



# HEAD COACH LINDA LAPPE

Third  
Season



When **Linda Lappe** first came to Colorado as a freshman in the fall of 1998, she joined a basketball program with a proud history, but one that was facing a rebuilding period. Over her five-year career as a player she helped lead the Buffaloes from a time of struggle to the doorstep of the Final Four.

Fourteen years after her initial arrival in Boulder, Lappe is in the middle of guiding a similar

building process, this time as the head coach.

Lappe is 39-30 in two seasons as the head women's basketball coach at Colorado, including a pair of appearances in the Postseason WNIT. The 2012-13 season will be her sixth overall as a collegiate head coach, sporting a five-year mark of 89-66 with each season ending with a record of .500 or better.

She has led the Buffaloes to back-to-back winning seasons, and postseason appearances, for the first time since 2003-04. Additionally, Lappe coached CU to its first 20-win season in eight years at 21-14 in 2011-12, the program's first as a member of the Pac-12 Conference.

Her second season couldn't have started any better. Colorado swept its 11-game nonconference regular season schedule and with its first ever Pac-12 win, a 58-52 come-from-behind classic at Utah in the opener, CU equaled the second-best start in school history at 12-0.

Colorado also achieved its first conference tournament win since 2007 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2012 Postseason WNIT for the second straight season.

The prospects remain bright for Lappe's 2012-13 squad. CU returns nine letterwinners and all but one regular contributor from a season ago. She also brings in the 27th ranked recruiting class in the nation, according to ESPN's HoopGurlz.

At 32, she remains the youngest head women's basketball coach at a BCS conference school and at the time of her hire was the third-youngest overall, behind only Jamie Craighead (Sacramento State) and Candace Whittaker (UMKC). Just a couple months after her 30th birthday, she became the second-youngest to be named head coach of the CU women's team. Lappe's mentor, CU Athletic Hall of Fame coach Ceal Barry, was 28 when named on April 12, 1983, exactly 27 years to the date of her own hiring.

Lappe has coached a pair of first-team all-conference performers, one for each league she's coached in. Lapped guided Chucky Jeffery to All-Pac-12 honors in 2011-12 and Brittany Spears to All-Big 12 accolades in 2010-11. Jeffery was also named to the All-Pac-12 Defensive team last season.

Lappe helped mentor Spears, CU's all-time leading scorer, into a 2011 WNBA second round draft pick (No. 19 overall) by the Phoenix Mercury.

Possibly surprising to those outside the program, but not those who played or coached with her previously, Lappe's first year turned heads of outsiders immediately. With an emphasis on team, Lappe helped Colorado's squad thrive. She inherited a team with only six healthy returning players, three of which had limited playing experience. Lappe meshed the returners with three newcomers who all contributed significant minutes.

Picked to finish last in its final season as a member of the Big 12 Conference, Colorado surprised naysayers with a 6-10 record, good enough for an eighth place tie in a league that sent seven teams to the NCAA Tournament. Her first CU team finished 18-16 overall, advancing to the quarterfinals of the 2011 Postseason WNIT.

Lappe was the only rookie NCAA Division I head coach with wins over ranked teams in 2010-11, both wins special in their own way.

The first win was a 66-60 overtime triumph over No. 17 (AP)/16 (ESPN/USA Today/WBCA) ranked Iowa State. The victory provided Lappe with her first Big 12 win and came against her home state school.

Her second win over a ranked opponent provided a different set of circumstances. Needing wins in three of their final four regular season games to ensure postseason eligibility, Lappe's squad didn't waste any time by knocking off No. 16/15 Oklahoma (73-68) in Boulder. The Buffaloes then proceeded to win two straight road games, their first road wins of the season, to clinch their WNIT berth. Lappe became one of three NCAA I rookie head coaches to lead a team into the 2011 postseason, guiding Colorado to wins over UC Riverside, future Pac-12 rival California at home and on the road at Wyoming.

