



Former WNBA player and All-Southeastern Conference performer **Jenni Benningfield** is in her first season as the Director of Operations for the Colorado women's basketball program. Her duties include scheduling, team travel, monitoring the budget, community service and facility coordination.

Benningfield joins CU for her first full time role, but has been around the department for a year. She was a volunteer assistant coach with the Buffaloes' volleyball team in 2011, serving as a sports psychology consultant. She was also the head varsity girls basketball coach at Pomona High School in Arvada for the 2011-12 season and in that same role at Nederland (Colo.) High School in 2010-11.

A native of Louisville, Ky., Benningfield was a four-year standout at Vanderbilt University (2000-04) where she helped the Commodores to four NCAA Tournament appearances and a pair of SEC Tournament titles (2002, '04). She scored 1,501 points for Vanderbilt, averaging 11 points and 6.3 rebounds in 136 career games. A two-time All-SEC second team selection (2003, '04), Benningfield earned honorable mention to the 2003 Associated Press All-America team as a junior averaging 16.5 points and 7.9 rebounds while shooting 56 percent from the field.

Benningfield was drafted by the Charlotte Sting in the second round of the 2004 WNBA Draft (22nd pick overall). She later signed with the Indiana Fever, where she played the 2005 season. In addition to her WNBA career, she played internationally in Spain (2004-08) and Australia (2008-09).

Benningfield's Chart

Professional Playing Career:

Australia (2008-09)

Spain (2004-08)

Indiana Fever, WNBA (2005)

2004 WNBA Draft Pick, Charlotte Sting

Vanderbilt University (2000-04)

4 NCAA Tournaments

2 SEC Tournament Championships

Two-time All-SEC Second Team

She earned her Bachelor of Science in human development from Vanderbilt in 2004 and completed her Master of Education in sport psychology and counseling from Boston University in 2010. Benningfield served as a sport psychology consultant at Wheelock College in Boston while working on her master's.

Benningfield is a 2000 graduate of Assumption High School in Louisville, the same school that produced Ceal Barry. She excelled in both volleyball and basketball at Assumption, earning second team All-America honors and a national championship in volleyball while earning Miss Basketball in Kentucky on the hardwood. She was a captain on the 2003 USA silver medal winning basketball team at the Pan-American Games.

BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF**TROY ANDRE****Assistant Sports Information
Director/Internet Managing Editor**

Troy Andre is in his 10th year as CU's assistant sports information director/ internet managing editor, and ninth as women's basketball contact.

Andre maintains CU's official athletic website, CUBuffs.com and was the contact for volleyball for two seasons (2003-04). He was the media coordinator for the 2006 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First and Second rounds played at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

Prior to CU, he worked for five years at Minnesota-Duluth both as the assistant SID and ticket manager, helping to publicize and promote 14 NCAA Division II sports and two NCAA Division I programs. He was UMD's primary contact for volleyball, women's soccer, men's and women's basketball and baseball; maintained UMD's official website; supervised the office work-study students; and in 2003, coordinated the marketing, promotion and ticket sales for the 2003 Women's Frozen Four.

Andre, 38, graduated in 1996 from the University of Northern Colorado with a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communication with an emphasis in public relations and advertising. He attended graduate school at North Dakota State University, majoring in mass communication, and worked for two years as a graduate assistant in NDSU's sports information office between 1996 and 1998.

At UNC, he worked two years in the Bears' sports information office as a student assistant, and also was a sports reporter for the *Greeley Tribune*, a job he actually started in high school and held for over five years. He covered the Denver Broncos training camp as a beat reporter for the Tribune, and later would work as a summer intern for the Broncos in 1996 following his senior year in college.

Born December 12, 1973 in Fort Collins, Colo., he graduated from University High School in Greeley, where he lettered in cross country and was also active in statistical work with football, basketball and baseball. He is married to the former Danielle Driscoll.

**DAN DOERFLEIN****Video Coordinator**

Dan Doerflein is in his third year as video coordinator for the University of Colorado women's basketball team.

Doerflein, 30, edits and analyzes practice and game film for the Colorado coaching staff, assisting in the creation of scouting reports.

He joined the Buffaloes after spending seven seasons working with the women's basketball program at Brigham Young University. He began as a student assistant at BYU for the 2001-02 season and after a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Washington D.C., he returned to his role from 2004-07 where he primarily worked on conversion defense and player development.

Doerflein was the Cougars' film coordinator from 2007-09, where he was responsible for recording and analyzing game film. After graduating from BYU with his bachelor of science degree in American Studies in 2009, he served as director of operations for the 2009-10 campaign where he was in charge of scheduling, travel, academics and film exchange.

