Ritzenhein (USA)9th-Marathon
Jorge Torres (USA)27th-10,000m

BUFFS IN THE PROS

RENEE METIVIER BAILLIE ('05).....Distance Club.....NIKE

- 2005 USA Outdoor Championships (10th, 5k)
- Won the 3k in a pr 9:09.60 in her European debut at the Cardiff Grand Prix
- 2006 USA XC Championships (3rd, 4k); 49th IAAF World XC Championships
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (10th, 5k)
- 2007 USA XC Championships (5th), 36th IAAF World XC Championships
- 2008 USA XC Championships (2nd), 49th IAAF World XC Championships
- 2008 Olympic Trials finalist (5k)
- 2008 USA 5k (2nd, 15:53); 10k (3rd, 33:13); 8k (5th, 26:14) Championships
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (9th, 5k)
- 2010 USA XC Championship (5th), 38th IAAF World XC Championship
- 2010 USA Indoor Championship 3k Champion
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championship (8th, 5k)
- 2010 Boulder Boulder Team USA Participant (11th)

JENNY BARRINGER ('09).....Middle/Steeple Club.....New Balance

- 2010 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
- American steeplechase record holder (9:12.50)

HEATHER STERLIN BIGLOW ('97).....Heptathlon/Long Jump Club.....NIKE

- 1997 U.S. National Championships (6th, Heptathlon)
- 1997 World University Games (Sicily, Italy)
- 2001 U.S. National Championships (5th)
- 2002 Mt. SAC Relays Champion (heptathlon: 5,698 pts and long jump)
- 2002 Ranked third in the U.S. in heptathlon (5,866 points)
- 2004 Multistars Competition in Desenzano Del Garza, Italy (9th, heptathlon)
- 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials (9th, heptathlon, 5,715 points)
- 2004 Ranked seventh nationally (heptathlon, 5,847 points)

ALAN CULPEPPER ('96).....Distance Club.....NIKE

- Eight-time United States Champion (1999, '03, '07 12k cross country, 1999, '03 10k, 2002 5000-m), 2003 Outdoor 10k, 2004 Marathon
- 1997 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 5000-m)
- USA Cross Country Championships (7th)
- Top finisher at 1999 World Cross Country Championships (21st)
- Ran a 2000 season best 10k (28:03.35) at the Olympic Trials (2nd) and went on to finish 17th in the first round in Sydney.
- 2000 USA Cross Country Championships (2nd, long course)
- 2001 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd-5k, 3rd-10k), 18th at World Championships
- When he ran a PR 27:33.93 at the 2001 Cardinal Invitational, he became the sixth fastest American all-time
- Finished third in 2002 at the USA Outdoors (10k), USA Cross Country Championships (12k) and at USA 15k Championships
- 2003 USA Championships (9th, 5k)
- Ranked #1 in 10 by T& FN
- Made his marathon debut in 2002 in Chicago where he ran 2:09.41, tying him with Alberto Salazar for the fastest American debut in history
- After winning the US Marathon Trials, finished 12th in Athens Olympic Games
- His fourth place 2005 Boston Marathon finish was the highest American finish in 20 years
- Earned a fifth-place finish in the 2006 Boston Marathon
- 2007 USA XC Championships Champion
- Boulder Boulder Team USA (2007)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (4th, 10k)
- 2008 Olympic Trials participant (marathon)

SHAYNE CULPEPPER ('97).....Middle Club.....NIKE

- 1998 USA Championships (6th, 1500-m)
- USA Indoor Championships (7th, 3000-m)
- 1999 USA Winter Cross Country Championships (4th)
- 1999 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 1500-m)
- 2000 Olympic Trials (4th, 1500-m)

- 2000 USA Winter Cross Country Championships (4th, short course)
- 2001 USA Outdoor Championships (6th, 1500-m)
- 2002 USATF Club Cross Country Championships (1st, 6k)
- 2003 USA Indoor Championships (runner-up, 3000-m)
- 2003 USA Winter Cross Country Champion
- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (11th, 1500-m)
- 2004 USA Indoor 3k Champion, Bronze medalist at Worlds
- 2004 Olympic Trials 5k champion, 25th in Athens in prelims
- 2005 adidas Track Classic (1st, 1,500-m)
- 2005 USA Indoor 3,000-m champion
- 2005 USA XC Championships (2nd, 4k), 20th IAAF World Championships (team bronze)
- 2005 USA Outdoor Championships (15th, prelims, 1,500-m/4th, 5k)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (11th, 1,500-m)
- 2009 USA Indoor (2nd, 1500)

