



MARK WETMORE
Head Coach
Distance
20th Season

Mark Wetmore enters his 23rd season at Colorado, his 20th as the head coach, and is the only NCAA Division I coach to win all four NCAA cross country titles at the same school.

Wetmore's squads have won seven team titles since 2000. The women won in 2000, while the men won the following year. Both teams captured the championship again in 2004 (CU became only the third school to win both championships in the same year), and in 2006 the men won again. The men also earned back-to-back titles in 2013 and 2014. Wetmore has coached Adam Goucher (1998), Jorge Torres (2002) and Dathan Ritzenhein (2003) to men's individual titles, while Kara Grgas-Wheeler won the 2000 women's crown.

Wetmore became CU's sixth head cross country and track and field coach on Nov. 6, 1995. He has tutored 56 individual conference champions and 11 individuals who have combined for 22 NCAA titles. Wetmore has coached 79 individuals to 245 All-American selections. He has produced 29 conference championship teams, most recently capturing the 2014 Pac-12 Men's Cross Country Championship.

Wetmore's distance runners have represented the United States in international competitions. During their collegiate careers, nine qualified for the World Junior Cross Country Championships and seven earned berths in the World Senior Cross Country Championships. Since 2000, 10 Buffaloes

have combined for 17 spots on the U.S. Olympic Team roster, including then-CU students Emma Coburn and Shalaya Kipp in 2012, both in the steeplechase.

His graduates have experienced post-collegiate success unrivaled by any NCAA distance program. Twenty-four of his athletes have earned professional running contracts and combined for 11 USA Cross Country titles and 38 berths on U.S. teams that compete at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships since 1999. CU graduates have won 41 USATF Championships and 10 individuals have represented the U.S. at the IAAF World Track & Field Championships.

Wetmore is a 26-time conference coach of the year and a five-time NCAA Coach of the Year. In 2014, USA Track and Field named him the USA Co-Coach of the Year.

A native of Bernardsville, N.J., Charles Mark Wetmore graduated with a bachelor's degree in English education from Rutgers in 1978 and then completed a M.Ed. in movement sciences from Columbia in 1988.

CU Coaching Timeline	
Mark Wetmore	1995-present
Jerry Quiller	1986-1994
David Troy	1980-1985
Dean Brittenham	1976-1979
Don Meyers	1969-1975
Frank Potts	1927-1968



HEATHER BURROUGHS
Assistant Coach/Distance
11th Season

Colorado's first female three-time cross country All-American, Heather Burroughs begins her 11th season on the staff of her alma mater assisting coach Mark Wetmore with the men's and women's teams. Since joining the staff, she has assisted with 13 conference championship teams, five NCAA championship teams and 104 All-Americans. Burroughs was promoted to associate head coach following the 2011 season where the Buffs swept the inaugural Pac-12 Cross Country Championships to win the conference's first two team championships.

In Burroughs' 10 track seasons assisting the men's and women's middle and long distance runners, CU athletes have made an impact at the conference, NCAA, American and world levels on the track. To date, 35 have captured individual conference titles and 55 have earned All-American accolades. The women have won 10 individual NCAA titles and broke six collegiate records. Since 2007, CU runners have won four U.S. outdoor titles. They have earned four individual berths on U.S. outdoor world championship teams as well as three individual berths on the U.S. Olympic team. In 2014, USA Track and Field named her the USA Co-Coach of the Year.

During Burroughs' CU cross country career, she was a top-five and all-conference finisher in 1994, '95, '97 and '98 with a runner-up finish in '95. She claimed all-district honors those same seasons and was an All-American in 1994, '95 and '98. The Buffs finished in the top four of the NCAA in three of those seasons, including a runner-up finish in 1995.

On the track, she was the Big 8 Conference Women's Indoor Track Newcomer of the Year in 1995. She won one conference individual title, scored in 15 conference races and was an indoor 5,000-meter All-American in 1998. Burroughs qualified for six NCAA indoor and outdoor races during her career.

Burroughs was born in Kansas City, Kan. and attended Pembroke Hill High School. She graduated from CU in 1999 with a Bachelor of Arts in biology.



