

2014 BUFFALOES

PLAYERS



KELSEY ENGLISH



6-2, Senior, Middle Blocker
 Colorado Springs, Colo. (Doherty)

Kritza on English

"Kelsey returns for her senior season with great anticipation for her best season yet. One of our best athletes, she has steadily improved throughout her time in a Buffs jersey and we expect nothing less in her last season on the volleyball court."

As a Junior in 2013

English started 30 of CU's 32 matches and saw action every match. As one of CU's most consistent players, English had seventeen matches with seven or more

kills and 13 matches with at least 10.0 points. She led the team in aces (42), the most a junior has ever recorded in CU history, and was third on the all-time single season list at CU. Her average of 0.36 aces per set ranked third overall in the Pac-12. Her career-high six aces came against Iowa State (12/6) in CU's victory in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, which tied a CU record for most aces in an NCAA match. On the defensive side, English was second on the team with 84 blocks and recorded a season-high seven blocks in the road win against Washington State (11/1). English finished the year with 213 kills (fifth on the team) and lead the team with .361 hitting percentage, which was fifth in the league.

As a Sophomore in 2012

English continued to shine for the Buffs on the volleyball court, starting in all 32 matches. She led the Buffs with a .316 hitting percentage and ranked fourth on the team with 218 kills and second with 92 blocks. English hammered a career-high 15 kills against UMBC (9/7) and posted a personal best eight blocks against Utah (9/19). English etched her name in the record book after hitting an amazing .765 (13 kills, no errors and 17 attacks) which ranks 12th for the Buffs. She also tied for ninth in the record book with five aces, which she served up against Utah (11/23) and included four aces in a row. English averaged 1.88 kills, 0.79 blocks and 2.45 points per set as a sophomore.

As a Freshman in 2011

English made an immediate impact in her first season and started 26 of 29 matches on the right side. She recorded double-digit kills in six different matches and had a career-high twelve kills in the win over Albany (9/4). In this same match, she hit .435, and added five digs and six blocks. English made several big contributions as she had eight kills and seven digs against UCLA (10/21), helping CU to win its first Pac-12 set. English finished the season with a total of 191 kills, ranking third on the team. She also recorded 60 digs, 43 blocks and 225.5 points.

Track & Field – 2014: *Indoor:* English jumped at four meets during her junior year, winning two of those competitions. She earned an indoor best mark of 5-10.75 at the Joe Davies Open (2/22) and jumped 5-10 at the Potts Invite (1/18), winning both meets. English took home fourth place for the Buffs at the MPSF Championships after clearing 5-8 and also jumped 5-5 for fourth place at the Air Force All-Comers meet (1/11).

Outdoor: English continued to have a good season with five first place finishes. She jumped a personal best 5-11.25 to win the Beach Invite (4/19), just one day after winning her section at the Mt. SAC Relays (4/18) with a mark of 5-8.75. English also took home top honors at the Jack Christiansen Invite (4/26), the Jerry Quiller Classic (3/22) and at the Fum McGraw Open (3/29), all with a mark of 5-8.75. She went on to compete at the NCAA West Preliminary Championship and placed 25th (5-7.75).

2013: *Indoor:* English competed in five meets for CU. She had a solid start to her season, winning the Air Force All-Comers meet (1/12) after clearing 5-8. English moved into a tie for sixth place on CU's all-time performers list when she jumped 5-9.25 at the

Honors

2013

Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention

2012

Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention

English's Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2011-Fr.	29-26	100	191	89	483	.211	1.91	4	0.04	13	60	0.60	0	43	43	0.43	225.5	102.5
2012-So.	32-32	116	218	70	469	.316	1.88	7	0.06	16	47	0.41	8	84	92	0.79	284.0	188.0
2013-Jr.	32-30	117	213	50	452	.361	1.82	13	0.11	42	83	0.71	3	81	84	0.72	298.5	201.5
Totals	93-88	333	622	209	1404	.294	1.87	24	0.07	71	190	0.57	11	208	219	0.66	808.0	492.0
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2011-Fr.	21-18	72	135	70	357	.182	1.88	3	0.04	11	45	0.62	0	24	24	0.33	158.0	65.0
2012-So.	20-20	71	121	48	272	.268	1.70	4	0.06	11	30	0.42	5	49	54	0.76	161.5	97.5
2013-Jr.	20-20	71	131	32	286	.346	1.85	8	0.11	22	48	0.68	2	52	54	0.76	181.0	117.0
Totals	61-58	214	387	150	915	.259	1.81	15	0.07	44	123	0.57	7	125	132	0.62	319.5	500.5

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Air Force Team Challenge (2/9). It was the best jump by a Buff since 1997. English went on to compete at the MPSF Championships and tied for fourth (5-7.25).

Outdoor: English became the fourth best jumper in CU history as a sophomore when she recorded a mark of 5-10.75 to win the Jack Christiansen Invite (4/27). She also won the Fum McGraw Quadrangular after clearing 5-9.75. English picked up points for the Buffs at the Pac-12 Championships, placing eighth overall (5-8.75). She went on to compete at the NCAA West Preliminary Championships and placed 13th overall (5-8.75), just missing advancing to the NCAA Championships by one position.

2012: *Indoor:* English started the season by clearing 5-05 in the high jump at the Air Force Invite (2/11), tying for seventh overall. The following week she reached her season-best height of 5-07, placing third. English's mark also made her the ninth best performer at CU in the indoor high jump. She competed at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships, clearing 5-06 to tie for 14th.

Outdoor: English recorded a personal best of 5-10 to win the Fum McGraw Quadrangular (3/31). She tied for 11th at the Pac-12 Championships (5-04.50) and went on to tie for 23rd at the NCAA West Prelims (5-07.25). English competed at junior nationals and tied for ninth (5-07).

High School

English was a middle blocker from Doherty High School, coached by Julie Ortiz. She recorded 294 kills on 589 attacks while adding 41 aces and 90 blocks as the Spartans finished the season with a 22-8 record. English was a first team all-league selection in 2011. As a junior she recorded 201 kills and 102 digs and DHS finished with a 23-7 overall record. DHS advanced to the semi-finals in the CHSAA 5A championship before falling to Highlands Ranch High School in five sets. English was named second team all-state that year.

She has a jump reach of 10-6 that she demonstrated by winning the 2009 and 2011 CHSAA 5A state high jump championship. English set the DHS record in the high jump at 5-9 on May 20, 2011.

Personal

Kelsey English was born on May 20, 1993 in Aurora, Colo. She is the daughter of Kevin, who played basketball at Wisconsin, and Jeanne English of Colorado Springs, Colo. and has one younger brother, Sean. English enjoys cooking, snowboarding, swimming, horseback riding, rock climbing, writing, shopping and yoga. She was also recruited by Missouri, San Diego State, Texas A&M, Wyoming, Ohio State, Virginia Tech, Alabama and Oregon State.

Academics

English is majoring in psychology and sociology and has a GPA greater than 3.00. In 2012 and 2013 she was named to the Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention team. She was a member of the honor roll every semester of high school and was also a member of the National Honor Society and DECA. English was an Academic All-State first team selection her sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

Career Highs

Kills – 15 @ UMBC (9/7/12)
Attacks – 31 @ UA (11/12/11)
Att Pct. – .765 vs WSU (10/5/12)
Assists – 3 vs. WSU (10/6/13)
Aces – 6 vs. ISU (12/6/13)
Digs – 7 @ UCLA (10/21/11)
Blocks – 8 vs. Utah (9/19/12)
Points – 19.0 @ UMBC (9/7/12),
 vs. ASU (9/13/13)

2013 Match-by-Match

Team (Date)	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	Ast.	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	BHE	Pts.
ST. MARY'S (8/30)	4	7	3	16	.250	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	8.5
ST. MARY'S (8/31)	4	6	2	17	.235	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	8.0
vs. Stony Brook (9/6)	3	8	0	14	.571	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	9.5
vs. Oakland (9/6)	3	5	0	6	.833	0	1	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	6.0
vs. Rutgers (9/7)	4	1	0	2	.500	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0
@ Syracuse (9/7)	3	5	1	9	.444	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	6.5
vs. Appalachian State (9/13)	5	13	4	22	.409	1	4	2	0	4	0	4	1	0	19.0
vs. Northwestern State (9/13)	3	5	2	12	.250	0	2	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	8.0
@ Baylor (9/14)	3	7	0	8	.750	1	3	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	11.0
at Utah (9/24)	5	7	1	15	.400	0	2	1	0	6	0	1	0	0	9.5
UCLA (9/27)	5	8	3	20	.250	0	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	10.5
at Wyoming (10/1)	5	8	3	23	.217	0	2	1	0	4	0	5	0	0	12.5
WASHINGTON (10/4)	4	8	3	20	.250	0	1	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	10.0
WASHINGTON STATE (10/6)	4	6	1	16	.312	3	2	1	0	6	0	3	0	0	9.5
at California (10/9)	3	5	1	12	.333	0	4	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	10.5
at Stanford (10/12)	3	2	0	7	.286	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3.0
at Oregon (10/18)	3	9	0	15	.600	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	9.5
at Oregon State (10/20)	3	11	1	21	.476	0	3	2	0	4	0	5	0	0	16.5
ARIZONA (10/25)	3	4	1	10	.300	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	6.5
ARIZONA STATE (10/27)	4	6	5	18	.056	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	9.0
at Washington State (11/1)	5	10	2	18	.444	0	3	2	0	3	0	7	0	0	16.5
at Washington (11/3)	3	9	0	15	.600	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	11.0
STANFORD (11/8)	3	3	1	8	.250	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	3.5
CALIFORNIA (11/9)	4	9	2	19	.368	2	1	1	0	4	0	5	0	0	12.5
at Arizona State (11/14)	3	8	3	15	.333	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	9.0
at Arizona (11/17)	1	1	0	3	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
OREGON STATE (11/22)	3	7	1	11	.545	0	2	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	11.5
OREGON (11/24)	4	7	3	15	.267	1	0	1	4	3	0	4	0	0	9.0
UTAH (11/27)	5	6	3	17	.176	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	7.0
at USC (11/29)	3	5	1	11	.364	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5.5
vs. Iowa State (12/6)	4	8	1	15	.467	1	6	1	0	3	0	2	1	0	15.0
@ Minnesota (12/7)	5	9	1	22	.364	0	0	2	0	3	0	5	1	0	11.5
TOTALS	117	213	50	452	.361	13	42	36	4	83	3	81	7	0	298.5
TOTALS - Pac-12	71	131	32	286	.346	8	22	24	4	48	2	52	4	0	181.0

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**RACHEL
HARGIS**



6-4, Senior, Middle Blocker
Robinson, Texas (Robinson)

Kritza on Hargis

“Rachel is a welcome addition to the volleyball family and in this final season of competition for her, she will be able to contribute to this team in many ways. High level athletes can compete in multiple sports and Rachel is one of these athletes.”