He enjoyed a successful stint on the staff of Jeff Judkins' BYU program. While Doerflein was at BYU the Cougars won two Mountain West Conference regular season titles (2006-07), one MWC Tournament Crown (2002) and participated in three NCAA Tournaments (2002, 2006-07). Doerflein was on the same BYU staff as current Buffaloes assistant Jonas Chatterton, who was an assistant on Judkins' staff from 2001-09.

Doerflein is also a veteran of the youth camps circuit working with sessions at both BYU and the University of Maryland.



Born in Columbia, Md., Doerflein graduated from Grandview High School in Aurora, Colo., in 2001 where he lettered in basketball, baseball and tennis. He is married to the former Lindsay Banks.

KYLE GEDDES**Marketing/Promotions**

Kyle Geddes is in his second year as a marketing/promotions coordinator with the CU Athletic Department. Geddes assists in all aspects of marketing and promotions for all 16 of Colorado's varsity sports, with a focus on women's basketball and volleyball.

Prior to joining Colorado, Geddes was a marketing assistant with the University of Maryland Athletic Department where he developed and executed marketing, ticket sales and game production for the Terapins' men's soccer and women's lacrosse teams. His efforts allowed both programs to reach attendance milestones with both also exceeding their ticket revenue goals for the season. While focusing day-to-day on those sports, he also contributed to group ticket sales plans for football and men's and women's basketball.

Geddes spent two years (2008-10) as a marketing graduate assistant in the athletic department at St. John's (N.Y.) University. At St. John's he directed promotional and ticket sales efforts for women's soccer, women's basketball and men's lacrosse. He also implemented game day operations for eight of 16 varsity sports including men's basketball at Madison Square Garden. Geddes also worked for ISP Sports, where he was a promotions team member for the 2009 and 2010 BIG EAST Men's Basketball Tournament.

He earned his MBA from St. John's in 2010 with a concentration in marketing. Geddes obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration from Notre Dame in 2008, where he was also a four-year sports marketing intern for the Fighting Irish.

A native East Northport, NY, Geddes enjoys playing lacrosse and is an avid NHL and NBA fan.

**ROSI HAUBER****Office Manager**

Rosi Hauber is in her third year as office manager for the University of Colorado women's basketball team, assisting in virtually every phase of the program's day-to-day operation.

A CU Athletics veteran, Rosi arrived at CU in September 1997, and began a seven-year stint in the athletic director's office in 1998. In 2005 she moved over to the marketing and promotions and licensing area where she also assisted with the Alumni C-Club and the East Stadium Club Seats and Suites.

Rosi earned her diploma from Northeast Iowa Community college and worked at Iowa State University for 13 years before moving to Colorado in 1987. She grew up on her family's farm near Cresco, Iowa.

Rosi resides in Erie, Colo., with Jim Jokumsen and their Shiba Inu (Nami). She enjoys classic cars, travel, playing cards and college sports.

**CHRIS HOWLETT****Academic Coordinator**

Chris Howlett is in his first year in the Herbst Academic Center as he joined the staff in July 2012.

Howlett serves as the academic coordinator for the women's basketball, men's golf and skiing programs at CU. His primary role is to design and implement objective based academic programming for student-athletes to improve academic success, time management skills, decision making skills, and study skills with the long term





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goal being graduation, community involvement and career placement.

Prior to his arrival at CU, Howlett served as an athletic academic counselor at Florida Atlantic University from 2008-12. His responsibilities at FAU included the academic oversight of the men's soccer, women's softball, women's golf, and women's volleyball teams. In addition, Howlett served as the department's admissions liaison, textbook coordinator, and Life Skills coordinator.

Howlett attended Western High School in Davie, Fla., where he played baseball and hockey. He earned a bachelor's of business administration degree with a major in management from Florida Atlantic University in 2008. He also received a minor in accounting.

Howlett is originally from Northampton, England and enjoys traveling, playing hockey, and spending time with his wife, Rachel.

BRENT OJA

Assistant Director of Equipment

Brent Oja is in his second year as an assistant director of equipment, joining the athletic department in March 2011. Oja worked with football for a little over one season, and turns his focus to basketball for the first time this year.

Oja, 29, came to Colorado from the University of Virginia, where he had worked the previous three-plus years as an assistant equipment manager. At UVA, he was responsible for all the equipment needs for the men's and women's basketball teams as well as the men's and women's swimming and diving teams. He got his start in the business at Iowa State, where he served one year as an associate for equipment operations for the 2007-08 academic year.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2006 with two degrees, earning a bachelor of science in sports studies and a bachelor of arts in history.