CASEY MALONE
Assistant Coach/Throws
15th Season

Casey Malone, a 1998 NCAA Discus Champion and two-time Olympian, is in his 15th season as the throws coach at Colorado.

A four-time All-American at Colorado State, he owns a 224 foot, 8 inch personal record. It was the best throw by an American in 2009, and he was the fifth best performer in the world that year.

Malone was the 1996 Junior National and Junior World Champion and finished sixth at the 1998 Goodwill Games. He competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials (18th), improving to ninth four years later at the trials. Malone was named to the U.S. roster when he finished third at the 2004 trials. He was the only American to advance to the finals at the Athens games, finishing sixth. Following the games, Malone competed on the European Grand Prix circuit. In Brussels he finished fourth, throwing 64 meters in the Golden League Meet and sixth in Berlin in the IStAF Golden League Meet. He earned enough Grand Prix points to compete in the World Athletic Final in Monaco, finishing seventh.

Malone took third at the 2008 trials, advancing to the Beijing Games where he placed 19th in the prelims. Malone won his first USATF championship in 2009 (213-03) and went on to take fifth at the IAAF World Championships in Berlin. Malone captured his second USATF title in 2010 and competed in five stops of the IAAF Samsung Diamond League, finishing sixth overall.

Malone has coached a pair of school record holders in the women's indoor weight throw (Cortney Hutmacher, 62-08.50) and men's indoor weight (Alex Kizirian, 68-4.50) along with the men's and women's outdoor weight throw (Zach Hazen, 210-11; Emily Hunsucker, 212-11). He has mentored eight NCAA qualifiers, 16 regional qualifiers, seven junior national qualifiers and several Big 12, Pac-12 and MPSF scorers and champions.

The Wheat Ridge, Colo. native was born on April 6, 1977 and lettered in football, basketball and track at Arvada West. He graduated from CSU in 2000 with a degree in fine arts. Malone is married to the former Lindsey Malmgren, an assistant track & field coach at Colorado.



LINDSEY MALONE
Assistant Coach/Combined Events/Jumps
Eighth Season

Lindsey Malone began her eighth year coaching the pentathlon, heptathlon, decathlon and jumps for the CU Track and Field team in the fall of 2014.

During the 2013 indoor season, Brienne Beemer broke a twenty-year-old school record in the pentathlon after scoring 4,059 points at the USATF Indoor Championships. Beemer competed alongside teammates Brittany Lewis (3,863), Abrianna Torres (3,832) and Genny Mayden (3,795) to earn CU the honor of being the first school in USA Indoor Combined Events Championship history to have four athletes competing in jersey in the same event. Mark Jones also competed at USA's and set a new personal record in the high jump at 7-2 ¼.

During the outdoor season, Jones placed second in the high jump at the 2013 Pac-12 Championships, clearing 7-2 ½, and competed at the NCAA Championships. Torres, Beemer and Mayden scored in the heptathlon which continued CU's streak of being the highest scoring women's multi team in the Pac-12 for the past three championship meets.

In 2010, Malone was chosen to coach Team USA alongside Dr. Rick McGuire for the USA vs. Germany Thorpe Cup Challenge in Marburg, Germany. Malone's volunteer assistant coach and former Colorado State student-athlete, Emily Pearson, earned a spot on the USA team as well making her fifth international team wearing USA on her shoulders. During Malone's first year on staff at CU in 2008 she guided Hugh Charles to a personal best of 25-3 ¼ in the long jump.

Malone was an assistant at CSU from 2001-07 where she coached 14 Mountain West Conference Champions in high jump, long jump, 60-meter hurdles, pentathlon, heptathlon and decathlon.

Malone competed for CSU from 1998-2001, setting school records in the high jump and heptathlon. She competed in the high jump, pentathlon, heptathlon, javelin and 4x400 relay at CSU's conference meets. Malone continues to high jump and has competed in three USA Championships (2002 outdoors, 2003 indoors and 2008 indoors).

Malone graduated from CSU in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in art with concentrations in art education and painting. She is married to CU throws coach and two-time Olympian, Casey Malone.



