



THE STAFF



HEAD COACH LINDA LAPPE

Sixth
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 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.

In the spring of 2010, Lappe returned to Boulder, finding the Colorado program in a similar mode of rebuilding as she had when she arrived a decade earlier. But as she did as a player, her desire to return the Buffaloes back to prominence wouldn't be denied.

Now five years into her reign as head coach of her alma mater, Lappe is proving once again to be a catalyst in the revival of Colorado basketball.

Lappe is 98-69 at Colorado, and in five seasons, ranks second in all-time coaching wins for the program – a milestone she reached in year four. She has guided the Buffaloes to four postseason berths: the 2013 NCAA Tournament and three Postseason WNIT appearances (2011-12, '14). The 2015-16 season will be her ninth overall as a collegiate head coach, sporting an eight-year mark of 148-105 which includes seven years with a record of .500 or better.

Colorado's four-straight winning seasons, and post appearances, between 2010-14 was the program's first since 2000-04; toward the tail end of Lappe's playing career. Additionally, Colorado's NCAA Tournament appearance in 2013 was its first since 2004.

Lappe brought Colorado back into the *Associated Press* national rankings for 25 straight weeks spanning parts of two seasons, from Dec. 17, 2012, to Jan. 13, 2014. Her team reached as high as No. 11 in the AP poll and No. 14 in the *USA Today Sports* coaches' poll during the 2013-14 nonconference schedule.

Bolstered by a statement-making upset win over then No. 8-ranked and eventual national runner-up Louisville, Lappe helped Colorado to its first AP Top 25 ranking since 2008, debuting at No. 25 on Dec. 17, 2012. With the initial ranking, Lappe became the eighth NCAA Division I women's basketball coach to play for an AP ranked team and then return to lead that same program back into the AP poll. Overall she was the 31st person to coach and play for an AP ranked women's team.

She picked up her 100th collegiate coaching win, and 50th at Colorado, with an 84-39 victory over New Mexico on Dec. 29, 2012. That win also clinched the Buffaloes' second-straight perfect nonconference regular season record (11-0). Colorado would extend its preseason success into 2013-14, winning its first nine games and establishing a 33-game nonconference regular season win streak which ended only after dropping a competitive 69-62 decision by No. 7 ranked Louisville on the road in December 2013.

Lappe has coached a pair of first-team all-conference performers, one for each league she's coached in. Lappe guided Chucky Jeffery to back-to-back All-Pac-12 honors in 2012 & '13 and

Brittany Spears to All-Big 12 accolades in 2010-11.

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. Two years later, her team celebrated Jeffery being selected by the Minnesota Lynx in the second round (No. 24 overall) of the 2013 WNBA Draft. Jeffery would go on to play 17 games for the New York Liberty spanning the 2013 and '14 seasons.

Her staff has also been successful on the recruiting trail with five strong classes, including the 23rd ranked recruiting class in the nation in 2015 according to ProspectsNation.com, and the 27th rated class in 2013 by ESPN's HoopGurlz.

Her 2014-15 squad finished 15-17, battling through injuries and an extremely competitive schedule. Colorado had the 26th toughest schedule in the nation based on overall winning percentage (.597). Eight nonconference opponents advanced to postseason play, plus the Buffaloes endured one of the most competitive Pac-12 seasons in recent years. Five teams would make the NCAA Tournament, the league's most in nine seasons, plus another two in the WNIT.

The Buffaloes still turned heads on a national stage by pulling off the largest upset in Pac-12 Tournament history. Colorado, the No. 9 seed, toppled regular season champion and top seed Oregon State 68-65 in the quarterfinals, becoming the lowest seed to ever defeat a No. 1 in the history of the event. With that win the Buffaloes joined California and Stanford as the only three Pac-12 schools to reach the Pac-12 semifinals twice in the last three years.





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

1 NCAA, 3 WNIT
 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

The win over the No. 8/9 ranked Beavers was her fourth over a ranked opponent and second against a top 10 foe.

Lappe led Colorado to a 19-15 record in 2013-14, advancing to the third round of the Postseason WNIT. After a 9-0 start led the Buffaloes to a No. 11 AP national ranking, Colorado was hit by the injury bug, and a slow start to Pac-12 play. However, as in previous years, the Buffaloes found momentum late in the season, winning five of their final eight games through a fourth-straight postseason appearance.

In her third season, Lappe led Colorado to a 25-7 mark and a fourth place finish in the Pac-12 at 13-5, its most overall wins since 1995-96 and league wins since 1994-95.