He was born April 8, 1983 in St. Cloud, Minn., and graduated from Melrose Area High School (Melrose, Minn.) where he lettered in football and basketball (his father was his head coach in both) as well as in track and field. His hobbies include reading and watching movies.



CHRIS SHECKLER

Assistant Speed-Strength & Conditioning Coach

Chris Sheckler is in his first year as the assistant speed-strength and conditioning coach for women's basketball and volleyball, joining the Colorado staff in August 2012.

Sheckler, 26, came to CU from Montana State, where he was the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Bobcats for one year (2011-12). While at MSU, Sheckler designed and implemented strength and conditioning programs for men's and women's basketball, men's and women's alpine and nordic skiing, as well as women's golf, while assisting with football. He went to MSU from South Dakota State where he spent two seasons (2009-11) as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach.

He graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University in 2009, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science. He earned a Master of Science in Sports Science from South Dakota State in 2011. He also maintains strength and conditioning certifications through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) and USA Weightlifting.

While at Dakota Wesleyan, Sheckler was an NAIA scholar All-American in football, an All-GPAC linebacker and a recipient of the Dakota Wesleyan Matthew D. Smith Award, which is given to the most outstanding senior student-athlete. He also lettered three years in track and field, where he participated in the hammer and indoor weight throws.



He was born August 6, 1986 in Cody, Wyo., and graduated from Rock Springs High School (Rock Springs, Wyo.) where he lettered in football, track and field, and hockey. His hobbies include cycling, hunting, fishing, skiing and snowboarding. He also competes in Olympic weightlifting and the Scottish Highland Games.

JESSICA SOBIE

Assistant Athletic Trainer

Jessica Sobie is in her second year as an assistant athletic trainer with the University of Colorado. She primarily works with the women's basketball team and the Colorado Spirit squads.

Prior to joining Colorado, Sobie, 34, spent eight seasons as a member of the athletic training staff at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. She served as an assistant athletic trainer for the women's basketball and cross country squads and was promoted to associate athletic trainer for women's sports in June 2008.

Sobie provided event coverage for her primary sports plus men's basketball, soccer, volleyball, softball and men's and women's tennis. Along with her sport event coverage, as the associate, she supervised three full time assistants, three graduate assistants and was generally responsible for all women's sports at Bradley.

She was an instructor for a three credit hour course: Health Science Applications for Sport and Exercise, as part of Bradley's Health Science Department. Sobie was a CPR instructor and authorized provider, teaching CPR/AED to all athletic department personnel and athletic training staff.

She served as the medical director for the Missouri Valley Conference Men's and Women's Tennis Championships and a NCAA Men's and Women's Cross Country Regional event. Sobie is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification and licensed by the Illinois State Board of Certification.

Sobie earned her bachelor of arts degree with a double major in athletic training & health and fitness management from Capital University (Ohio) in May 2000. She received her master of science degree from Middle Tennessee State University in May 2003. At MTSU, she served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer, providing support to the women's basketball and soccer teams. Sobie also spent one year as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Southeast Missouri State University (2000-01), covering women's gymnastics.

A native of East Liverpool, Ohio, Jessica Hanson married Eric Sobie on July 23, 2011. She enjoys running, hiking, reading, baking and cooking. She has made two international trips, one a medical mission trip to Guatemala, and the other with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, to Israel for basketball and swimming camps. She is a three-time successful finisher of the Chicago Marathon.



DERIC SWANSON

Director of BuffVision

Deric Swanson is in his 14th year as the Director of BuffVision, coordinating all aspects of production involving the \$6 million video board operation for athletics.

Originally housed at Folsom Field, Swanson supervised the transition of BuffVision's operations to the brand new, state-of-the-art studio that opened at the Coors Events Center in August 2012.

Swanson is also a primary liaison between CU Athletics and Pac-12 Enterprises & the Pac-12 Networks.

Swanson, 38, came to CU from the Colorado Avalanche Hockey Club in 1999, where he had worked for a brief time as the manager of game entertainment and video production. He had previously worked three-plus seasons with the Colorado Rockies Baseball Club, first as a sta-



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dium camera operator, and then as video production coordinator, including the 1998 Major League Baseball All-Star Game at Coors Field.

In 2003, BuffVision won the Golden Matrix Award for "Best Overall Video Display" in the University Division at the Information Display and Entertainment Association (IDEA) conference in Atlanta. The following year, BuffVision was awarded two distinctions, one for the 2004 Aurora Awards, a Platinum Best of Show statue for In-Game Entertainment Graphics/Design, and a Telly Award for The Buffalo Stampede, CU's coaches' show. In 2006 and 2007, BuffVision won four more Telly Awards for Swanson's production, including two for the "Ralphie on Campus" institutional spot and another for The Buffalo Stampede.