DREW MORANO
Assistant Coach/Sprints & Hurdles
Sixth Season

Drew Morano is in his sixth year as the assistant coach for sprints and hurdles at Colorado, his seventh year with the program as he was a volunteer in 2009.

Morano coached two of CU's all-time best sprinters in Jeremy Dodson and Joe Morris. Dodson is the Buffaloes' indoor and outdoor 200-meter dash record holder and is a member of the record setting 4x100-meter relay team. Dodson qualified for nationals in 2010 in the 200 and with the 4x100. He advanced to the 200 finals and earned his highest finish by placing fifth for this third All-American honor at CU. Professionally Dodson went on to place third in the 200 at the 2011 USATF Championships, earning a spot on the U.S. roster for the IAAF World Championships in Daegu, South Korea.

Morano coached Morris to the CU 60-meter record (6.57) in 2013 at the Air Force All-Comers Meet. Morris ran the fastest non-elevation time in school history at the NCAA Indoor Championships, running 6.66 in the prelims. He finished as a four-time All-American (three indoors and one outdoors).

The 4x100 relay had an excellent showing during the 2010 season, running the eighth best time in school history during the first round of nationals (39.91).

Most recently in 2013, Morano coached then-sophomore Eileen Gehring to the CU 200 (23.80) and 400 records (53.23). She is also a member of the record-setting indoor 4x400 relay (3:43.52). Gehring broke her 400 record that she set as a freshman in 2012 after winning the Olympic Development section at Mt. SAC.

Morano was a standout at Colorado State University in the 200 and 400 and earned four letters as a Ram. He was named All-Mountain West Conference six times (three indoor and three outdoor). Morano currently owns the CSU school records in the indoor (46.74) and outdoor 400 (45.65). He was a three-time MWC Champion and a two-time runner-up in the 400. Morano qualified for the NCAA Championship and the U.S. Olympic trials in 2008.

The 2007 graduate of CSU earned a bachelor's degree in health and exercise science. Morano graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 2003 and earned letters in football, track and baseball. He is married to the former Tara Burnett, the CU track and field athletic trainer.



BILLY NELSON
Assistant Coach/Distance
Recruiting Coordinator
Fifth Season

Billy Nelson, a 2008 Olympian, is in his fifth year as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the Buffalo's cross country and track & field program.

Nelson won the 2011 USATF steeplechase crown, earning a spot on the U.S. roster for the IAAF World Championships. He was a decorated distance runner while at CU, earning All-American honors six times. He won three Big 12 titles while at CU, winning the indoor 5,000-meter run in 2006 and the steeplechase in 2007 and '08. Nelson was a part of the 2008 men's track and field team that won the first Big 12 outdoor title for CU, the first conference title since 1947. He was also a member of the 2006 NCAA Cross Country Championship team.

During Nelson's final season with the Buffs, he won the steeplechase at the conference and regional meet and capped off his collegiate career with a runner-up finish at the CAA Championship. Nelson went on to compete at the U.S. Olympic Trials, capturing a second-place finish in the finals of the steeplechase to earn a spot on the Olympic roster. At the 2008 Olympic Games, Nelson placed 11th in the second prelim.

As a member of the cross country team, he was a four-time All-Big 12 and three-time all-region honoree. Nelson was named the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year in 2002 and won the 2005 NCAA Mountain Region title, leading CU to its 12th consecutive region title.

Nelson was the 2003 USA Junior Cross Country Champion and Junior 5k champion. He was the top American at the World Junior Cross Country Championships with a 26th-place finish.

The Taft, Calif. native graduated from CU in 2008 with a degree in ethnic studies. He ranks second on the all-time performers list in the steeplechase at CU (8:28.85) and has the third and fourth fastest time in school history.

Nelson is married to the former Alisa Crane. They have a daughter, Arabella, and a son, Noah. They reside in Longmont, Colo.



KAREN LECHMAN
Director of Operations
13th Season

Karen Lechman is in her eighth year as the director of operations, but her 13th year overall with the program as she was the administrative assistant prior to her promotion.