ADAM GOUCHER ('98).....Middle Club.....NIKE

- 1999 USA Outdoor 5k Champion
- 1999 World Championships (12th, 5000-m)
- 2000 Olympic Trials Champion (5k), 13th in Sydney Games
- 2000 USA Cross Country Champion (4k, 12k)
- 2001 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 1500-m)
- 2001 World Outdoor Championships (11th, 5k)
- Ran the fastest 3,000-m by an American in Monaco (7:34.96 PR)
- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 5k)
- 2003 T&FN Rankings No.3 (3k), No. 4 (5k)
- 2004 Olympic Trials (19th, 5k)
- 2004 Prefontaine Classic (9th, 1,500-m)
- Ran second fastest 3k (7:40.09) by an American in '05 in winning the Sport Solodarieta
- 2005 USA Outdoor Championships (8th, 5k)
- 2006 USA Indoor Championships 3k champion
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (4th, 5k)
- 2007 USA XC Championship (2nd)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championship (3rd, 5k), IAAF World Track Championship (11th, 5k)
- 2008 Olympic Trials 5k finalist and 10k participant (7th)

KARA (GRGAS-WHEELER) GOUCHER ('01).....Distance Club.....NIKE

- 2001 USA Outdoor Championships (7th, 5k)
- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (14th, 5k and 1,500-m)
- Ran a 1,500-m PR 4:11.17 in Greece in '03
- 2005 USA Outdoor Championships (11th, 5k)
- 2006 USA XC Championships (7th, 4k), 21st IAAF World XC Championships
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 5k)
- 2007 USA XC Championships (3rd)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 10k), 3rd IAAF World Track Championships
- 2008 Olympic Trials (10k, 2nd; 5k champion)
- 2008 Olympic Games (9th, 5k; 10th, 10k)
- 2008 USA 10-mile Championship (1st, 53:16)
- 2008 New York City Marathon (3rd), American debut (2:25.53)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (1st, 5k)
- 2009 IAAF World Championships (5th, marathon)

CASEY MALONE.....Discus Club.....Unattached

- 1996 Olympic Trials (18th)
- 2000 Olympic Trials (9th)
- 2000 Ranked seventh nationally (211-6)
- 2001 USA Championships (10th)
- 2002 USA Championships (5th)
- 2002 Ranked fourth nationally (218-5)
- 2003 USA Championships (9th), World Outdoors (10th, qualifying)
- 2004 Olympic Trials (3rd)
- 2004 Olympic Games (6th)

- 2004 Golden League Meet, Brussels (4th, 64m)
- 2004 ISTAF Golden League Meet, Berlin (6th)
- 2004 World Athletic Final, Monaco (7th)
- 2005 USA Championships (5th)
- 2006 USA Championships (2nd)
- 2008 Olympic Trials (3rd)
- 2008 Olympic Games participant
- 2009 USA Champion
- 2009 IAAF World Championships (5th)
- 2009 recorded a personal best of 224-08 which was the best throw by an American and was the fifth best performer in the world
- 2010 USA Champion
- Fifth in the 2010 Samsung Diamond League Series

CARRIE MESSNER-VICKERS ('00)Middle ClubAsics

- 2002 ranked fifth nationally in 3k
- 2003 Boulder Race Series Winner (Uni-Hill 2k Champion, Pearl Street Mile Champion) & Eldorado Springs
- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (23rd (prelims), 1500-m)
- Ranked as high as third in the steeple in '04
- Finished 21st in 2004 Olympic Trials semifinals (1,500)
- 2004 Olympic Trials (3rd), 5th at Heusden, 1st at Mt. Sac, ranked No. 4 by T&FN
- 2005 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd)
- 15th at 2005 World Championships following a third-place prelim pr 9:38.68
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (6th)
- 2007 USA XC Championships (19th)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (13th, steeple)
- 2008 Olympic Trials (8th)
- 2008 USA 5k Championship (4th, 15:58)

BILLY NELSON ('08)Steeple ClubNIKE

- 2008 Olympic Trials (2nd, steeple)
- 2008 Beijing Olympic Games (29th, steeple prelims)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (13th, steeple)
- 2010 USA XC Championship (24th)
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championship (5th, steeple)