A key contributor as a player for some very prominent Colorado women's basketball teams, Lappe was named the seventh head coach in the program's history by athletic director Mike





## Lappe's List

### Position

Head Coach, Colorado (2010-present)  
 Head Coach, Metro State (Colo.) (2007-10)  
 Assistant Coach, Colorado State (2006-07)  
 Assistant Coach, Drake (2003-06)

### Noteworthy

2 WNIT Quarterfinals  
 50-36 record  
 Assisted former CU Assistant Jen Warden  
 47-42 record, two Postseason WNIT appearances

**Playing Career:** Colorado, 1998-2003

### Honors:

First Team Academic All-Big 12 Conference: 2001, 2002, 2003  
 All-Big 12 Honorable Mention: 1999, 2003  
 Three NCAA Tournament Teams: 2001, 2002 (Elite Eight) & 2003 (Sweet 16)  
 CU Crystal Ford Adams Scholar Athlete Award: 2002, 2003  
 CU Sixth Man Award: 2002  
 CU Offensive MVP: 1999  
 Finalist, V Foundation Comeback Player of the Year Award: 2003

Bohn on April 12, 2010, just under a decade removed from her playing career at her alma mater.

Lappe returned full circle to the Buffaloes after a three-year stint as head coach at Metropolitan State College in Denver. She was 50-36 at Metro State, guiding the Roadrunners to top-three finishes and winning records in the Eastern Division of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference in each of her three seasons.

Her 2009-10 squad finished 17-12 overall before ending the season in the RMAC Tournament semifinals against the eventual NCAA Division II national runner up in Fort Lewis (Colo.) College. She had two players earn RMAC All-Eastern Division honors in 2010 in Kristin Valencia and Chelsea Williamson and Valencia was tabbed as the East Division Defensive Player of the Year.

Lappe's 2007-08 Metro State team posted a 19-10 overall record, finished second in the RMAC's East Division and qualified for the conference tournament. Metro State put together a season-high nine-game winning streak during the season and ranked third in the RMAC in scoring defense.

She landed her first head coaching job after four years as an assistant at the NCAA Division I level, three with Drake University (2004-06) and one with Colorado State (2006-07).

Lappe was hired at Colorado State by Jen Warden, a former Colorado assistant who was on the bench with Barry during Lappe's playing career. At CSU, Lappe was the recruiting coordinator and also worked with the Rams' backcourt players.

Lappe began her collegiate coaching career at Drake where she spent three years on Amy Stephens' staff, helping the Bulldogs to a 47-42 mark. She assisted Drake to WNIT appearances in 2004





### Lappe's College Coaching Record

Year	School	Overall (Pct)	Conf (Pct)	Finish	Postseason
2007-08	Metro State	19-10 (.655)	14-5 (.737)	2nd/RMAC East	RMAC Tourn
2008-09	Metro Sate	14-14 (.500)	12-7 (.632)	3rd/RMAC East	RMAC Tourn
2009-10	Metro State	17-12 (.586)	11-8 (.579)	3rd/RMAC East	RMAC Tourn
2010-11	Colorado	18-16 (.529)	6-10 (.375)	t-8th/Big 12	WNIT Quarters
2011-12	Colorado	21-14 (.600)	6-10 (.375)	10th/Pac-12	WNIT Quarters
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>39-30 (.565)</b>	<b>12-20 (.375)</b>		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>89-66 (.574)</b>	<b>49-40 (.551)</b>		

and 2006 and helped sign a Top 50 class that would go on to help the Bulldogs claim the 2007 Missouri Valley Conference Championship.

A two-year captain and All-Big 12 honorable mention selection, Lappe averaged 7.8 points, 3.7 rebounds and 2.0 assists in 115 games from 1998-2003. She helped Colorado to three consecutive NCAA appearances from 2001-03, including an Elite Eight appearance in 2002 and a spot in the Sweet 16 as a senior in 2003.

Lappe averaged 8.4 points and 4.4 rebounds as a senior 2003 while dishing out 96 assists, and shooting 84.3 percent from the free throw line as the Buffaloes finished 24-8 and fourth in the Big 12. She was a finalist for the V Foundation Comeback of the Year award after missing large chunks of her sophomore and redshirt junior years with injuries.

She missed the first 11 games the 2001-02 season, but worked her way back into the lineup for CU's Elite Eight squad averaging 4.6 points and 2.9 rebounds per game against a brutal schedule that included 16 games against ranked teams.