She has had an office management career since graduating college. Lechman has worked for companies in software development, commercial finance, and scientific research and office products. Lechman was also a certified fitness instructor from 1993-2005 and taught kick-boxing and step aerobics.

Lechman earned her bachelor's degree from Colorado in 1983 in communications. The former Karen Marcy has been married to Brian Lechman since 1985. The couple resides in Broomfield, Colo., and has two daughters, Mychelle and Kimberly.



EMMA COBURN
**Volunteer Assistant Coach/
 Distance**
Second Season

Olympian Emma Coburn signed with New Balance after finishing up her storied career with the Buffs in the summer of 2013 and stayed on to train with CU coaches Mark Wetmore and Heather Burroughs. She is serving as a volunteer assistant with the Buffs for her second season. In her first season as a professional, Coburn ran the fastest American women's 3,000-meter steeplechase time at the Glasgow British Athletics Diamond League (9:11.42) and won her third USA Steeplechase title.

Coburn became just the third CU student-athlete with eligibility remaining to qualify for the Summer Olympic Games in 2012 after winning the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in the steeplechase. She ran the fastest steeplechase time on U.S. soil (9:25.28) at the 2012 Nike Prefontaine Classic in a field of professional athletes while she was still a collegian.

The Crested Butte, Colo. native left her mark on CU's record book. Indoors, she is the second-best performer in the mile (4:29.86) and sixth in the 3,000 (9:17.46). Coburn ran the anchor leg in the CU record-setting distance medley relay that placed fourth at the 2011 Big 12 Indoor Championship with a time of 11:22.87. Nationally, she is the fifth fastest performer in the mile and is the only American to run a sub-4:30 mile twice, both during the 2013 season. Outdoors, she is the second fastest CU performer in the steeplechase (9:23:54) and in the 1,500 (4:06.87). Nationally, she ranks second in the steeplechase (9:28.26) and fifth in the 1,500 (4:06.87). Coburn was one of two collegiate women to ever run a sub-9:30 steeplechase and did it twice in a CU uniform. She finished her career as a six-time All-American and won three NCAA titles. She is the first CU athlete to ever win an indoor mile title (2011) and took home the 2011 and 2013 NCAA steeplechase crowns.

Coburn graduated from CU in 2013 with a degree in marketing.



JENNY SIMPSON
**Volunteer Assistant Coach/
 Distance**
Third Season

Two-time Olympian Jenny (Barringer) Simpson, who continues to train with Mark Wetmore and Heather Burroughs at CU, will serve as a volunteer assistant with the Buffs for her third year.

Simpson is the 2011 IAAF 1,500-meter World Champion, becoming the first American since another former Buff, Mary Decker Slaney, won in 1983. In 2013, she narrowly missed defending her world title as she finished second overall. The 2014 season brought more success as Simpson won the IAAF Diamond League Crown at 1,500-meters and earned the world No. 1 ranking in the event.

Easily one of the most decorated athletes ever at CU, Simpson won four NCAA Championships, three in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and one indoor 3,000. She also broke six NCAA records and seven CU records in 2009 en route to being named the first female recipient of the USTFCCA's The Bowerman Award, which is given to the top male and female collegiate track and field athlete of the year.

Simpson also performed well at the national and world level while competing for the Buffs. She made two world teams and qualified for the 2008 Olympics in the steeplechase. After graduating from CU, Simpson signed with New Balance and switched gears from the steeplechase to the 1,500. Collegiately and professionally she has won four USA Indoor Championships and four outdoor championships. Despite not having competed in the steeplechase in a few years, Simpson is still the American record holder (9:12.50), which she set at the 2009 world championships.

Simpson graduated from CU in 2009 with degrees in political science and economics. She is married to Jason Simpson.