He is a 1996 graduate of Colorado State University, earning his bachelor's degree in technical journalism and broadcasting. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and was recognized as CSU's outstanding graduate in journalism.

He was born May 24, 1974 in Oakland, Calif., and attended two high schools. His father was stationed in the Azores, Portugal, and he spent two years at Lajes High School, where he lettered in football, soccer, volleyball and basketball. After moving to Colorado, he graduated from Liberty High School in Colorado Springs, where he lettered in football. He played volleyball on CSU's club team for three years. In 2012, Swanson completed his third IronMan triathlon in British Columbia, Canada. He is married the former Heather Cohea and the couple has two sons, Gavin (4) and Dane (1).

ERIC PELLONI

Assistant Director of BuffVision

Eric Pelloni is in his seventh season as the assistant director of BuffVision, although he has been involved in CU Athletics for the better part of 13 years.

He assists with the video packages for CU's video display boards and has been on the BuffVision game day crew for 12 seasons. Pelloni also helps coordinate streaming and technical issues between CU Athletics and Pac-12 Enterprises.

When CU Athletics overhauled its official athletic website, CUBuffs.com, in 2003, Pelloni was hired on a part-time basis to create video content and stream live. He has created the majority of the graphic work and assisted in the designing of CUBuffs.com, and has designed several women's basketball media guide covers.

Pelloni was also the associate producer of "The Buffalo Stampede" coaches show which aired weekly on FSN Rocky Mountain until ending with Colorado's transition over to the Pac-12 Networks agreement.

Prior to his full-time appointment at CU, Pelloni worked as a freelance video editor/graphic artist in the Denver area, creating video content for both broadcast and non-broadcast applications for a number of clients including Qwest Communications, Coors, XCEL Energy and the United Way of New York City.

Pelloni graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver in 1998 and served as an Adjunct Professor at Metro State in 2003-04. He and his wife Gabbie, CU's Director of Operations for Olympic Sports, were married in June 2012.

B.G. BROOKS

Contributing Editor, CUBuffs.com

B.G. Brooks is in his fourth year as contributing editor for CUBuffs.com, joining the University of Colorado athletic department in July 2009.

The veteran reporter provides analytical game coverage and some commentary for football and basketball, writes feature stories and works on special projects and series with a green light to be objective. He is the



web site's first on-staff reporter and was seventh full-time reporter with newspaper roots working for a school or conference at the time of his hiring.

Brooks covered CU athletics for the *Rocky Mountain News* from 1987-2009, most notably football and men's and women's basketball. He wrote thousands of stories until the paper went out of business in February 2009.

He began his career at the *Memphis Commercial-Appeal* upon graduating from the University of Memphis in 1970. He worked for both the *Columbia Daily-Tribune* and the *Missourian* while attending grad school at the University of Missouri before joining the *Rocky Mountain News* in 1978. His experience includes the full scope, from copy editing and beat reporting (of which he was twice honored as the state's best in 2004 and 2005 by the Colorado AP editors) to time as a columnist as well as sports editor.

He also was a long time voter for many of college football's top awards, including the Heisman Trophy, the Butkus Award and the Doak Walker Award, as well as being an Associated Press Top 25 voter from 1987-2007.

Brooks and his wife Patti have two adult children Kelley, a CU graduate and Brian, a Western State College graduate, and two grandchildren.

MICHELLE WOLCOTT, M.D.

Team Physician

Dr. Michelle Wolcott is in her 10th year as team physician for the University of Colorado women's basketball program.

An orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Wolcott specializes in the management of athletic injuries to the ankle, knee and shoulder. She earned her bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Utah and graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1996.

Dr. Wolcott completed her internship and residency in orthopedic surgery at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill., in 2001. She also completed a fellowship in sports medicine at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics in 2002.

A member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine, Dr. Wolcott spends her free time her son, Henry (2), and daughter Charlotte (born July 2012).



STEPHANIE CHU, D.O.

Team Physician

Dr. Stephanie Chu has served as team physician within CU Athletics since 2008. Working with women's basketball, soccer and volleyball teams at CU, she specializes in primary care sports medicine, with personal interests in women's sports medicine and endurance athletes.

Originally from Westerville, Ohio, Chu earned her undergraduate degree from Miami University in 1999 and her medical degree from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2003. She completed her Family Medicine residency and Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship at the University of Connecticut in 2008, working with various athletic teams while at UConn.

Currently residing in Denver, Chu is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine (AMSSM). She spends her free time traveling and volunteering with the nonprofit organization Hope Shines, traveling to Kigali, Rwanda with the organization every summer.