STEPHEN PIFER ('08)Distance ClubNIKE

- 2008 Olympic Trials (7th, 5k; semi-finalist, 1,500)
- 2009 USA XC Championship (14th)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (4th, 1500)

DATHAN RITZENHEIN Distance ClubNIKE

- 2004 Olympic Trials (22nd-INJ, 10k)
- 2005 Reebok SC Challenge (Belfast) Champion
- 2006 USA XC Championships (4th, 12k)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
- 2006 NY Marathon, second highest American (11th)
- 2007 USA XC Championships (3rd)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 10k), 9th IAAF World Track Championships
- 2008 USA XC Championship Champion
- 2008 Olympic Trials (2nd, marathon)
- 2008 Olympic Games (9th, marathon)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (2nd, 10k, IAAF World Championship (6th, 10k)
- 2010 USA XC Championship Champion

SARA (GORTON) SLATTERY ('05)Distance Clubadidas

- 2005 USA Outdoor Championships (8th, 5k)
- Ran a 3k pr (9:06.03) at Super Grand Prix Madrid
- 2005 USA Indoor Championships (4th, 3k)
- 2006 USA XC Championships (4th, 8k), 26th IAAF World XC Championships
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 10k)
- Won the 2006 Bolder Boulder
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (8th, 10k)
- Bolder Boulder Team USA (2006, 07)

- 2008 Olympic Trials (4th, 5k; 7th, 10k)
- 2008 USA 8k Championship Champion (25:54)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (11th, 5k)

STEVE SLATTERY ('02)Steeple ClubNIKE

- 2002 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd)
- 2003 USA Outdoor Champion
- Six top-10 finishes in 2003
- 2004 NIKE Prefontaine Classic (5th, 1,500)
- 2004 Olympic Trials (5th)
- 2004 Ranked 5th T&FN
- 2005 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd)
- 2005 World Championships (10th, heat 1)
- 2006 USA XC Championships (14th, 4k)
- 2006 USA Indoor Championships (5th, 3k)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (1st, prelims)
- 2008 Olympic Trials (finalist)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (23rd)
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championship (3rd)

ED TORRES ('03)Distance ClubReebok

- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (8th, 10k PR 28:22)
- 2005 USA Outdoor Championships (12th, 10k)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships (14th, 10k)
- 2007 USA XC Championships (10th)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (11th, 10k)
- 2008 USA XC Championships (9th); 45th IAAF World Championships
- 2008 Olympic Trials (11th, 10k)
- 2008 USA Marathon Championship (3rd, 2:17.54)
- 2009 USA XC Championship (8th); 53rd at IAAF World XC Championship
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (DNF, 10k)
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championship (3rd, steeple)

JORGE TORRES ('03)Distance ClubReebok

- 2003 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)
- 2003 European Circuit with stops in Greece (3rd, 1500-m), Belgium (11th, 5k) and Finland (3k), setting pr's in all three races.
- 2003 World Championships (15th, 5k)
- 2004 Olympic Trials (7th, 5k)
- 2004 USA XC Championships (10th, 12k)
- 2005 USA Outdoor Championships (4th, 5k)
- 2006 USA XC (4th, 4k/2nd, 12k), 27th IAAF World XC Championships (short)
- 2006 USA Outdoor Championships 10k champion
- 2007 USA XC Championships (4th)
- 2007 USA Outdoor Championships (5th, 10k)
- 2008 USA XC Championships (2nd); 19th IAAF World Championships
- 2008 USA 8k Championship Champion (22:41)
- 2008 Olympic Trials (3rd, 10k)
- 2008 Olympic Games 10k participant
- 2008 Beijing Olympic Games (27th, 10k)
- 2009 USA XC Championship (4th)

BRENT VAUGHN ('08)Distance ClubNIKE

- 2008 Olympic Trials (16th, 5k)
- 2009 USA Outdoor Championship (9th, 5k)
- 2010 Bolder Boulder Team Colorado Participant (4th - highest American finisher)
- 2010 USA Outdoor Championship (5th, 5k)

CLINT WELLS ('98)Dist/Steeple ClubUnattached

- 1999 U.S. National Championships (7th)
- 2000 Olympic Trials (5th)
- 2001 USA Winter Cross Country Championships (4th, 4k)
- 2001 World Cross Country Championships (41st, 4k)
- 2002 USA Cross Country Championships (7th)
- 2002 USA 15k Championships (5th)
- Bolder Boulder Team USA (2001, 02, 03) and Team Colorado (2005)