Lappe helped CU to a 22-9 mark in 2000-01 and the team's first NCAA appearance since 1997. She led the Big 12 in free throw percentage at 85.9 percent and tallied seven points and nearly three rebounds per contest.

As a freshman in 1998-99 Lappe was CU's offensive MVP after



she led the team in scoring (10.7 ppg), free throws made (91) and percentage (.827), assists (3.8 apg) and steals (1.7 spg) as the Buffs made their first ever postseason WNIT appearance. She played just two games as a sophomore in 1999-2000 before a broken knee cap ended her season.

A three-time first team Academic All-Big 12 honoree, Lappe graduated from CU with her bachelor's degree in business administration in 2002. She is a native of Burlington, Iowa, where she had a stellar prep career. An honorable mention Street & Smith's All-American, she graduated from Winfield High School with prep records in career points (1,987), steals (402), steals in a season (111), steals in a game (10), career assists (652), season assists (208), single game assists (14) and a 110-3 (.974) career record.

She was a first-team Class A (the smallest classification in Iowa) all-state selection from 1996 to 97 and a second-team all-Iowa pick following her freshman year. Her Winfield-Mount Union teams were the Class A state champions in 1995 and 96 and her 1997 team went 28-0 before being upset in the state semifinals, snapping an 80-game win streak. In 2009

Lappe was inducted into the Iowa Girls Basketball Hall of Fame

The daughter of Tom and Jean Lappe, she has two siblings who both played college basketball. Her older brother Burt is a graduate of Northern Iowa, and her younger brother Jake is a graduate of Luther (Iowa) College.

### Lappe Against Opponents (NCAA I Only)

Arizona .....	2-0
Arizona State .....	0-2
Baylor .....	0-1
California.....	1-3
UC Riverside.....	1-0
Creighton .....	1-0
Colgate .....	1-0
Colorado State.....	2-0
Dayton .....	0-1
Denver .....	1-1
Evansville .....	1-0
Idaho.....	1-0
Illinois .....	0-1
Iowa State.....	1-1
Kansas .....	0-3
Kansas State .....	0-2
Loyola Chicago .....	1-0
Missouri .....	2-0
Nebraska .....	2-0
North Dakota.....	1-0
Northern Arizona .....	1-0
Northern Colorado.....	1-0
Oklahoma .....	1-0
Oklahoma State .....	0-2
Oregon .....	0-2
Oregon State.....	1-1
Regis .....	1-0
San Francisco .....	1-0
Santa Clara .....	1-0
South Dakota .....	1-0
USC .....	1-2
Stanford .....	0-2
Tennessee-Martin .....	1-0
Texas .....	0-1
Texas-Pan American....	1-0
Texas A&M .....	0-1
Texas A&M-C C.....	1-0
Texas State .....	1-0
Texas Tech .....	0-1
UCLA .....	0-1
Utah .....	2-1
Valparaiso.....	1-0
Villanova .....	1-0
Washington.....	0-1
Washington State.....	1-0
Weber State .....	1-0
Wisconsin .....	1-0
Wyoming .....	1-0

**ASSISTANT COACH JONAS CHATTERTON**Third  
Season

**Jonas Chatterton** is in his third season as an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Colorado as he joined Linda Lappe's staff on June 9, 2010. He assists with recruiting, opponent scouting, post play development, offensive and defensive schemes and serves as the program's liaison with marketing and promotions.

He has assisted Colorado to its first back-to-back winning seasons, and postseason appearances since 2003-04. In addition, the Buffaloes enjoyed their first 20-win season in eight years as the 2011-12 squad went 21-14, advancing to the quarterfinals of the 2012 Postseason WNIT.

While grooming Colorado's young post players on the floor, on the recruiting trail he was most valuable in helping the Buffaloes acquire the 27th best recruiting class in the nation in 2012, according to *ESPN.com's HoopGurlz*.

Chatterton's first season was a memorable one, as he helped coach the Buffaloes into the postseason for the first time in three seasons. Colorado finished the 2010-11 season at 18-16, including wins over a pair of ranked teams, advancing to the quarterfinals of the Postseason WNIT.