At Colorado

Hargis earned four letters as a member of the Colorado women’s basketball team 2010-2014. She finished her career as Colorado’s all-time leader in games played, appearing in 134 contests (out of a possible 135). Her only missed game was the 2013 NCAA Tournament first round matchup against Kansas (knee injury). She passed the previous record of 132, held by Erin Scholz, 1993-94, with a start in the 2014 Postseason WNIT win over Southern Utah. A four-year defensive presence for the Buffaloes, Hargis is eighth in career blocked-shots with 105. She was the first signee of the Linda Lappe coaching era (April 2010), and played with the Buffs as a member of both the Big 12 and Pac-12 Conferences.

High School

Hargis earned three letters on the Robinson High School volleyball team as an outside hitter. During her senior season, the team made the area round of the playoffs and she was named second-team Super Centex and first-team all-district. As a junior, RHS advanced to the semifinals of the regional tournament. Hargis was an honorable mention all-district selection as a sophomore.

Personal

Rachel Marie Hargis was born on March 12, 1992, in San Antonio. She is the daughter Gary and Alicia Hargis. She is one of four children with two older brothers, Matt and Joel and one younger brother, Jordan. She says the biggest moment in her high school career was being named MVP after winning the state championship her junior year. Hargis is ambidextrous as she writes left-handed and does almost everything else with her right hand.

Academics

Hargis graduated from Colorado in May 2014 with her bachelor’s degree in psychology and is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in evolutionary biology. She was a two-time member of the Pac-12 Conference Women’s Basketball All-Academic Team (2013 & ‘14).

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**NEIRA
ORTIZ RUIZ**
6-5, Senior, Right Side Hitter/
Outside Hitter
San Juan, Puerto Rico (Cupeyville)



Kritza on Ortiz Ruiz

"Primed for a strong finish to her career, Neira will provide great flexibility for our squad, as she can produce points on either the left or the right pin. She has taken a serious and mature approach to completing her collegiate career at the highest possible point and will go on to play professionally as well."

Spring/Summer in 2014

Ortiz Ruiz was invited to train with the Puerto Rico Senior National Team. Puerto Rico won the bronze medal at the Pan-Am Cup with a five-set victory against Argentina.

As a Junior in 2013

Ortiz Ruiz saw action in 21 matches, including two starts. She made a huge impact in CU's upset win over No. 11 UCLA (9/27) when she recorded a career-high 14 kills, four blocks and 16.5 points. Prior to conference play, Ortiz Ruiz was errorless in her attacks in back-to-back matches with 16 attacks against Stony Brook and five against Oakland on Sept. 6, recording 11 kills in those two matches. One of CU's best reserves, she made key appearances throughout the season to add a bigger block to Colorado's defense. She recorded 68 kills on 177 attempts and posted 18 total blocks (two solo and 16 assists).

Honors
2014
Puerto Rico National Training Team

As a Sophomore In 2012

Ortiz Ruiz had a breakout year as a sophomore, playing in all 32 matches and 103 of the 116 sets. She led the Buffs in kills seven times and had 13 matches with 10 or more kills. She hammered a career-high of 14 kills three times during the season. One of those matches was the conference home opener against Utah (9/19) where she also hit a career-best .565 with just one error on 23 attacks. Ortiz Ruiz was second on the team with 231 kills. She also added 45 digs, 35 blocks and eight service aces.

As a Freshman In 2011

Ortiz Ruiz made her first appearance as a Buff against Albany (9/4) where she recorded her first kill. She saw action in 20 matches throughout the season. As the season progressed, so did Ortiz Ruiz's performance. She had an impressive match

Ortiz Ruiz's Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2011-Fr.	20-1	55	55	63	216	-.037	1.00	2	0.04	0	14	0.25	2	8	10	0.18	61.0	-11.0
2012-So.	32-11	103	231	139	666	.138	2.24	3	0.03	8	45	0.44	5	30	35	0.34	259.0	73.0
2013-Jr.	21-2	48	68	34	177	.192	1.42	1	0.02	0	6	0.12	2	16	18	0.38	78.0	42.0
Totals	73-14	206	354	236	1059	.111	1.72	6	0.03	8	65	0.32	9	54	63	0.31	398.0	104.0
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2011-Fr.	16-1	46	51	56	190	-.026	1.11	2	0.04	0	9	0.20	2	8	10	0.22	57.0	-7.0
2012-So.	20-8	65	149	94	448	.123	2.29	1	0.02	3	29	0.45	3	17	20	0.31	163.5	50.5
2013-Jr.	12-1	30	30	21	95	.095	1.00	1	0.03	0	4	0.13	1	8	9	0.30	35.0	14.0
Totals	48-10	141	230	171	733	.080	1.63	4	0.03	3	42	0.30	6	33	39	0.28	255.5	71.5

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against Arizona (11/12) where she recorded 11 kills on 24 attacks and totaled 11.5 points. She recorded a career and match-high three digs against Cal (11/5). Ortiz Ruiz finished the season with 55 kills, 1.00 kills per game, 14 digs, 10 blocks (two solo, eight assists) and 61.0 points.

High School

Ortiz Ruiz was a 6-5 outside/right side hitter at Cupeyville High School. CHS finished fifth in the league earlier this season. Ortiz Ruiz has played basketball, softball and soccer before deciding to focus on volleyball. She is interested in majoring in international business and linguistics. Ortiz Ruiz was also recruited by Long Beach State, LSU, Notre Dame, Arizona, Arkansas and Washington.

Ortiz Ruiz has trained with the Puerto Rican National Team program since she was 14, playing with the youth, junior and senior teams. In 2007 with the youth national team she played at the NORCECA Continental Championship in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico and was named the tournament's best blocker. Ortiz Ruiz played for the junior national team in 2008 and helped the team to a second-place finish at the same championship. During the 2009 season, she played at the Junior World Championships in Tijuana, Mexico. Ortiz Ruiz started training with the senior national team in 2010 in preparation for the World Championships.

Personal

Neira Ortiz Ruiz was born on July 6, 1993 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She is the daughter of Jose Piculin Ortiz and Andrenira Ruiz. Her mother was named Miss Puerto Rico in 1981 and was a contestant that same year for the Miss World competition. Her father is Jose (Piculin) Ortiz-Rijos. He was a highly decorated basketball player at Oregon State (1985-97) and was named all-conference and All-American while at OSU. Ortiz was also named the Pac-10 Player of the Year in 1987. He went on to play in the NBA for the Utah Jazz after being selected 15th overall in the 1987 draft. Ortiz has played professionally in Greece, Spain and Puerto Rico and was a member of the Puerto Rican National Team from 1983-2004; playin in four Olympic Games (1988, 1992, 1996 and 2004). Ortiz Ruiz enjoys playing volleyball, singing and dancing.

Academics

Ortiz Ruiz is majoring in linguistics.

Career Highs

Kills – 14, four times
Attacks – 45 vs. Cal (9/22/12)
Att Pct. – .565 vs. Utah (9/19/12)
Assists – 1, twice
Aces – 2 vs. Cornell (8/31/12)
Digs – 5 @ ASU (11/18/12)
Blocks – 4 vs. UCLA (9/27/13)
Points – 16.5 vs. UCLA (9/27/13)

2013 Match-by-Match

Team (Date)	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	Ast.	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	BHE	Pts.
ST. MARY'S (8/30)	1	1	1	2	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
vs. Stony Brook (9/6)	2	6	0	16	.375	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	8.0
vs. Oakland (9/6)	1	5	0	5	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.0
vs. Rutgers (9/7)4	4	11	5	25	.240	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	12.5
vs. Appalachian State (9/13)	2	3	1	9	.222	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4.0
vs. Northwestern State (9/13)	2	5	1	9	.444	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5.5
UCLA (9/27)	5	14	6	32	.250	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	16.5
at Wyoming (10/1)	2	6	3	12	.250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.0
WASHINGTON STATE (10/6)	2	2	2	7	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0
at California (10/9)	1	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Washington State (11/1)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Washington (11/3)	3	0	1	2	-.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
STANFORD (11/8)	1	0	2	7	-.286	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.5
CALIFORNIA (11/9)	4	0	1	1	-1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.5
at Arizona State (11/14)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Arizona (11/17)	2	3	3	16	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3.5
OREGON (11/24)	3	1	2	5	-.200	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.5
UTAH (11/27)	5	9	3	19	.316	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	9.5
at USC (11/29)	2	1	1	6	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
vs. Iowa State (12/6)	2	0	1	2	-.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
@ Minnesota (12/7)	2	1	1	2	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
TOTALS	48	68	34	177	.192	1	0	2	0	6	2	16	0	0	78.0
TOTALS - Pac-12	30	30	21	95	.095	1	0	0	0	4	1	8	0	0	35.0

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**TAYLOR
SIMPSON**



6-3, Senior, Outside Hitter
Colorado Springs, Colo. (Doherty/Missouri)

Kritza on Simpson

"A leader for this team in many ways, Taylor's abilities on the court will again be a key component for success this season. She is stepping up in many ways, both in her volleyball game, and as a leader of a team that can do some pretty special things this season. Her certainty and focused intentions for herself and her teammates is what separates Taylor from other athletes and will serve the Buffs well this season."