When the Buffaloes heard their name called on NCAA Selection Monday, she became one of eight head coaches to play for and coach the same program in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament as Colorado was invited to the Big Dance for the 13th time in program history.

Colorado's 2012-13 individual awards were plentiful to say the least. Arielle Roberson was named the Pac-12 Freshman of the Year, while earning honorable mention to both the All-Pac-12 and league All-Defensive teams. Brittany Wilson earned All-Pac-12 Defensive honors while Jeffery and Rachel Hargis were given honorable mention along with Roberson.

Her second season (2011-12) 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.

At the time of her hire, Lappe, now 35, was the youngest head women's basketball coach at a BCS (now Power 5) conference school, behind only Jamie





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)	6-12 (.375)	10th/Pac-12	WNIT Quarters
2012-13	Colorado	25-7 (.781)	13-5 (.722)	4th/Pac-12	NCAA First
2013-14	Colorado	19-15 (.559)	6-12 (.375)	t-9th/Pac-12	WNIT 3rd Round
2014-15	Colorado	15-17 (.469)	6-12 (.375)	t-9th/Pac-12	Pac-12 Semis
Colorado	5 Years	98-69 (.587)	37-51 (.420)		
Totals	8 Years	148-105 (.602)	74-71 (.510)		

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.

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 then-athletic director Mike 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 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 Morning Sun, Iowa, where she had a stellar prep career. An honorable mention Street & Smith's All-American, she graduated from Winfield-Mount Union 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 98 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. Her 1998 Winfield-Mount Union team would also return to the state finals. 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)

Alcorn State	1-0	Missouri	2-1	Stanford.....	0-8
Arizona	8-0	Missouri State.....	1-0	TCU	1-0
Arizona State.....	2-6	UMKC.....	1-0	Tennessee-Martin.....	1-0
Arkansas State	1-0	Nebraska	2-0	Texas	0-1
Baylor.....	0-1	New Mexico	2-0	UTEP	0-1
California	1-8	North Dakota	2-0	Texas-Pan American	1-0
UC Riverside	1-0	Northern Arizona.....	1-0	Texas A&M.....	0-1
Creighton	1-0	Northern Colorado	1-0	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.....	2-0
Colgate	1-0	Oklahoma	1-0	Texas State.....	1-0
Colorado State	5-0	Oklahoma State.....	0-2	Texas Tech.....	0-1
Dayton.....	0-1	Oregon.....	4-2	UCLA	3-4
Denver.....	4-1	Oregon State	4-3	Utah.....	7-2
Evansville.....	1-0	Regis.....	1-0	Utah Valley.....	1-0
Idaho	2-0	Rice	1-0	Valparaiso	1-0
Illinois.....	2-1	San Diego State	1-0	Villanova.....	1-0
Iowa.....	1-1	San Francisco.....	1-0	Washington	2-5
Iowa State	1-1	San Jose State.....	1-0	Washington State	3-3
Kansas	0-4	Santa Clara.....	1-0	Weber State.....	1-0
Kansas State.....	0-2	South Alabama.....	1-0	Western Kentucky	0-1
Long Beach State	0-1	South Dakota.....	1-0	Wisconsin.....	1-0
Louisville	1-1	Southern Utah	2-0	Wyoming.....	4-0
Loyola Chicago.....	1-0	USC.....	3-6		



ASSISTANT COACH JULIAN ASSIBEY

First
Season



Julian Assibey is in his second year with the University of Colorado women's basketball program and first as an assistant coach.

Assibey was promoted to the coaching position on June 23, 2015, after serving as the team's video coordinator for the 2014-15 season. He will coach Colorado's posts, headlined by senior Jamee

Swan, an honorable mention to the 2014-15 All-Pac-12 Conference team and the Buffaloes' leader in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots. Assibey also inherits a younger group with very high ceilings in terms of development, including Zoe Correal, Zoe Beard-Fails and Bri Watts.

As the team's video coordinator, Assibey broke down game and practice video while assisting with scouting reports and Colorado's basketball camps. He will maintain supervision in some of those video components in his new coaching role.

Prior to coming to Boulder, Assibey spent 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.

Assibey and his wife Kaylee are the parents of two boys, Malachi (5) and Elijah (1).

Assibey's Chart

Coaching Career:

Video Coordinator, Colorado (2014-15)
Assistant Coach, Merrimack College (Mass.) (2011-14)
Assistant Coach, Western State (Colo.) (2010-11)
Assistant Coach, William Penn (Iowa) (2009-10)
Assistant Coach, Metro State (Colo.) (2007-09)

Playing Career

William Penn, 2001-05
Top 5 career steals



ASSISTANT COACH JAMIE CAREYSecond
Season

Former WNBA point guard and USA Basketball administrator **Jamie Carey** is in her second season as an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Colorado, joining the program on June 16, 2014.