Assistant Coach Accolades

Heather Burroughs (Distance)

Collegiate:

Cross Country:

Three-time All-American
(1994, 95, 98)

Four-time All-Conference
(1994, 95, 97, 98)

Four-time All-Region
(1994, 95, 97, 98)

Big Eight/Big 12
Conference
Championship Team
Member (1994, 95, 97)

1995 Member of USA Junior World
Cross Country Team that competed
in Durham, England

Track and Field:

15-time Conference scorer

Member of 1996 Big Eight
Conference Team Champion

1995 Indoor Conference
Track and Field Newcomer
of the Year

1998 All-American

Five-time NCAA individual
qualifier

Emma Coburn (Middle Distance/Steepchase)

Professional:

Fastest Steeplechase time by
an American (9:11.42)

2014 IAAF Continental Cup
Champion

2014 USA Steeplechase
Champion

2014 Shanghai Grand Prix
Champion

2014 Glasgow British Athletics
Diamond League (2nd)

Ranked No. 1 Steeplechaser in
the U.S. in 2014

Collegiate:

Six-time All-American

Three-time NCAA Champion

2012 Olympian

2011 and 2013 NCAA Steeplechase Champion

2013 Pac-12 Steeplechase Champion

2013 NCAA Indoor Mile Champion

2012 USA Olympic Trials Champion

2011 USA Outdoor Championships Champion

Ranked No. 1 Steeplechaser in the U.S. in 2011, '12 and '13

Casey Malone (Discus)

Professional:

2013 USA Championships (4th)

2012 U.S. Trials (6th)

Competed on the IAAF Samsung Diamond League series

2010 USATF Champion

Was the fifth best performer in the world and the top
American for the 2009 season with a PR of 224-08

2009 IAAF World Athletic Final, Berlin (5th)

2009 USATF Champion

2008 Olympian

USA Championships (1st/2010, 1st/2009, 11th/2007, 2nd/2006,
3rd/2005, 5th/2003, 5th/2002, 5th/2002, 10th/2001, 6th/1999,
5th/1997) 8th/1997)

Olympic Trials (3rd/2008, 3rd/2004, 9th/2000, 18th/1996)

2004 Olympian (sixth)

2004 IAAF World Athletic Final, Monaco (7th)

2004 ISTAF Golden League Meet, Berlin (6th)

2004 Golden League Meet, Brussels (4th, 64m)

2002 Ranked fourth nationally

2002 Threw a career best 218-5 in Greeley,
Colo., which is the farthest throw in Colo.

2000 Ranked seventh nationally

Collegiate:

1998 NCAA Champion

Four-time All-American
(1996, 97, 98, 2000)

Three-time conference
champion (Mountain
West Conference meet
record holder)

2000 NACAC Age 25
and Under Champion

1996 Junior National
Champion and meet
record holder

Lindsey Malone (Combined Events/Jumps)

Professional:

2003 U.S. Indoor National Championships (10th, High Jump)

2002 U.S. Indoor National Championships participant

Collegiate:

2001 Colorado State Heptathlon record

2001 Mountain West Conference Pentathlon (3rd)

1999 Set CSU Indoor High Jump record

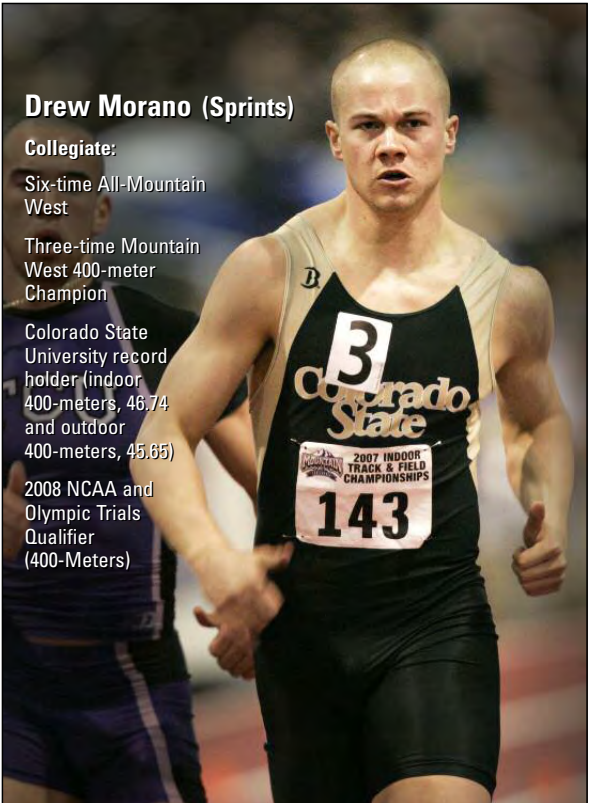
1998 Tied CSU Outdoor High Jump record

1998 All-Western Athletic Conference
(High Jump, 3rd)

Owns high jump stadium records at Northern
Colorado and Colorado School of Mines

Drew Morano (Sprints)