Spring/Summer of 2014

Simpson had a busy spring and summer on the volleyball court. She was invited to train with the U.S. Women's National Training Team in Anaheim, Calif. in March for a few weeks and returned to Anaheim after classes were completed in May. Simpson was also selected to compete on the Pac-12 All-Stars team in China. The team competed against the professional team from Fujian Province and the Chinese Junior National Team in Sanming and the professional team from Beijing and the Chinese Junior National Team again in Beijing.

As a Junior in 2013

Simpson was a highly decorated addition to the Buffs' offense for the 2013 season. Playing in all but three matches, Simpson led the team in kills (390) and points (1,131), which ranked eighth and ninth in the Pac-12 Conference. She also ranked second on the team in digs (288) and third in blocks (64). In 25 of 29 of the matches Simpson played in, she had 10 or more kills, and in four of those matches she recorded 20 or more kills. Her career-high of 23 kills came against Washington State (10/6). She was the first Buff since 2011 to record a 20-20 double when she had 20 kills and a career-high 22 digs against Utah (11/27). Simpson also recorded 14 double-doubles on the year. Early in the season, Simpson was named to the Baylor Invitational All-Tournament Team and the Candlewood Suites Invitational MVP. The four-time CU Athlete of the Week was an All-Pac-12 honorable mention selection and an AVCA All-Pacific South Region honorable mention honoree. Simpson ranks 22nd on CU's single-season kills list and 16th on the single-season attacks list. Her performance all season-long earned her the team's offensive MVP award.

Honors

2014

Pac-12 All-Star Team (China)
USA Volleyball National Training Team

2013

CU Female Athlete of the Year
AVCA All-Pacific South Region honorable mention
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
CU Offensive MVP
Four-time CU Athlete of the Week
Baylor Invitational All-Tournament Team
Candlewood Suites Invitational MVP
USA Volleyball Senior A2 Team
USA Beach Volleyball A2 Team

Spring 2013

Simpson joined the Buffs in January and shortly after she tried out and made the USA Volleyball A2 National Team which competed during the summer in Dallas. She also earned a spot on the roster for the USA Beach Volleyball A2 National Team that trained and competed this month in southern California.

College (Missouri)

Simpson played in 14 matches for the Tigers, starting in eight of those contests (47 sets). During the 2012 season, she recorded 118 kills and hit .267. She also added 50 digs and 30 blocks for 139.0 points. Simpson recorded 12 kills and 13 digs against Virginia Tech (8/26/12) and led the Tigers with 11 kills against Appalachian State (9/1/12). Mizzou finished the year 19-11.

College (Nebraska)

Simpson played in 12 matches (34 sets) before she was sidelined with a season-ending injury in 2011. She recorded four kills on six attacks for a hitting percentage of .500 against Weber State (9/10/11). Simpson also posted three blocks against New

Simpson's Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Jr.	29-29	108	390	194	1131	.173	3.61	24	0.22	9	288	2.67	4	64	68	0.63	435.0	186.0
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Jr.	19-19	70	266	141	773	.162	3.80	13	0.19	4	195	2.79	1	43	44	0.63	292.5	115.5

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Mexico State (8/26/11) and Albany (9/3/11). The Huskers won the Big Ten Championship that year and went on to play in the NCAA Tournament. NU finished the season with a 25-5 overall record.

High School

Simpson had a much decorated career at Doherty High School. As a senior, she garnered numerous awards, which included being named the Colorado 5A Player of the Year and earning the Sportswomen of Colorado high school volleyball award. Simpson was named the No. 9 player in the country by Prepvolleyball.com and was named to Volleyball Magazine's Fab-50. Simpson played in the Under Armour All-American game for the red team and was also named to the AVCA High School All-American first team, as well as an ESPN RISE All-American honorable mention selection. Simpson was also tabbed as a Preseason All-American by MaxPreps. She also recorded 471 kills, 60 blocks, 312 digs and 21 aces as a senior.

During Simpson's senior and junior years, she was named to the All-Colorado Team, PrepVolleyball.com's High School All-American Team, First Team All-Colorado 5A and helped her team finish third at the state championships both seasons.

As a junior, Simpson was named to the MaxPreps All-American Team and PrepVolleyball's Top-50 Juniors list. She was also honored as the Colorado 5A Player of the Year. That season she notched 446 kills, 46 blocks, 30 aces and 289 digs.

During her three seasons at DHS, Simpson was named first team All-Colorado Springs Metro League and first team All-4A/5A Area. As a sophomore, she helped DHS to a fifth-place finish at the state championship and was named to the All-Colorado 5A second team.

Simpson was also involved with USA Volleyball in high school. She earned a spot on the 2010 U.S. Youth Olympic Team that finished second in Singapore at the Inaugural Youth Olympics. Simpson led the team at the tournament and recorded 11 kills, six blocks and an ace in the final match of the tournament. She was also a member of the USA Youth National Training Team.

Personal

Taylor Elise Simpson was born on September 10, 1993 in Colorado Springs, Colo. She is the daughter of Rick and Serena Simpson. Rick played basketball at Louisiana Tech and Serena played basketball at UMKC. Her sisters, Cierra and Gabby, won the 2012 Colorado 5A State Volleyball Championship at DHS. Cierra is also a sophomore on the CU volleyball team and Gabby is a freshman. Simpson has another younger sister, Riley. She enjoys writing, reading, traveling and playing sports.

Academics

Simpson is a pre-journalism and political science major.

Career Highs

Kills – 23 vs. WSU (10/6/13)
Attacks – 56 @ Utah (9/24/13)
Att Pct. – .567 vs. Oakland (9/6/13)
Assists – 2 vs. SMC (8/31/13),
 vs. ASU (9/13/13)
Aces – 1 vs. vs. NWSU (9/13/13),
 @ BU (9/14/13)
Digs – 22 vs. Utah (11/27/13)
Blocks – 6 vs. ASU (9/13/13),
 vs. UCLA (9/27/13)
Points – 25.0 vs. WSU (10/6/13)

2013 Match-by-Match

Team (Date)	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	Ast.	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	BHE	Pts.
ST. MARY'S (8/30)	4	11	8	36	.083	0	0	0	2	6	0	2	0	0	12.0
ST. MARY'S (8/31)	4	10	5	26	.192	2	0	2	3	15	0	2	0	0	11.0
vs. Oakland (9/6)	3	17	0	30	.567	0	0	0	1	5	1	2	0	0	19.0
@ Syracuse (9/7)	3	11	5	34	.176	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	11.0
vs. Appalachian State (9/13)	5	15	6	44	.205	4	0	0	0	18	1	5	0	0	18.5
vs. Northwestern State (9/13)	1	5	2	16	.188	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	6.5
@ Baylor (9/14)	3	11	7	30	.133	1	1	1	0	13	1	1	0	0	13.5
at Utah (9/24)	5	22	12	56	.179	0	0	2	3	15	0	2	2	0	23.0
UCLA (9/27)	5	16	12	52	.077	2	0	0	0	15	0	6	0	0	19.0
at Wyoming (10/1)	5	14	10	45	.089	0	3	2	0	8	0	3	0	0	18.5
WASHINGTON (10/4)	4	18	5	43	.302	0	1	2	2	20	0	1	0	0	19.5
WASHINGTON STATE (10/6)	4	23	7	48	.333	2	0	0	0	7	0	4	0	0	25.0
at California (10/9)	3	8	9	37	-.027	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	1	0	8.0
at Stanford (10/12)	3	10	3	38	.184	1	0	0	2	6	0	3	0	0	11.5
at Oregon (10/18)	3	4	3	24	.042	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	4.5
ARIZONA (10/25)	3	15	3	27	.444	0	0	0	0	11	0	5	0	0	17.5
ARIZONA STATE (10/27)	4	11	11	47	.000	1	0	0	0	19	0	1	0	0	11.5
at Washington State (11/1)	5	9	5	32	.125	2	0	2	0	13	0	5	1	0	11.5
at Washington (11/3)	3	10	10	33	.000	0	0	1	1	5	0	1	1	0	10.5
STANFORD (11/8)	3	12	11	41	.024	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	12.0
CALIFORNIA (11/9)	4	21	7	52	.269	1	1	0	0	4	0	5	0	0	24.5
at Arizona State (11/14)	3	13	6	42	.167	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	13.0
at Arizona (11/17)	3	10	10	42	.000	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	10.0
OREGON STATE (11/22)	3	10	4	23	.261	0	0	2	0	5	1	2	0	0	12.0
OREGON (11/24)	4	18	8	49	.204	1	0	1	1	15	0	4	2	0	20.0
UTAH (11/27)	5	20	8	46	.261	1	1	0	1	22	0	0	0	0	21.0
at USC (11/29)	3	16	7	41	.220	1	1	1	0	12	0	3	0	0	18.5
vs. Iowa State (12/6)	4	16	4	41	.293	0	0	1	2	13	0	1	1	0	16.5
@ Minnesota (12/7)	5	14	6	55	.145	4	0	0	2	12	0	4	0	0	16.0
TOTALS	108	390	194	1131	.173	24	9	18	28	288	4	64	8	1	435.0
TOTALS - Pac-12	70	266	141	773	.162	13	4	12	16	195	1	43	7	1	292.5

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**ALEXIS
AUSTIN**



6-2, Junior, Outside Hitter
Houston, Texas (Cypress Falls)

Kritza on Alexis

"Alexis is coming into her junior season with a great deal of poise and pride in her team. She has worked in the offseason to position herself to be a mainstay in the offense and has continued to develop as a complete player to be able to increase her contribution to the team's overall success."