During her first season on the Buffaloes bench, Colorado enjoyed one of its finest offensive seasons in over a decade, averaging just under 70 points per game, hitting the 80-point mark eight times. She helped tutor point guard Lexy Kresl to her best individual season, averaging

12.4 points and 4.5 assists per game while earning honorable mention to the All-Pac-12 Conference team and All-Pac-12 Tournament honors.

Carey also did a stand-up job teaching her trade to Brecca Thomas, one of Colorado's guards of the future. She will do the same with newcomers at the guard position: Kennedy Leonard, Alexis Robinson and Louisville transfer Ariana Freeman.

Carey joined Colorado after four years with USA Basketball as the assistant women's national team director. She worked with all levels of the national team program, helping the organization identify coaches and athletes for participation. Carey assisted with organizing logistics for trials, training camps and international competitions, supported the athletes and staff on site internationally and assisted with practice for all national teams.

While working with USA Basketball, Carey was a three-year head girls basketball coach at Sand Creek High School in Colorado Springs (2011-14), guiding the program to a 62-16 record, three Colorado Class 4A Great 8 State appearances and a pair of Pikes Peak Athletic Conference titles. She was the Pikes Peak Athletic Conference Coach of the Year this past season and the Colorado Springs Area Coach of the Year in 2012.

Carey's high school coaching career included two seasons at Legacy High School in Broomfield (2008-10), helping the team to a Colorado Class 5A runner up finish in 2010. Her five year high school coaching record is an impressive 106-25 (.809).

One of the top point guards in the nation, Carey was drafted by the Phoenix Mercury with the 31st overall pick in the 2005 WNBA Draft. She would later sign as a free agent with the Connecticut Sun, where she enjoyed a four-year career on some very successful teams. Connecticut played in the postseason all four years during Carey's time there, including the 2005 WNBA Finals.

Her collegiate career was a well-documented achievement over adversity. The 1999 Ms. Colorado Basketball out of Horizon High School, Carey signed to play at Stanford where she was the 2000 Pac-10 Conference Freshman of the year, a member of the Pac-12 All-Freshman team and named to several Freshman All-America squads.

However concussions sidelined her career at Stanford for the next two seasons. Carey resumed her career at the University of Texas in 2002 where she was a two-time All-Big 12 Conference selection and helped the Longhorns to the 2003 Women's Final Four. She was a finalist for several national awards over her final two seasons including the Wade Trophy, Naismith Award and Nancy Lieberman National Point Guard of the Year in 2004 and 2005.

Carey won the Jim Valvano Comeback Player of the Year Award in 2004 and received numerous off the court accolades. As a senior in 2005 she was named the NCAA Woman of the Year and earned the Big 12's Dr. Prentice Gault Postgraduate Scholarship. Carey was a

Carey's Chart

Assistant Coach Colorado, 2014-present
USA Basketball, 2010-14

Assistant Women's National Team Director
Head Coach, Sand Creek High School (Colo.), 2011-14
2014 Pikes Peak Athletic Conference Coach of the Year
Three Class 4A Great 8 State Appearances

Head Coach, Legacy High School (Colo). 2008-10
2010 Class 5A State runner up
106-25 Overall Coaching Record

Playing Career

Connecticut Sun, WNBA (2005-08)
Colorado Chill, NWBL (2005-06)
University of Texas (2002-05)
Stanford (1999-02)

Honors:

NCAA Woman of the Year, 2005
Big 12 Postgraduate Scholarship, 2005
ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American, 2005
All-Big 12 First Team, 2004 & '05
Naismith Award & Wade Trophy Finalist, 2004
Jim Valvano Comeback Player of the Year, 2004
2003 NCAA Final Four Appearance
Pac-12 Freshman of the Year, 2000
Freshman All-American, 2000

two-time Academic All-Big 12 pick and named to the 2005 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America team.

Carey helped the 1998 USA World Youth Games Team to a bronze medal and the 2003 USA Pan American Games Team to a silver medal. She also played for the USA in the 2007 Women's National Team College Tour, and she served on the USA Basketball Developmental National Team Committee.

Carey earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Texas in 2004 and completed her Masters of Education in Sport Management in 2006. She was Valedictorian of her graduating class at Horizon in 1999 where she was also a WBCA High School All-American and Colorado's Gatorade Player of the Year.