Collegiate:
 Six-time All-Mountain West
 Three-time Mountain West 400-meter Champion
 Colorado State University record holder (indoor 400-meters, 46.74 and outdoor 400-meters, 45.65)
 2008 NCAA and Olympic Trials Qualifier (400-Meters)



Billy Nelson (Steeplechase)

Professional:
 2014 USA Outdoor Championship participant
 2013 USA Championships participant
 2012 USA Olympic Trials participant
 2011 IAAF World Championship Participant
 2011 USATF Champion
 2010 USATF Cross Country Championships Participant
 2010 USATF Championships – 5th
 2009 USATF Championships – 13th
 2008 Olympic Participant
 2008 USATF runner-up

Collegiate:
 Six-time All-American
 Ranks second on the CU steeplechase performers list
 2008 NCAA steeplechase runner-up
 2008 NCAA Midwest Region steeplechase Champion
 2007 and 08 Big 12 steeplechase Champion
 2006 Big 12 Indoor 3k Champion
 2003 USA Junior XC Champion
 2003 IAAF World Junior XC Participant
 2003 USA Junior 5k Champion



Jenny Simpson (Middle Distance/Distance)

Professional:
 Four-time USATF Indoor Champion
 Four-time USATF Outdoor Champion
 Two-time Olympian (2008 and 2012)
 2014 IAAF Diamond League Champion (1,500)
 2014 Zurich Grand Prix (1st, 1,500)
 2014 DN Galan Stockholm (1st, 1,500)
 2014 Paris Meeting AREVA (2nd, 1,500), ran second fastest time by an American (3:57.22)
 2014 USA Outdoor Champion (1,500)
 2014 Tokyo Seiko Golden Grand Prix (1st, 1,500)
 2014 USA XC Runner-up (8k)
 2013 IAAF World Championships (2nd, 1,500)
 2013 USATF 5k Champion
 2012 USA Olympic Trials (3rd, 1,500)
 2012 USA Indoor Champion (Mile and 3k)
 2011 IAAF World Champion (1,500m)
 2011 USA Outdoor Championships (2nd, 1,500)
 2011 USA Indoor Champion (Mile and 3k)
 2010 USA Outdoor Championships (3rd, 5k)

Collegiate:
 Four-time NCAA Champion
 Seven-time All-American
 Owns Six NCAA Records
 Owns Seven CU Records
 American record holder (steeplechase, 9:12.50)
 Won the inaugural The Bowerman award
 Four-time Big 12 Champion
 Four-time Midwest Region Champion
 2009 IAAF World Championships (5th, steeplechase – set the American record (9:12.50) which still stands)
 2009 USA Steeplechase Champion
 2008 Olympic Games (8th)
 2008 USA Olympic Trials (3rd)
 2007 USA Steeplechase Champion





Corey Edwards
Academics

Corey Edwards Academic Counselor • Fourth Season

Corey Edwards is in his fourth year as an academic coordinator in the Herbst Academic Center. He currently works with the track & field and cross country teams and serves as the tutor coordinator for the department. Prior to his arrival at CU, Edwards was the Director of Athletic Events and Operations at the University of Northern Colorado where he helped that department successfully transition from NCAA Division II to Division I. Following his job at UNC, Edwards interned at Kroenke Sports Enterprises with the Colorado Rapids in their marketing and event operations departments. A native of Texas, Edwards attended Sweetwater High School where he lettered in basketball and track & field. He continued his basketball career at Abilene Christian University. Edwards earned both his bachelor's degree in communication and master's in sport administration from UNC. Edwards enjoys mountain biking, camping and tennis. He and his wife Tabitha had four daughters, Kailey, Kori, Koco, and Kamille.