As a Sophomore in 2013

Austin continued to be an offensive weapon during the 2013 season. She started in 19 of 32 matches and missed only one match the entire season. Austin finished second on the team in kills (278) and points (303.5) and had 15 matches with double-digit scoring figures. One of her best performances came against Oregon (11/24) where she tallied 20 kills and 23.0 points, both career-highs. Austin was named to the Baylor Invitational All-Tournament Team during nonconference play and finished the season with 734 attacks, 74 digs and 42 blocks.

Honors

2012

CU's Most Improved Player
Sam Houston State Invitational MVP
Pac-12 All-Freshman honorable mention
CU Athlete of the Week (four times)
2013 BIP/USA Development Team

As a Freshman in 2012

Austin started in 31 of 32 matches for the Buffs; helping them to a 14-18 overall record during her freshman campaign. She led the team with 364 kills (3.14 kills per set) and also led CU in kills in 18 matches. She had 19 matches with 10 or more kills and eight matches with 15 or more kills. Austin hammered a career-high of 19 kills in a four-set loss to No. 2 Stanford (11/21). Twice before that match she had recorded 18 kills; once against Oregon State (10/28) and again versus Arizona (11/16). Austin also recorded a season-best hitting percentage of .325 in the match against Arizona and against OSU she collected a team-best 22.0 points. She picked up a career-best nine digs in a five-set thriller against Air Force (9/13) and put up five blocks twice; once against CSU Bakersfield (9/15) and Utah (9/19). During the season she collected many honors. She was named the MVP of the Sam Houston State Invitational, her first tournament with the Buffs, and was tabbed the CU Athlete of the Week on four occasions; tying the second most in school history. Austin was also selected to the Pac-12 All-Freshman honorable mention team and picked up the Buffs' Most Improved Player award for the 2012 season. She also added 140 digs and 44 blocks on the year.

During the summer of 2013, Austin was a member of the BIP/USA Development Team which competed in China.

High School

Austin was named a top-25 volleyball player in the 2012 class by ESPN and has earned a No. 26 ranking nationally by

Austin's Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2012-Fr.	32-31	116	364	186	1032	.172	3.14	15	0.13	6	140	1.21	3	41	44	0.68	393.5	129.5
2013-So.	31-19	105	278	113	731	.225	2.65	6	0.06	2	74	0.70	5	37	42	0.40	303.5	165.5
Totals	63-50	221	642	299	1766	.194	2.90	21	0.10	8	214	0.97	8	78	86	0.39	698.5	295.0
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2012-Fr.	20-20	74	243	124	723	.165	3.42	8	0.11	6	90	1.27	2	24	26	0.37	263.0	78.0
2013-So.	19-12	66	162	82	451	.177	2.45	3	0.05	2	36	0.55	3	24	27	0.41	179.0	90.0
Totals	39-32	140	405	206	1174	.170	2.89	11	0.08	8	126	0.90	5	48	53	0.38	442.0	168.0

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PrepVolleyball.com. As a senior Austin earned numerous other honors as a senior, including *Volleyball Magazine/Rox Girls'* Fab 50 selection, AVCA 2011-12 Under Armour Second Team All-American, 2011 Greater Houston Coaches Association/*Vype Magazine* Top 36, Cypress Falls High School MVP and Texas 17-5A First Team All-District. Alexis was named the Spring Branch Tournament most valuable hitter and earned all-tournament team honors at the Cypress Fair ISU Tournament.

As a junior Austin received numerous honors. She was named the MVP and Offensive Player of the Year for Cypress Falls High School. She set the school and district record for blocks in 2010 and was named to the 17-5A First Team All-District. She is also a stellar student as she was named to the academic all-district team in 2009 and 2010.

During the summer of 2011 Austin was selected to compete for the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team that competed at the FIVB Girls' Youth World Championships in Turkey. In 2010 she was named to the U.S. Girls' Youth National A2 Team and participated in the USA Volleyball High Performance Championships. Austin played her club career with Thunder VBC in Kingwood, Texas where she was coached by Marion Chlebana.

She was a two-sport athlete at CFHS, also competing in track and field. Austin was the 2011 MVP in track and a regional championship qualifier in both the high jump and triple jump. She is the CFHS long jump record holder. Austin was recruited by Nebraska, Florida, Oregon, Georgia Tech, Wisconsin, Colorado State, Houston, Rice, Baylor, Miami (Fla.), Tennessee, Arkansas, West Virginia, Virginia, Pittsburgh and Texas A&M before committing to CU. She chose Colorado because of its academics and the chemistry with the team and coaches.

Personal

Alexis Brianna Austin was born on April 21, 1994 and is the daughter of Anthony Austin and Shelia Teel-Austin. Her father played football for the University of Houston and her mother played basketball at Dillard University. She has two older siblings, Jalston Teel and Nikita Nicholas. Austin enjoys hanging out with family and friends and listening to music.

Academics

Austin is an open option major.

Career Highs

Kills – 20 vs. UO (11/24/13)
Attacks – 54 vs. OSU (10/28/12)
Att Pct. – .577 @ Syracuse (9/7/13)
Assists – 2, three times
Aces – 2, twice
Digs – 9 @ AFA (9/13/12)
Blocks – 5 vs. CSUB (9/15/12), vs. Utah (9/19/12)
Points – 23.0 vs. UO (11/24/13)

Season Highs

Kills – 20 vs. UO (11/24/13)
Attacks – 44 vs. SMC (8/31/13)
Att Pct. – .577 @ Syracuse (9/7/13)
Assists – 1, six times
Aces – 1 vs. WSU (10/6/13)
Digs – 6, three times
Blocks – 3, five times
Points – 23.0 vs. UO (11/24/13)

2013 Match-by-Match

Team (Date)	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	Ast.	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	BHE	Pts.
ST. MARY'S (8/30)	4	11	4	28	.250	1	0	1	5	2	0	3	0	0	12.5
ST. MARY'S (8/31)	4	13	6	44	.159	0	0	1	2	5	0	2	0	0	14.0
vs. Stony Brook (9/6)	1	4	1	8	.375	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	4.0
vs. Oakland (9/6)	3	10	4	25	.240	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	10.0
vs. Rutger (9/7)	1	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
@Syracuse (9/7)	3	17	2	26	.577	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	17.5
vs. Appalachian State (9/13)	5	9	4	30	.167	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	9.0
vs. Northwestern State (9/13)	1	3	0	13	.231	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4.0
@ Baylor (9/14)	3	12	2	25	.400	1	0	0	0	6	1	2	0	0	14.0
at Utah (9/24)	5	11	8	42	.071	1	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	11.0
UCLA (9/27)	3	5	4	15	.067	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	5.5
at Wyoming (10/1)	5	17	4	34	.382	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	18.0
WASHINGTON (10/4)	4	11	4	32	.219	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	12.0
WASHINGTON STATE (10/6)	4	7	5	27	.074	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	8.5
at California (10/9)	3	9	7	22	.091	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	0	10.0
at Stanford (10/12)	3	10	4	24	.250	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	11.0
at Oregon (10/18)	3	4	4	18	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.0
at Oregon State (10/20)	3	12	8	33	.121	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	12.5
ARIZONA STATE (10/27)	4	9	4	21	.238	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	10.5
at Washington State (11/1)	5	8	3	22	.227	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	9.5
at Washington (11/3)	3	5	6	17	-.059	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	5.0
STANFORD (11/8)	3	5	1	12	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	6.5
CALIFORNIA (11/9)	3	11	2	22	.409	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	11.5
at Arizona State (11/14)	3	8	4	24	.167	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	9.0
at Arizona (11/17)	2	1	2	6	-.167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
OREGON STATE (11/22)	3	13	4	27	.333	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	13.5
OREGON (11/24)	4	20	2	40	.450	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	23.0
UTAH (11/27)	5	12	8	39	.103	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	13.5
at USC (11/29)	2	1	2	8	-.125	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.5
vs. Iowa State (12/6)	4	6	1	27	.185	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	6.5
@ Minnesota (12/7)	5	13	3	22	.455	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	14.0
TOTALS	105	278	113	734	.225	6	2	10	12	74	5	37	2	1	303.5
TOTALS - Pac-12	66	162	82	451	.177	3	2	5	1	36	3	24	1	0	179.0

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**NICOLE
EDELMAN**



6-0, Junior, Setter
Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)

Kritza on Edelman

"Eddy returns to the court after working very hard in the offseason to rehab and prepare to continue leading the ascent of this program through the Pac-12 and the nation. Her strength as a competitor and desire for all her teammates to find success make her a strong captain and a force on the competition floor."

