

BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF**MIRIAM RUTZEN***Director of Operations*

Miriam Rutzen is in her first season as director of operations for the Colorado women's basketball program.



A native of Biggsville, Ill., Rutzen was a four-year standout at forward at Harvard (2009-13), ranking among the program's career top-10 in blocked shots and games played. She was a two-time recipient of Harvard's Best Defensive Player Award (2010-11, '11-12), helping the Crimson to a pair of second place Ivy League finishes and two Postseason WNIT berths

Rutzen received her A.B. degree in Psychology from Harvard in 2013 along with a secondary degree in sociology. She spent the last academic year as an IEP Specialist for the West Central School District in her hometown of Biggsville, providing writing services and tutoring to a quadriplegic senior student. While working for the West Central School District, Rutzen served as the 6th grade girls basketball coach and a volunteer assistant varsity softball coach.

Rutzen has been heavily involved in Colorado's summer camps for both boys and girls over the past three summers. She was a commissioner over seven coaches for middle school age divisions at the girls' Individual Camps and was the director for the boys' Little Dribblers Camp, managing 10 coaches over 100 boys, ages 5-8.

JULIAN ASSIBEY*Video Coordinator*

Julian Assibey is in his first year as video coordinator for the Colorado women's basketball program.



Assibey comes to Boulder after spending the past three seasons as an assistant coach at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass. He helped the Warriors to a 12-win turnaround from 2011-12 to 2012-13 when Merrimack finished 17-12 and advanced to the Northeast-10 Conference semifinals.

Colorado is not foreign to Assibey who started his career on Lappe's first Metro State College of Denver staff. He was an assistant for two seasons (2007-09), helping the Roadrunners to a third place Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference finish in 2007-08 and a fifth place showing in 2008-09.

Assibey returned to his alma mater, William Penn (Iowa), for one season (2009-10) and spent one season back in Colorado at Western State (2010-11) before joining the Merrimack staff.

A native of Downey, Calif., Assibey was a four year letterwinner at William Penn, and is among the school's top five in career steals. He received his bachelor's degree in Sports Administration and Strength & Conditioning in 2005 and followed that up with a master's degree in Coaching and Athletic Administration from Concordia University (Mass.) in 2013.



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TROY ANDRE

Assistant Sports Information Director/ Internet Managing Editor

Troy Andre is in his 12th year as CU's assistant sports information director/internet managing editor, and 11th 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). In March of 2012, he served as the Media Coordinator for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament in Boulder. It was his second go-around in that role as he also headed media operations for the 2006 event 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, 40, 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.



HEATHER CLAPP

Assistant Athletic Trainer

Heather Clapp is in her first year as an Assistant Athletic Trainer with the University of Colorado Sports Medicine program. In addition to leading the needs for the CU women's basketball team, she also covers the Buffaloes' nationally prominent cheer squad.

Clapp joins Colorado after four years at the University of Northern Colorado (2010-14). She was an assistant athletic trainer for the Bears working with the women's basketball and men's and women's tennis teams her final three years. Clapp was promoted to a full time position in 2011 after serving as an intern for UNC for the 2010-11 season, covering track & field and cross country.

She earned her bachelors of science degree in Sport & Exercise Science/Athletic Training from UNC in 2008. Clapp received her masters of education in Sport Management from Wichita State University in 2010, working two seasons with the Shockers' NCAA Tournament volleyball team.

A native of Broomfield, Colo., Clapp graduated from Legacy High School in 2004 where she competed in cross country and track & field.



KYLE GEDDES

Marketing/Promotions

Kyle Geddes is in his fourth year as a marketing/promotions coordinator with the CU Athletic Department. Geddes assists in all aspects of marketing and promotions for all 17 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 Terrapins' 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 marketing 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 fifth 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 (Dora). She enjoys classic cars, travel, playing cards and college sports.





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CHRIS HOWLETT

Academic Coordinator

Chris Howlett is in his third 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 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, and minor in accounting, from Florida Atlantic University in 2008. To further his education and enhance his leadership and management skills, Howlett is currently pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Management through the Lockheed Martin Engineering Management Program at the University of Colorado.

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



CHRIS SHECKLER

Assistant Director of Sports Performance

Chris Sheckler is in his third year as the assistant director of sports performance for women's basketball and volleyball, joining the Colorado staff in August 2012.

Sheckler, 28, 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.

DERIC SWANSON

Executive Director of BuffVision

Deric Swanson is in his 16th year as the Executive Director of BuffVision, coordinating all aspects of production involving the video display boards at Folsom Field and the Coors Events Center, both recently upgraded to a near \$10 million operation for both facilities combined.

Swanson, 40, is considered one of the best in his field and came to CU from the National Hockey League's Colorado Avalanche, 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 stadium 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 three more Telly Awards for Swanson's production, including two for the "Ralphie on Campus" institutional spot and another for The Buffalo Stampede, and in 2013 earned another Telly for a production involving CU's Men's Basketball team and the Navy Seals.

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. Swanson has also competed in eight IronMan events, including a personal best of 11 hours and 29 minutes in Phoenix, Ariz., in 2009.

He is married the former Heather Cohea and the couple has two sons, Gavin (6) and Dane (3).



ERIC PELLONI

Assistant Director of BuffVision

Eric Pelloni is in his ninth season as the assistant director of BuffVision, although he has been involved in CU Athletics for the better part of 15 years.

He assists with the video packages for CU's video display boards and has been on the BuffVision game day crew for 14 seasons. Pelloni also helps coordinate streaming and technical issues between CU Athletics and Pac-12 Enterprises.





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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 Stamped" 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, have a son, E.J.

B.G. BROOKS

Contributing Editor, CUBuffs.com

B.G. Brooks is in his sixth 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

Team Physician

Dr. Michelle Wolcott is in her 12th 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 (4), and daughter Charlotte (2).



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.



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