ASSISTANT COACH KELLY RAE FINLEY

Fourth
Season



Kelly Rae Finley is in her fourth 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 wing position.

Finley has helped Colorado to at least 15 wins in all three seasons on the Buffaloes' bench with an overall record of 59-39.

During her time on the Colorado bench, the Buffaloes have participated in the 2013 NCAA Tournament and the 2014 Postseason WNIT. Colorado was ranked among the nation's best for large portions of her first two seasons, reaching as high as No. 11 (*Associated Press*) and No. 14 (*USA Today/WBCA*) during the 2013-14 season and No. 18 (both polls) in 2012-13.

On the court, her wings had a fantastic 2014-15 season. Colorado led the Pac-12 and ranked eighth in the nation in 3-point field goal percentage, with a large portion coming from the quartet of Jasmine Sborov, Haley Smith, Lauren Huggins and Alina Hartmann who combined to hit 38 percent from long range.

As the recruiting coordinator, she's helped Colorado to establish a strong foothold not only in the Pac-12 footprint, but nationally and worldwide. Her first recruiting class in 2013 hit a pair of Pac-12 states in Washington and California, while reaching out to Virginia. Class number two hit California once again, while revisiting Texas, historically an important area for Colorado recruiting, and the Buffaloes' first international recruit in six years.

The Class of 2015 contains a quartet that spans four states, showing once again Colorado's national reach in recruiting. The Buffaloes pulled two players from Big 12 country, one from the Southeast and another from a Big Ten stronghold. ProspectsNation.com tabbed this class the 23rd best in the country on signing day in November 2014.

Finley, 30, arrived at Colorado after 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

Finley's Chart

Assistant Coach, Colorado (2012-present)

1 WNIT 1 NCAA Tournament

Assistant Coach, Harvard (2008-12)

3 WNIT Appearances

Playing Career

Colorado State (2005-08)

Mountain West Conference Scholar Athlete Award

Northwestern (2004-05)

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.

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.



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MIRIAM RUTZEN

Director of Operations

Miriam Rutzen is in her second 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 was heavily involved in Colorado's summer camps for both boys and girls well before joining the Buffaloes in a full time capacity in August 2014. 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.

MIKE PETRINO

Director of Recruiting and Video

Mike Petrino is in his first season as the Director of Recruiting and Video for the University of Colorado women's basketball program.



Petrino manages the sports video operations for the Buffaloes which includes, editing, production and related support for coaches and student-athletes. He plays a key role in Colorado's recruiting efforts to maximize connections with recruits, parents and coaches while providing support with video and social media endeavors.

Petrino comes to Boulder after spending the last four years as an assistant coach for the Wyoming women's basketball team. With Petrino on the bench, the Cowgirls won nearly 60 percent of their games including a pair of 20-plus win seasons from 2012-14 and a Postseason WNIT appearance in 2013.

Prior to joining Wyoming, Petrino had a successful prep coaching career in Portland, Ore. He was the head boys basketball coach at Central Catholic High School for five years, where he amassed a 97-37 overall record. His teams won five consecutive Mount Hood Conference Championships and made three Oregon State Activities Association State Tournament appearances, placing as high as third twice.

He was selected the Mount Hood Conference Coach of the Year three times and the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association All-Star Coach in 2008 and '11. In 2010, Petrino was invited to coach at the Nike Global Challenge which features some of the best high school players in the country.

In his five years as head coach, Petrino had nine players continue their basketball careers in college. Academically, Central Catholic was recognized by the OSAA in 2009 and '10 for having one of the top team grade point averages. Petrino had been on the Central Catholic staff since 2001, serving as an assistant coach, and junior varsity head coach before taking over the varsity program in 2006.

A native of Montana, he earned his bachelor's degree in Secondary Education in 1999 from Montana State Billings. Petrino and his wife, Kelly, have two daughters, Jamieson and Hayden.



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ASHLEY BRAUN

Assistant Sports Information Director

Ashley Braun is in her second year as an assistant sports information director at the University of Colorado and first as the women's basketball contact. She also works with the women's golf program and has previously worked with the soccer and lacrosse teams.

Prior to joining Colorado, Braun spent three years as communications coordinator at the Fiesta Bowl in Scottsdale, Ariz. where she managed the website, social media channels, publications and developed communication plans for the college football bowl game's community events.

Braun graduated from Colorado in 2011, earning her bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism and worked as a student assistant in the sports information office.

A Minneapolis, Minn., native, Braun enjoys traveling, spending time with her family and reading.