As a Sophomore in 2013

Edelman started in all but one match (31 of 32) for CU during the 2013 season. She served as a team captain for the second consecutive season, leading the Buffs to an 18-14 record and their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2006. In nonconference play, Edelman was awarded the Baylor Invitational MVP and was named to the Candlewood Suites Invitational All-Tournament Team. She continued her success when she recorded a career-high 57 assists in CU's upset win over No. 11 UCLA (9/27). A few days later, she was able to record that same total at Wyoming (10/1). Edelman tied her career-high 15 digs against Arizona State (10/27) and added three block assists. She recorded 249 digs on the season, which ranked fourth on the team. Edelman had 50 assists, eight digs and three blocks in the second round of the NCAA Tournament against No. 10 Minnesota (12/7). Edelman became the seventh setter in CU history to surpass 2,000 career assists after recording 1,145 assists during the season and ranks seventh on CU's all-time list with 2,205. She averaged 10.13 assists per set, which ranked sixth in the Pac-12.

Edelman was named to the All-Pac-12 honorable mention at the end of the season. She finished with her second consecutive season of over 1,000 assists, and added 89 kills, 13 aces, 52 blocks and 132.0 points. Edelman was awarded the Heart of the Buffalo award by the team for her continued dedication towards the team and program as a whole.

As a Freshman in 2012

Edelman started in all 32 of CU's matches and played in 115 of the 116 total sets as the Buffs compiled a 14-18 record. She stepped into the role of a team captain after the senior captain, Kerra Schroeder, was sidelined for the remainder of the season with an injury after the second match. Edelman recorded seven matches in her first season with 45 or more assists; including three matches with 50 or more. She recorded her season-best of 53 assists in a five-set come-from-behind thriller against Arizona State (10/12). In total, Edelman handed out 1,060 assists on the season, which ranks ninth on the career list. Her average of 9.22 was eighth in the Pac-12. She led the team in service aces, serving up 27. Edelman cranked out six aces in a three-set win against Howard (9/8), tying the fourth most by a Buff in a single match. She didn't let her hitters have all of the fun as she also recorded 99 kills (0.86 per set). Edelman notched eight kills against Air Force and also picked up 13 digs. She led

Honors

2013

Co-Captain USAV Junior National Team
Captain
Baylor Invitational MVP
Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention
Heart of the Buffalo award winner

2012

Captain
CU Volleyball MVP
Sam Houston State Invitational All-Tournament Team
Maddie Bingaman Memorial Invitational All-Tournament Team
Pac-12 All-Freshman honorable mention
CU Athlete of the Week (once)

Edelman's Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2012-Fr.	32-32	115	99	28	235	.302	0.86	1060	9.22	27	203	1.77	5	69	74	0.64	165.5	91.5
2013-So.	31-29	113	89	15	201	.368	0.79	1145	10.13	13	249	2.20	8	44	52	0.46	132.0	78.0
Totals	63-61	228	188	43	436	.333	0.82	2205	9.67	40	452	1.98	13	113	126	0.55	295.5	169.5
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2012-Fr.	20-20	71	62	13	150	.327	0.87	638	8.99	10	112	1.58	3	41	44	0.62	95.5	51.5
2013-So.	20-20	73	55	10	131	.344	0.75	737	10.10	9	165	2.26	5	26	31	0.42	82.0	44.0
Totals	40-40	144	117	23	281	.335	0.81	1375	9.55	19	277	1.92	8	67	75	0.52	177.5	95.5

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the team in hitting efficiency against Washington State (10/31) at .700 with seven kills on 10 errorless attacks. Edelman had a season-best 15 digs against UMBC (9/7) and recorded 203 digs during the season. She picked up several awards during her freshman campaign as she was named to the Sam Houston State and Maddie Bingaman Memorial All-Tournament Teams and was the CU Athlete of the Week once. Upon the conclusion of the season, Edelman was selected to the Pac-12 All-Freshman honorable mention team and was named the team's MVP at the season-ending banquet.

During the summer of 2013, Edelman was selected to the USA Junior National Team. She was named a co-captain and helped lead the team at the FIVB World Junior Championships in the Czech Republic.

High School

Edelman was named one of the top 25 prep players in the 2012 recruiting class by ESPN, as well as a PrepVolleyball Senior Ace since she is ranked No. 38 by PrepVolleyball.com. She was on the 2011 U.S. Girls' Youth National Team and the 2010 U.S. Girls' Youth National A2 Team and also earned mention on *Volleyball Magazine/Rox Girls' Fab 50*.

During her junior year at FHS, Edelman was a 5A all-state honorable mention selection. She was an all-conference selection her freshman, sophomore and junior seasons. Edelman was a two-time MVP, earning the honors as a sophomore and junior.

A Front Range Volleyball Club standout (under the tutelage of coach Jim Miret), she helped the team to a gold medal at Colorado Crossroads in 2011, which qualified the team for USA Volleyball's Junior Olympic Championships. The team also placed second that summer at the Northern Lights National Qualifier. In 2010 Edelman helped the FRVBC to a fifth-place finish at AAU Nationals and was named an AAU All-American. She has been a part of the USA Volleyball High Performance program and in 2011 she was selected to participate on the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team that competed at the FIVB Girls' Youth World Championships. Edelman was also recruited by Florida, Notre Dame, Iowa State, Colorado State, Virginia, Washington and Oregon.

Personal

Nicole Edelman was born on April 14, 1994 and is the daughter of Nestor and Julie Edelman. She has one younger sister, Diana. Her father played professional volleyball in Argentina and Europe. Edelman is fluent in Spanish and has spent many vacations in Argentina (Patagonia) to visit relatives. She enjoys photography, being outside, traveling and being with family and friends.

Academics

Edelman is majoring in business and has a greater than 3.50 GPA. She was named to the Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention team for the 2013 season.

Career Highs

Kills – 8 @ AFA (9/13/12)
Attacks – 19 @ AFA (9/13/12)
Att Pct. – .700 @ WSU (10/31/12)
Assists – 57 vs. UCLA (9/27/13)
Aces – 6 vs. HU (9/8/12)
Digs – 15 @ UMBC (9/7/12),
 vs. ASU (10/27/13)
Blocks – 5, three times
Points – 11.5 @ AFA (9/13/12)

2013 Match-by-Match

Team (Date)	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	Ast.	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	BHE	Pts.
ST. MARY'S (8/30)	4	2	0	3	.667	40	0	1	0	8	1	1	0	0	3.5
ST. MARY'S (8/31)	4	5	0	8	.625	42	1	1	0	6	1	1	1	0	7.5
vs. Stony Brook (9/6)	2	1	0	1	1.000	10	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1.5
vs. Oakland (9/6)	3	3	0	4	.750	41	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3.0
@Syracuse (9/7)	3	4	0	7	.571	40	2	1	0	6	0	2	0	1	7.0
vs. Appalachian State (9/13)	5	4	0	9	.444	45	1	0	0	10	0	2	0	0	6.0
vs. Northwestern State (9/13)	2	2	0	3	.667	15	0	1	0	7	0	2	0	0	3.0
@ Baylor (9/14)	3	3	0	4	.750	32	0	1	0	14	0	2	0	0	4.0
at Utah (9/24)	5	3	2	9	.111	48	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	1	3.0
UCLA (9/27)	5	4	0	10	.400	57	0	1	0	11	1	1	0	0	5.5
at Wyoming (10/1)	5	5	3	14	.143	57	0	0	0	13	0	1	0	0	5.5
WASHINGTON (10/4)	4	2	1	7	.143	46	0	2	0	12	0	2	0	0	3.0
WASHINGTON STATE (10/6)	4	6	0	13	.462	45	1	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	7.0
at California (10/9)	3	1	0	5	.200	32	0	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	2.5
at Stanford (10/12)	3	1	0	4	.250	30	2	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	3.0
at Oregon (10/18)	3	1	0	7	.143	20	0	2	0	6	1	3	0	0	3.5
at Oregon State (10/20)	3	2	1	5	.200	37	0	2	0	12	0	2	0	1	3.0
ARIZONA (10/25)	3	2	0	3	.667	36	1	1	0	7	0	1	0	0	3.5
ARIZONA STATE (10/27)	4	4	1	8	.375	42	0	1	0	15	0	3	0	1	5.5
at Washington State (11/1)	5	5	0	8	.625	41	0	1	0	9	0	2	2	3	6.0
at Washington (11/3)	3	1	0	5	.200	27	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	1.0
STANFORD (11/8)	3	4	0	5	.800	25	1	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	5.0
CALIFORNIA (11/9)	4	4	0	6	.667	48	1	0	0	9	0	4	0	0	7.0
at Arizona State (11/14)	3	1	1	3	.000	32	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	0	1.5
at Arizona (11/17)	3	0	1	1	-1.000	14	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0.0
OREGON STATE (11/22)	3	3	0	5	.600	39	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	3.0
OREGON (11/24)	4	4	1	9	.333	43	0	0	0	6	1	2	0	0	6.0
UTAH (11/27)	5	4	1	8	.375	49	3	1	0	10	0	3	0	0	8.5
at USC (11/29)	3	3	1	10	.200	26	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	4.5
vs. Iowa State (12/6)	4	0	1	6	-.167	36	0	1	0	8	1	3	0	0	2.5
@ Minnesota (12/7)	5	5	1	11	.364	50	0	1	0	8	0	2	1	0	6.0
TOTALS	113	89	15	201	.368	1145	13	28	0	249	8	44	4	7	132.0
TOTALS - Pac-12	73	55	10	131	.344	737	9	20	0	165	5	26	2	6	82.0

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**ERIN
TAYLOR**



5-10, Junior, Defensive Specialist
Sugarland, Texas (William P. Clements)

Kritza on Taylor

“Erin continues to battle for one of our defensive positions and works diligently to improve both her serve receive and defensive skills. Competition in all positions is important for all championship programs, and the best teams have players who compete and support the overall goals at the same time. Having an intelligent, team oriented player like Erin makes us a better team and will allow us to continue our progress as a group.”