MT Eisner
Sports Performance

MT Eisner Assistant Coach Sports Performance • Second Season

MT Eisner joined the Colorado Sports Performance staff in September of 2013 after spending just over a year at the University of Denver as a part-time assistant coach, working with all 17 Division I programs. She graduated from Fairfield University in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in communication and journalism and went on to receive her master's degree in sports medicine with a specialization in strength and conditioning from UC-Colorado Springs in 2013. While attending Fairfield, she earned four letters in soccer and was named to the First Team All-MAAC in 2007 and 2008. Her team was the MAAC Champion in 2005 and represented the conference in the NCAA Tournament that same season. Eisner has certifications in CSCS (certified strength and conditioning specialist), USA Weightlifting Level 1 and CPR/AED. She graduated from Arapahoe High School in 2004 where she lettered in soccer. The former MT Church is married to Justin Eisner and enjoys playing tennis and running in her free time.



Tim Horton
Equipment

Tim Horton Assistant Equipment Manager • 14th Season

Tim Horton has returned to the equipment room after spending eight seasons in the business office at CU. This is his 22nd year at CU, his 14th as Olympic Sports equipment manager, as he joined the CU staff in the fall of 1992. His primary duties at Colorado are handling the equipment needs for the non-revenue sports, along with helping the football program on game day. The student-athletes selected him as the 2002-03 Staff Member of the Year for his contributions and time dedicated to the success of the members of CU's 17 intercollegiate programs, presenting him with the honor at the 2003 CUSPY's. He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 1979, earning a bachelor's of science degree in business administration and marketing. He was a member of the Bears' ski team while in college. Born Dec. 11, 1956 in Leadville, Colo., he graduated from Boulder's Fairview High in 1975, where he lettered in football. An avid bicyclist, he participated in the 2004 Ride The Rockies to test his endurance over the 350-plus mile trek. Horton also rode the Denver Century in June 2014 and raised over \$1,500 for cancer research in search of the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. He has a son, Davis Paul (24) and is a seven year cancer survivor.



Tara Morano
Athletic Trainer

Tara Morano Assistant Athletic Trainer • Second Season

Tara Morano is in her second year as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at the University of Colorado after joining the staff in August of 2013. She works with the men's and women's cross country and track and field teams. Prior to joining CU, she worked at the University of Texas (2006-2013), including the last six seasons with the men's track and field team. In 2004, Morano graduated with her bachelor's in athletic training at Central Methodist College. At CMC, she competed in basketball and track while graduating Magna Cum Laude with Honors. Upon graduating, Morano provided interim medical coverage for the Mid-Missouri Mavericks minor league baseball team in Columbia, Mo. She went on to attend the University of Tennessee and earned her master's in sport management with a 4.0 GPA in 2006. The Warsaw, Mo. native graduated from Warsaw High School in 1999 and lettered in basketball, volleyball, cross country and track and field. She enjoys outdoor activities, sports and cooking. The former Tara Burnett is married to CU assistant track coach Drew Morano.



Linda Sprouse
Sports Information

Linda Sprouse Assistant Sports Information Director • 10th Season

Linda Sprouse is in her 10th season as the assistant sports information director for the CU cross country/track and field team and also works with the volleyball program at Colorado. Sprouse served as the media coordinator for the 2013 Pac-12 Cross Country Championships and the 2008 Big 12 Outdoor Track & Field Championship when the Buffs hosted both meets. Prior to joining CU, she served as the coordinator of media relations for the American Volleyball Coaches Association from 2003-05, working primarily with NCAA women's Division II and III and men's Division III volleyball programs. Sprouse served as a graduate assistant in the athletic communications office at Minnesota State University from 2001-03. She worked with several of the Mavericks' programs, including volleyball, women's ice hockey and women's basketball. Sprouse earned her bachelor's degree in mass communications from MSU in 2001 and completed her master's of science in sport administration from MSU in 2007. A native of New Ulm, Minn., she earned two letters as a member of the NUHS tennis team and enjoys watching hockey, hiking and spending time with family and friends. The former Linda Poncin is married to Nick Sprouse. The couple has one daughter, Lily, who will turn one in April.