He spent eight highly successful seasons as an assistant women's basketball coach at BYU under Jeff Judkins (2001-09). During his eight years in Provo, the Cougars compiled a record of 157-89 (.638), won two Mountain West Conference regular season titles (2006-07), one MWC Tournament crown (2002) and participated in five postseason tournaments, including four NCAA Championships (2003-03, 2006-07).

BYU recorded winning marks in seven of Chatterton's eight seasons, winning 20 or more games three times. The Cougars were 49-16 during their back-to-back MWC title run of 2006-07. The 2005-06 squad spent a majority of the season ranked in the nation's Top 25, recorded the program's best

**Chatterton's Chart**

Assistant Coach, Colorado (2010-present) 2 WNIT Quarterfinals

Coach, Cal Swish Basketball Club of Orange County

Assistant Coach, BYU (2001-09) — 157-89 record,  
3 MWC titles, 4 NCAA Tournaments

Assistant Men's Coach, Westminster (Utah) (1998-2000)

mark in school history at 26-6 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament which was hosted by CU and held at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

During his first year as an assistant coach (2001-02), BYU won the MWC Tournament and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time in the program's history. In 2002-03 the Cougars also advanced to the NCAA Tournament, losing a first round game in Boulder to Lappe, then a senior, and her Buffaloes who were bound for the Sweet 16.

Before joining BYU, Chatterton spent two years as an assistant men's basketball coach at Westminster College, an NAIA school in Salt Lake City (1998-2000) where he helped revive a program that had been discontinued in 1979.

Chatterton received his bachelor's of science degree from the University of Utah in 2000 where he majored in exercise and sports science. He played one year of basketball for Rocky Mountain College (Mont.) before transferring to Utah.

Prior to arriving in Boulder, Chatterton took one year off from collegiate coaching (2009-10), working as the Director of Sales and Marketing for OrthoRx Inc, a medical supply company in San Diego. He remained involved in basketball as a coach for the Cal Swish Basketball Club of Orange County.

A native of Salt Lake City, Chatterton has a daughter, Josie (10), and he and his wife Cami have a daughter, Celia (3), and a son Hudson (1).



# ASSISTANT COACH KELLY RAE FINLEY

First  
Season



**Kelly Rae Finley** is in her first season as an assistant women's basketball coach as she was hired by head coach Linda Lappe on May 18, 2012. She serves as Colorado's recruiting coordinator and also coaches the Buffaloes' forwards.

Finley, 27, joins Colorado after spending four years on the staff at Harvard University (2008-12); the last three as a full-time assistant coach.

The Crimson posted a 75-41 mark in her four seasons in Cambridge including four second place Ivy League finishes – a record of 42-14 - and three Postseason WNIT appearances.

At Harvard, Finley was the recruiting coordinator, signing a class in 2011 that was ranked 31st in the nation by ESPN including the Ivy League's first McDonald's All-American in Temi Fagbenle. She coached 12 All-Ivy League players and coordinated player development with an emphasis on the forward position.

Off the court Finley was Harvard women's basketball's liaison for equipment management, community outreach coordinator and was an active participant at alumni events. She was a Harvard Faculty Affiliate with the Leverett House, an upperclass dorm. Finley also continued her education with graduate studies in organizational leadership & non-profit management through the Harvard University Extension School.

Finley graduated cum laude from Colorado State University in 2008 with her bachelor's degree in human development and family studies. She was a two-year letterwinner for the Rams and was a Mountain West Conference Scholar-Athlete Award winner in 2008. She played one year for Lappe, who was a CSU assistant in 2006-07. Finley began her collegiate career at Northwestern University where she lettered in 2004-05.

## Finley's Chart

Assistant Coach, Harvard (2008-12)

3 WNIT Appearances

### Playing Career

Colorado State (2005-08)

Mountain West Conference Scholar Athlete Award

Northwestern (2004-05)

She was involved with Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Collins and Chicago as well as a representative on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

A native of Minneapolis, Finley was a three-year team captain for The Breck School, helping her team to a Minnesota Class 2A State Championship in 2004, runner-up finish in 2003 and a third-place showing in 2002. Her AAU team, the Minnesota Metro Stars won the Nike Showcase championship in Chicago in 2003.