As a Sophomore in 2013

Did not compete.

As a Freshman in 2012

Taylor saw action in four matches for the Buffs. She debuted in the black and gold against Howard (9/8), helping the Buffs to a 3-0 sweep of the Bison. Taylor also saw action against Norfolk State (9/15), Washington State (10/31) and Washington (11/2).

High School

Taylor graduated from William P. Clements High School where she earned three letters on the volleyball team and earned academic excellence all four years. As a junior, Taylor was named first team all-district. She continued her success into her senior year where she was voted most outstanding offensive player of the year, first team all-district, most valuable player, and served as team captain. The Rangers won the Fort Bend District Championship in 2010 and 2011 with an undefeated 18-0 record both seasons. Taylor played under coach Chuck Schnieder for the Houston Juniors.

Personal

Erin Gray Taylor was born on August 30, 1994 in Dallas, Texas. She is the daughter of Shawn and Mychelle Taylor. Her older brother, Austin, currently plays defensive end for Harvard University. Taylor enjoys drawing in her spare time.

Academics

Taylor is a open option major with interest in communication and journalism. She owns a GPA greater than 3.00.

Taylor's Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2012-Fr.	4-0	4	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.0
2013-So.	0-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.0
Totals	4-0	4	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.0
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2012-Fr.	2-0	2	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.0
2013-So.	0-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.0
Totals	2-0	2	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.0

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**KATELYN
CUFF**



6-2, Sophomore, Middle Blocker
San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)

Kritza on Cuff

“Cuff comes into her sophomore season with great enthusiasm for her team and all that can be accomplished this season. The offseason was a challenging but very positive one for Cuff, as she focused on rehabbing and returning to top form to be able to expand her role in the middle position. She is a fierce competitor and as she continues to improve physically, she will be able to do elevate this team’s overall level of play. We are excited to see that happen.”

As a Freshman in 2013

Cuff was able to contribute in 17 of CU’s 32 matches as a true freshman. She made her collegiate debut in CU’s season opener against St. Mary’s (8/30). She hit .466 with 34 kills and seven errors on 58 total attacks in the middle. Cuff recorded almost all of her a career-highs in the Baylor Invitational when the Buffs took on Appalachian State (9/13) with her seven kills, one assist, six blocks and 10.0 points. Cuff’s best attacking percentage came against Northwestern State (9/13) when she had six kills on seven errorless swings (.857). Cuff completed her freshman campaign with five digs, 17 blocks and 43.5 points.

High School

Cuff played at Torrey Pines High School, coached by Brennan Dean. TPHS was the preseason No. 1 team in the country in 2012 and held that ranking through October. TPHS has recorded a 29-4 record through the second round of the California Interscholastic Federation. Cuff is leading the Falcons in hitting percentage, blocks and service aces. The 2012 team captured the Durango Tournament title (one of the nation’s top high school tournaments) and was invited to play in the Nfinity Battle on the Plains. Cuff played her sophomore and junior seasons at Santa Fe Christian High School and finished with 24-13 (2010) and 25-12 (2011) records. She led her team in kills, kills percentage, and blocks for both years as well.

Cuff started her prep career at TPHS and was the first freshman to make the varsity team in the program’s history and started all season; helping the squad to a 24-11 record and a runner-up finish at the CIF San Diego Section (Division 1) Tournament. Cuff garnered multiple Union Tribune Athlete of the Week honors, all-tournament team, first-team all-league, county and CIF awards and was named as a PrepVolleyball.com Senior Ace for 2012.

Cuff has played club volleyball for Orlando Volleyball Academy and won a Bronze Medal in the open division at the USA Volleyball Junior Olympics in 2008. Upon moving to the San Diego area, she played for both of the top clubs in the area, Coast Volleyball Club and Wave Volleyball Club. In 2009, the Wave team was the No. 1 ranked team in southern California and placed third in the open division at JOs. The following year, the Wave finished fifth in the open division at JOs. Playing for the Coast in 2011,

Cuff’s Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Fr.	17-4	37	34	7	58	.466	0.92	2	0.05	0	5	0.14	1	17	18	0.49	43.5	34.5
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Fr.	7-0	13	3	2	11	.364	0.46	0	0.00	0	1	0.08	0	2	2	0.15	7.0	4.0



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her team took first in the Martin Luther King tournament. Cuff was recruited by many of the top NCAA Division I programs such as Cal, Stanford, UCLA, USC, Notre Dame, Texas and Florida.

Personal

Katelyn Cuff was born on September 2, 1994 and is the daughter of Bob and Jennifer Cuff. Her mother played collegiate volleyball at Nevada as both a middle blocker and right side hitter. She was a four-year starter and earned the program's first All-Big West Conference first team honors. Cuff's younger sister Lexi is also a volleyball player for the Wave VBC. She enjoys spending time with friends, hiking, yoga and playing beach volleyball.

Academics

Cuff is an open option major.

2013 Match-by-Match

Team (Date)	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	Ast.	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	BHE	Pts.
ST. MARY'S (8/30)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
ST. MARY'S (8/31)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
vs. Stony Brook (9/6)	3	6	1	9	.556	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	7.5
vs. Oakland (9/6)	1	2	0	2	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0
vs. Rutgers (9/7)	4	6	2	14	.286	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	8.0
vs. Appalachian State (9/13)	5	7	2	13	.385	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	10.0
vs. Northwestern State (9/13)	2	6	0	7	.857	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	7.5
at Wyoming (10/1)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Oregon (10/18)	1	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.5
at Washington State (11/1)	1	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
at Washington (11/3)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Arizona State (11/14)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0
at Arizona (11/17)	3	4	2	8	.250	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4.5
UTAH (11/27)	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at USC (11/29)	2	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
vs. Iowa State (12/6)	3	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
@ Minnesota (12/7)	3	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.5
TOTALS	37	34	7	58	.466	2	0	0	0	5	1	17	2	0	43.5
TOTALS - Pac-12	13	6	2	44	.364	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	7.0

Career Highs

- Kills** – 7 vs. ASU (9/13/13)
- Attacks** – 14 @ Syracuse (9/7/13)
- Att Pct.** – .857 vs. NWSU (9/13/13)
- Assists** – 1 @ Syracuse (9/7/13), vs. ASU (9/13/13)
- Aces** – 0
- Digs** – 2 @ Syracuse (9/7/13)
- Blocks** – 6 vs. ASU (9/13/13)
- Points** – 10.0 vs. ASU (9/13/13)

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**KATHERINE
HAWKINS**



6-0, Sophomore, Defensive Specialist
Blaine, Minn. (Blaine)

Kritza on Hawkins

“Kat brings strong athleticism and a fire to the team concept that is crucial for success. She works very hard to ensure that she is in the mix for a defensive position and we look forward to her contributions to this team both on and off the court.”

As a Freshman in 2013

Hawkins did not see any action during the 2013 season, however was awarded the Shoulder to Shoulder award by the team. This award recognizes a player for being the most supportive teammate towards the team’s collective goals both on and off the court.

Honors
2013
Shoulder to Shoulder Award recipient

High School

Hawkins played for Blaine High School under Celeste Gorman. The team finished the 2012 season with a 31-3 overall record. During that season, Hawkins recorded 203 kills and 324 digs and was named all-conference honorable mention. The Bengals compiled a 27-4 record in 2011 and in 2010, they finished 24-5. She was honored with the Bengal Award all four years for being a team player.

Hawkins played club volleyball for Mizuno Northern Lights and was coached by Adam Beamer. The team won seven tournaments in the spring of 2013, including Colorado Crossroads, Coracchia (Italy) and the AAU Super Regional. The team also posted a third place finish at the 2013 USA Volleyball Junior National Championships in Dallas earlier this month. Hawkins decided to come to Colorado because she loved everything about it.

Personal

Katherine Hawkins was born on March 3, 1995 in Fridley, Minn. She is the daughter of Patrick and Kristine Hawkins of Blaine, Minn., and has two sisters, Rebecca and Elizabeth. In her free time Hawkins enjoys fishing and boating.

Academics

Hawkins is majoring in integrative physiology.

Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Fr.	0-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.0
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Fr.	0-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.0

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**JOSLYN
HAYES**

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**6-3, Sophomore, Middle Blocker/
Right Side Hitter**
Santa Monica, Calif. (Santa Monica)

Kritza on Hayes

"Joslyn is an integral part of this team and our level of achievement this fall. Her commitment to self-improvement and the overall goals of the team is really special. The offseason has been a very productive time for Jos and we look forward to seeing her doing great things in a Buff jersey this fall."

As a Freshman in 2013

Hayes saw action in 22 matches, including three starts during the 2013 season. She made her collegiate debut in Colorado's first match of the season against St. Mary's (Calif.) on August 30, recording five kills and hitting .333. Her career-high six kills, 16 attacks, two digs and 7.5 points came against Northwestern State (9/13) at the Baylor Invitational. Hayes saw most of her action as a right side hitter to give the Buffs a bigger block as she recorded a career-high three blocks on three different occasions. She finished her first season with 29 kills, 118 attempts, 10 digs, 17 blocks and 39.5 points.

High School

Hayes played at Santa Monica High School under coach Liane Sato. The 2012 Samohi squad finished the season with a 12-3 record after playing in the CIF semifinal match. A four-year letterwinner at SMHS, Hayes was named first-team all-league freshman, sophomore and junior seasons (this year's honorees have not been announced).

SMHS has produced some top quality volleyball players and touts eight Olympians, including her high school coach, Sato, a two-time Olympian. Many others have gone on to have successful volleyball careers including Liz Masakayan who has played and coached several Olympians.

Hayes played for the Santa Monica Volleyball Club for her first three years on the club scene before switching to Sunshine Volleyball Club, one of the top clubs in southern California. She has played for Sunshine for two years where she was coached by UCLA men's volleyball standout Brennan Prahler, and will complete her club career this year under coach, Mike Campbell, who has ties to both the men's and women's programs at UCLA. As a member of the 18-open-division last season the team qualified for USA Volleyball's Junior Olympic Championships. Additionally, ESPN Rise names Hayes as one of 10 stars at the Southern California qualifier last year and was in excellent company with some of the nation's top prospects. Hayes was also recruited by Utah, CSU Fullerton, Cincinnati and Miami (Fla.).

Hayes' Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Fr.	22-3	47	29	18	118	.085	0.62	0	0.00	1	10	0.21	2	15	17	0.36	39.5	17.5
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Fr.	15-1	30	11	11	65	.000	0.37	0	0.00	0	5	0.17	2	8	10	0.33	17.0	5.0

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Personal

Joslyn Rose Hayes was born on October 26, 1995 and is the daughter of Luke and Janine Hayes. She has one older brother, Luke Jr., and two younger sisters, Hannah and Megan.

Academics

Hayes is an open option major.

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2013 Match-by-Match

Team (Date)	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	Ast.	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	BHE	Pts.
ST. MARY'S (8/30)	4	5	2	9	.333	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6.5
ST. MARY'S (8/31)	4	3	1	10	.200	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4.0
vs. Stony Brook (9/6)	2	2	3	8	-.125	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2.5
vs. Oakland (9/6)	2	2	0	7	.286	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2.0
vs. Rutger (9/7)	1	0	1	3	-.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
vs. Northwestern State (9/13)	3	6	1	16	.312	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	0	7.5
at Utah (9/24)	2	0	1	5	-.200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0
UCLA (9/27)	2	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Wyoming (10/1)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at California (10/9)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Stanford (10/12)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Oregon (10/18)	2	0	0	5	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Oregon State (10/20)	3	3	3	15	.000	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	5.0
ARIZONA (10/25)	3	5	2	9	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5.5
ARIZONA STATE (10/27)	3	1	2	10	-.100	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	2.5
at Washington State (11/1)	3	0	0	3	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.5
at Washington (11/3)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.5
CALIFORNIA (11/9)	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Arizona State (11/14)	2	0	1	1	-1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Arizona (11/17)	2	1	1	9	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
OREGON (11/24)	2	1	0	4	.250	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2.0
at USC (11/29)	2	0	1	3	-.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTALS	47	29	19	118	.085	0	1	0	0	10	2	15	3	0	39.5
TOTALS - Pac-12	30	11	11	65	.000	0	0	0	0	5	2	8	1	0	17.0

Career Highs

Kills – 6 vs. NWSU (9/13/13)
Attacks – 16 vs. NWSU (9/13/13)
Att Pct. – .333 vs. SMC (8/30/13)
Assists – 0
Aces – 1 vs. SMC (8/30/13)
Digs – 2 vs. NWSU (9/13/13)
Blocks – 3 three times
Points – 7.5 vs. NWSU (9/13/13)

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**GWEN
HERRING**



5-9, Sophomore, Defensive Specialist
Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)

Kritza on Herring

“A solid defensive player, Herring is battling it out for the libero spot and takes her role very seriously. An exciting player to watch, she brings experience and defensive prowess to our gym and with her continued development, we will only get better.”

As a Freshman in 2013

Did not compete.

High School

Herring graduated from La Costa Canyon High School. She was a 5-9 outside hitter, libero and defensive specialist for the Mavericks and was coached by Pat McDougal. As a senior, Herring helped her team to a 28-11 overall record and during her junior year the team recorded a 31-9 record. The Mavericks won the league championship from 2010-2012 as well as the CIF Championship. In 2011, the squad also won the southern California regional championship.

Herring played for the Encinitas Wave Volleyball Club and was coached by Jackie Bernardin. She turned her attention to her beach volleyball game by playing for a beach volleyball club this past year before enrolling at CU. Prior to signing with the Buffs, she was recruited by UC-Davis, Loyola Marymount, Santa Clara, Denver, Pepperdine and Stanford. She chose CU because it was the right fit.

Personal

Gwendolyn Christine Herring was born on May 10, 1995 in San Diego, Calif. She is the daughter of Robert and Janette Herring of Carlsbad, Calif. Herring has one older sister, Amelia, who plays tennis at Stanford. She enjoys going to the beach, playing sports, drawing and hanging out with friends.

Academics

Herring is a business major.

Herring's Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Fr.	0-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.0
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Fr.	0-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.0

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**CIERRA
SIMPSON**



**6-0, Sophomore, Defensive
Specialist/Setter**
Colorado Springs, Colo. (Doherty)

Kritza on Simpson

“CeCe had a strong showing last season in earning the libero spot, and we look for her to continue her improvement in all skills required by her position. She battles daily in the gym and is consistently our strongest in serve reception. She is committed to her individual growth and shows dedication to the success of this program through her disciplined efforts.”

As a Freshman in 2013

Simpson saw action in 116 of 119 sets (all 32 matches) in her first season as a Buff. As the starting libero, Simpson led the team with 372 digs and averaged 3.21 digs per set. She made her collegiate debut against St. Mary’s (8/30) and recorded seven digs. Simpson had 21 matches with double-digit digs and two matches with 20 or more. She picked up a career-high 22 digs against Appalachian State (9/13). Not only was Simpson a key factor in Colorado’s defense, but was also one of the team’s toughest servers. She ranked second on the team with 28 aces and had three different matches with three aces. Simpson was named to the Pac-12 All-Freshmen honorable mention team and was also recognized by the team as one of two most improved players at the season ending banquet.

Honors

2013

Pac-12 All-Freshman honorable mention
CU’s Most Improved Player
Baylor Invitational All-Tournament Team

High School

Cierra Simpson, a 6-0 defensive specialist and outside hitter, was a member of the Doherty High School team that won the 2012 5A Colorado State High School Championship after winning the Colorado Spring Metro League Championship to complete its 29-0 perfect season. During the season, Simpson recorded 182 kills, 208 digs, 40 blocks and 39 aces in 86 sets and was named to the Under Armour High School All-America Watch List. DHS recorded a pair of third-place finishes at the 2009 and 2010 state championships. Simpson was named the DHS Most Valuable Player as a junior, helping to guide the Spartans to a share of the Colorado Springs Metro League Championship.

Over the course of four years with the Spartans, Simpson was a two-time first team all-area 4A/5A Colorado Springs team member, a three-time first team all-conference member and was named to the second team once. Simpson was an academic all-state first team selection and DHS honor roll member her freshman through senior years. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and earned the CU James H. Baker Scholarship.

Simpson played club volleyball for Colorado Juniors under the direction of Kevin Marquis. The team placed second at the Puerto Rico National Championship in 2013 and won the same tournament in 2012. Simpson was named to the all-tournament team after helping her team to the victory. She was also recruited by UT-San Antonio, Kansas State, Northern Colorado, Georgia

Simpson’s Season Stat Lines

Overall	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Fr.	32-0	116	1	4	14	-.214	0.01	79	0.68	28	372	3.21	0	0	0	0.00	29.0	-42.0
Pac-12	MP-MS	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	KPG	Ast.	APG	SA	Dig	DPG	BS	BA	TB	BPG	Pts.	+/-
2013-Fr.	19-10	55	74	56	207	.087	1.35	10	0.00	0	16	0.29	1	29	30	0.55	89.5	23.5

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Southern and DePaul but came to CU because she loved the coaching staff, campus, location and the fact that the Buffs play in one of the top conferences in the country.

Personal

Cierra Alexis Simpson was born on May 16, 1995 in Spokane, Wash. She is the daughter of Rick and Serena Simpson. Rick played basketball at Louisiana Tech and Serena played basketball at UMKC. She won the 2012 Colorado 5A State Volleyball Championship at DHS with her younger sister Gabby. Simpson also has an older sister, Taylor, who is a member of the CU volleyball team and another younger sister, Riley. Simpson enjoys playing sports, running, reading, writing and traveling.

Academics

Simpson is a journalism major.