Finley began her coaching career in her native state, as an assistant with her former AAU team from 2005-07. She coached the 12U, 13U and 16U teams, developing game schemes and practice plans while assisting with tournament organization and coordination. Finley also served as the MN Hardball basketball camp director from 2007-08, engaged in all aspects of the organization's functions.



**ASSISTANT COACH LATONYA WATSON**11th  
Season

**LaTonya Watson** is in her second year of her second tour of duty as an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Colorado. She coaches the Buffaloes back court players, plus serves as the team liaison with the Herbst Academic Center.

Watson, a Colorado assistant under **Ceal Barry** from 1996-2005, returned to Boulder and head coach **Linda Lappe's** staff on May 16, 2011, after serving three years as an assistant

coach at American University (2008-11) and three years coaching and teaching in the prep ranks in Georgia.

She assisted Colorado to its first 20-win season in eight years as the 2011-12 Buffaloes finished 21-14, advancing to the quarterfinals of the 2012 Postseason WNIT. Watson's return to Boulder came just in time to assist the Buffaloes into their first year in the Pac-12 Conference. Ironically, Watson's first season at Colorado coincided with the formation of the Big 12 Conference in 1996.

At American, Watson assisted the Eagles to a three-year record of 63-31 (.670), back-to-back Patriot League regular season titles (2010, '11), consecutive appearances in the league tournament championship game (2010, '11) and repeat appearances in the Postseason WNIT (2009, '10).

Watson coached American's perimeter players while also serving as the recruiting coordinator. She handled many facets of the Eagles' program including opponent scheduling, scouting, recruit travel and organizing community service projects. Watson developed three players to conference honors as the wing positional coach, including two-time all-league selection and 2010 Patriot League Player of the Year Michelle Kirk.

Prior to joining the American staff, Watson spent two years as a math instructor and head girls basketball coach at Chamblee (Ga.) Charter High School (2006-08) and one campaign as a math teacher and assistant varsity girls coach at Meadowcreek High School in Norcross, Ga. (2005-06). At Chamblee, Watson led her team to a two-year record of 34-18. During her two-year tenure, Chamblee increased its number of wins by 17 and Watson helped two players obtain college basketball scholarships. Her team was named the DeKalb County AAA Team of the Month in January 2008.

Watson's first stint with Colorado spanned nine successful seasons, sporting a record of 152-92 and five NCAA Tournament appearances, including

**Watson's Chart**

Assistant Coach, Colorado (1996-05, '11-present)

5 NCAA Tournaments

2 WNIT

1997 Big 12 Tournament Champions

Assistant Coach, American (2008-11)

2 Patriot League Titles

2 WNITs

Head Girls Coach, Chamblee (Ga.) Charter HS (2006-08)

Assistant Girls Coach, Meadowcreek HS,  
Norcross, Ga. (2005-06)**Playing Career** Eastern Michigan, 1988-92**Honors:**

1992 All-Mid American Conference second team

Three-time MAC All-Academic selection

1989 MAC All-Freshman Team

the 2002 Elite Eight. She was the academic liaison on Barry's staff, working closely with the Herbst Academic Center in monitoring and mentoring the academic needs of the program. Watson helped the team achieve a Top 25 ranking on the 1999 WBCA Team Honor Roll. During her coaching tenure 92 percent (22 of 24) of all players graduated.

She helped mentor 10 players who went on to play professionally, but most notably as it pertains to her second term, Watson was on the CU bench during Lappe's five-year playing career (1998-03).

Watson is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University where she majored in mathematics and minored in English and literature and played point guard for then-head coach Cheryl Getz from 1988-92. A 1992 All-Mid American Conference second team pick, Watson graduated ranking second in assists (446) and seventh in points (1,296) on the school's career lists. She was also a three-time Academic All-MAC selection, a member of the 1989 MAC All-Freshman team and earned honorable mention to the 1991 all-league squad.

She began her coaching career in 1992 as a graduate assistant at EMU. After the 1992-93 season, she coached the girls volleyball, basketball and track teams at Dunbar Middle School in Fort Worth, Texas. In 1995 her responsibilities transferred to Dunbar's high school team where she was an assistant. From August 1995 until her initial hire at CU, she was a high school math teacher at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Mich.