2013 Match-by-Match

Team (Date)	GP	K	E	TA	Pct.	Ast.	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	BHE	Pts.
ST. MARY'S (8/30)	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0.0
ST. MARY'S (8/31)	4	0	0	0	.000	1	1	2	1	12	0	0	0	0	1.0
vs. Stony Brook (9/6)	3	0	0	0	.000	1	2	3	0	8	0	0	0	0	2.0
vs. Oakland (9/6)	3	0	1	1	-1.000	2	1	2	2	13	0	0	0	0	1.0
vs. Rutgers (9/7)	4	0	0	0	.000	4	3	2	2	9	0	0	0	0	3.0
@Syracuse (9/7)	3	0	0	0	.000	7	3	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	3.0
vs. Appalachian State (9/13)	5	0	1	1	-1.000	5	2	2	0	22	0	0	0	0	2.0
vs. Northwestern State (9/13)	3	0	0	2	.000	7	0	1	0	14	0	0	0	0	0.0
@ Baylor (9/14)	3	0	0	1	.000	2	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	1.0
at Utah (9/24)	5	0	1	1	-1.000	1	0	1	1	16	0	0	0	0	0.0
UCLA (9/27)	5	0	0	1	.000	3	2	2	0	15	0	0	0	0	2.0
at Wyoming (10/1)	5	1	0	2	.500	6	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	1.0
WASHINGTON (10/4)	4	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0.0
WASHINGTON STATE (10/6)	4	0	0	1	.000	2	0	1	0	14	0	0	0	0	0.0
at California (10/9)	3	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	1.0
at Stanford (10/12)	3	0	0	0	.000	1	1	3	1	11	0	0	0	0	1.0
at Oregon (10/18)	3	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	1	10	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Oregon State (10/20)	3	0	0	0	.000	6	1	2	0	15	0	0	0	0	1.0
ARIZONA (10/25)	3	0	0	2	.000	3	0	1	0	9	0	0	0	1	0.0
ARIZONA STATE (10/27)	4	0	0	0	.000	0	3	1	0	20	0	0	0	0	3.0
at Washington State (11/1)	4	0	0	0	.000	2	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1.0
at Washington (11/3)	3	0	0	0	.000	2	1	2	1	13	0	0	0	0	1.0
STANFORD (11/8)	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0.0
CALIFORNIA (11/9)	4	0	0	0	.000	2	1	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	1.0
at Arizona State (11/14)	3	0	0	1	.000	3	0	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Arizona (11/17)	3	0	0	0	.000	3	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0.0
OREGON STATE (11/22)	3	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0.0
OREGON (11/24)	4	0	0	0	.000	3	1	3	0	17	0	0	0	0	1.0
UTAH (11/27)	5	0	0	0	.000	3	1	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	1.0
at USC (11/29)	2	0	1	1	-1.000	1	0	1	2	7	0	0	0	0	0.0
vs. Iowa State (12/6)	4	0	0	0	.000	1	1	1	3	13	0	0	0	0	1.0
@ Minnesota (12/7)	5	0	0	0	.000	2	1	1	6	17	0	0	0	0	1.0
TOTALS	116	1	4	14	-.214	79	28	37	29	372	0	0	0	1	29.0
TOTALS - Pac-12	71	0	2	7	-.286	41	13	23	13	226	0	0	0	1	13.0

Career Highs

Kills – 1 @ Wyoming (10/1/13)
Attacks – 2 vs. NWSU (9/13/13)
Att Pct. – .000
Assists – 7 @ Syracuse (9/7/13),
 vs. ASU (9/13/13)
Aces – 3, three times
Digs – 22 vs. ASU (9/13/13)
Blocks – 0
Points – 3.0, three times

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ANNA PFEFFERLE



6-2, Freshman, Middle Blocker
Northfield, Minn. (Northfield)

Kritza on Pfefferle

"Anna is a long, coordinated athlete with top-end potential. As a three-sport high school athlete, she knows how to move and how to compete. She is contacting at a very high point, which will translate into success at this level. Beyond her athletic abilities, she is a stellar student and a very positive, motivated young woman who will represent the Buffs well."

High School

Pfefferle helped NHS to a 17-12 record during the 2013 season. That year, she was named All-Missota Conference and was ranked in the state's top-10 in

hitting percentage (.408) and blocks (1.53 blocks per set), while adding 3.59 kills per set.

She also played basketball and competed in track for the Raiders. Pfefferle set the NHS single season record in rebounds as a junior, ranked in the state's top 10 for rebounding and earned all-conference honorable mention honors in basketball.

Pfefferle played club volleyball for Northfield Volleyball Club and during the 2013 season, her team attended AAU Nationals in Orlando. In 2014, she competed for M1 Mizuno.

Personal

Anna Jane Pfefferle was born on May 7, 1996. She is the daughter of Bob Pfefferle and Amy Berkvam Pfefferle and comes from a very athletic family. Her father played rugby at St. John's University (Minn.). Her brother, Otto, is on the basketball team at St. John's and her sister, Ingrid, is a member of the basketball team at St. Benedict (Minn.). She enjoys baking, reading and signing in the car. Pfefferle has been a member of the 'A' honor roll her entire high school career. Pfefferle was also a member of the National Honor Society.

Academics

Pfefferle is undecided on a major but is interested in nutritional science.



STEPHANIE SHADLEY



6-0, Freshman, Outside Hitter
Lewisville, Texas (Prince of Peace Christian)

Kritza on Shadley

"Steph is an explosive athlete and is fun to watch due to her jumping ability and lightning fast arm. Steph is all fast-twitch, which allows her to do things on the floor that few of her peers can imitate. A very accomplished three-sport athlete, Steph has learned how to shoulder a heavy load in carrying a team to success and will make a smooth transition to the collegiate game. We are excited to call her a Buff and look forward to many successes on the court, in the classroom, and beyond."

High School

Shadley helped the Eagles finish the 2013 season with a 39-5 overall record and they won their second straight state championship. The Eagles also won the state title in 2012 after compiling a 36-3 record. Shadley was named the volleyball district MVP her junior and senior years. As a senior, she was also named all-district first team and all-state first team and averaged a monstrous 4.3 kills per set earned the distinction of being named to PrepVolleyball's Soph79, which highlight the top 79 players in the country. During Shadley's junior year, she was also named to the all-state first team.

She was also a member of the basketball and track teams at PPCS. She has been a two year first team all-district and all-state performer, as well as the district MVP in basketball and in track, Shadley competes in the high jump, pole vault, 400 and 800-meter runs, as well as the 4x400-meter relay where she is a two-time Texas state champion.

Shadley has also played club volleyball for the Madfrog team in Dallas, Texas.

Personal

Stephanie Lynn Shadley was born on February 28, 1996 in Dallas, Texas. She is the daughter of Jim and Charisse Shadley. Her mother played basketball at Grayson College and her older sister, Jessica, is a combined events athlete on the track team at Baylor and was an All-Big 12 honoree in 2013. Her brother Michael attends Texas A&M. She enjoys hunting and horseback riding and would like to pursue a career in sports broadcasting.

Academics

Shadley intends to major in broadcasting and is also interested in business.

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PLAYERS



**GABBY
SIMPSON**



6-3, Freshman, Setter
Colorado Springs, Colo. (Doherty)

Kritza on Simpson

"We are very excited to add Gabby to our roster and welcome her into the Buff Family. We are proud to keep Colorado's top recruit in the class of 2014 close to home where she can compete for Colorado's flagship institution. Physically, Gabby has all of the tools necessary to be an elite setter and hitter. Through her involvement at Doherty High School, Colorado Juniors, and USA Volleyball, Gabby is prepared to compete at the highest level in the PAC 12, with and against the top players in the country.

She is a phenomenal competitor who has learned how to win by leading top tier high school and club teams. Gabby will have a truly unique experience in donning a Buffs' jersey alongside her older sisters, Cierra and Taylor, both part of a talented and motivated group we currently have in our program here at CU. Coming from a very close knit family, she is a young woman of great character and has proven to be a diligent and accomplished student and athlete who will thrive in her time here at CU. We are excited to get her on campus this summer and start preparing for the exciting season we have coming up."

High School

As a senior, Simpson picked up numerous honors. She was named to the AVCA's Under Armour All-America Second Team and earned a spot on Volleyball Magazine's Fab-50 list. Prepvolleyball.com named her to its Senior Aces (at No. 15) as well as to its All-America team. She helped Doherty to a seventh-place finish at the Colorado State High School Championships with the Spartans finishing the season 21-6. She was named to the All-State 5A, All-Area 5A/4A and All-Colorado Springs Metro League first teams. During the year, she was awarded recognition on the Cherry Creek and Cheyenne Mountain Volleyball All-Tournament teams. She recorded 711 assists, 277 kills, 187 digs, 72 blocks and 37 aces in 95 sets.

Her junior year she helped guide the Spartans to the state championship with a perfect 29-0 record. Once again, she was named to the All-Area 5A/4A and All-Colorado Springs Metro League first teams and to the Cherry Creek and Cheyenne Mountain Volleyball All-Tournament teams. She also collected Prepvolleyball.com's Top 50 Junior Recruits recognition and was named to the AVCA Phenom List. In 89 sets, she recorded 476 assists, 197 kills, 195 digs, 60 blocks and 34 aces.

As a sophomore, she was named Prepvolleyball.com's Sophomore 79 highest honorable mention, as well as to the All-Area 5A/4A and All-Colorado Springs Metro League second teams. DHS finished the season 17-9. In addition, she was named Prepvolleyball.com's Frosh 59 honorable mention as a freshman. That season, the team finished the year 22-8 and was third at the state championship.

Simpson has also been a member of the Colorado Juniors Volleyball Club the past six years. She was named a Rocky Mountain Region All-Star in 2013 when she was the MVP as her team won the 2013 Puerto Rico U20 National Championship. The team also placed fifth at USA Volleyball Junior Nationals where she was named to the all-tournament team. Simpson has also been involved with USA Volleyball as a member of the 2012 and 2013 Youth National Training Team.

An excellent student, Simpson has excelled in the classroom and earned academic all-state honors her freshman through senior years. She was a member of the Doherty Honor Roll and National Honor Society.

Also recruited by San Diego, Colorado State, Arizona State, UCLA and Kansas, Simpson decided on CU because she loves it here and is not far from her family, as well as the chance get to play with her older sisters.

Personal

Gabrielle Simpson was born on Oct. 13, 1996 in Colorado Springs, Colo. She is the daughter of Rick and Serena Simpson. Her dad played basketball at Louisiana Tech while her mom played basketball at UMKC. She has two older sisters, Taylor and Cierra, who are both members of the CU volleyball team, and one younger sister, Riley. She enjoys writing, reading and hanging out with friends.

Academics

Simpson is interested in sports broadcasting.