TAKAMASA SAKAMOTO

Assistant Athletic Trainer

Takamasa Sakamoto is in his 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, he also covers the Buffaloes' nationally prominent cheer squad.

Sakamoto joins Colorado after one year at Ohio State University, where he served as an intern from 2014-15.

He earned his bachelors of science degree in athletic training from the University of Alabama in 2012 and in 2014, Sakamoto received his masters of education in exercise science from Wichita State University.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Sakamoto enjoys hiking and playing golf.



KYLE GEDDES

Marketing/Promotions

Kyle Geddes is in his fifth 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 sixth 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.





BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF

CHRIS HOWLETT

Academic Coordinator

Chris Howlett is in his fourth 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 fourth 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 17th 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 (7) and Dane (4).



ERIC PELLONI

Assistant Director of BuffVision

Eric Pelloni is in his 10th 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.

NEILL WOELK

Contributing Editor, CUBuffs.com

Neill Woelk, a veteran journalist of 35 years with many ties to the University of Colorado and Boulder communities, joined CUBuffs.com as its contributing editor in July 2015.

Woelk spent 30 years as a sports reporter, columnist, assistant sports editor and sports at the Boulder Daily Camera, where he covered a multitude of CU sports and events. He also worked for newspapers in Oregon and Utah.

Woelk is a 1982 CU graduate and a Colorado native. He was the 1999 Colorado sportswriter of the year and has received numerous Colorado Press Association awards for his work.

"The University of Colorado has been part of the fabric of my life for most of my life," Woelk says. "It's exciting to be part of an athletic department that has such a storied past and an equally bright future."



MICHELLE WOLCOTT

Team Physician

Dr. Michelle Wolcott is in her 13th 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 with her son, Henry (5), and daughter Charlotte (3).



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.



Alec Lask
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Student Manager



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PRESIDENT BRUCE BENSON



Bruce D. Benson became president of the University of Colorado in March 2008. Since taking the helm of his alma mater, he has enhanced CU's standing as one of the nation's leading teaching and research universities, advancing the economy, health and culture of Colorado and beyond. He is the longest-serving CU president in more than 50 years.

During Benson's tenure, CU's research funding has reached record levels in each of the past four years (including \$861 million in 2013-14 and a record \$884 million in 2010-11), supporting the university's research strengths in biotechnology, health care, renewable and sustainable energy, and aerospace engineering, among others. He has led efforts to promote cross-campus collaboration that have resulted in cooperative academic programs and research initiatives, most notably CU's Biofrontiers Institute, led by Nobel laureate Tom Cech.

CU has broken records for fundraising in each of the past six years (including a record \$360 million in 2014-15) under his leadership. Benson and his wife, Marcy, chaired CU's \$1.5 billion Creating Futures fundraising campaign, which exceeded its goal in November 2013. The campaign, the largest in university history, supports scholarships, academic enhancements (endowed faculty positions, programs), research projects and capital improvements across CU's campuses.

Benson, 77, has guided efforts to institute operational efficiencies, cut bureaucracy and improve business practices at the university. CU has secured legislation over the past seven sessions of the Colorado General Assembly that has allowed it to save millions annually in areas such as procurement, insurance and construction. He has also established a number of public-private partnerships to make the university more entrepreneurial and meet the needs of businesses in Colorado and across the country.

He oversees a system with four campuses (Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, and Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora) where some 67,500 students pursue courses for credit. During his tenure, CU's four campuses have seen record enrollment. The university's annual budget is \$3.55 billion.

Before becoming CU's president, Benson had already made his mark in business, politics, philanthropy, education and civic endeavors. He founded Bruce Mineral Group in 1965, a year after earning his bachelor's degree in Geology from CU.

He was active in a variety of educational, civic and political endeavors; he was the Republican nominee for Colorado governor in 1994. Benson has received many honors recognizing his leadership in a variety of endeavors, but two are particularly notable: CU in 2004 granted him an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, and in February 2009 he was inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame.

He was born July 4, 1938 in Chicago, and has three children and 10 grandchildren.

CHANCELLOR PHIL DISTEFANO



Dr. Philip P. DiStefano is in his seventh year as the Chancellor at the University of Colorado Boulder. Prior to his appointment on May 5, 2009, Dr. DiStefano was the top academic officer at CU-Boulder for eight years as the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. He had also served as interim chancellor twice during pivotal times in the university's history.

Dr. DiStefano, 68, co-chaired the steering committee for CU-Boulder's visionary strategic plan, Flagship 2030, conceived with campus, community and statewide input, to guide the university for decades to come. Today, Dr. DiStefano is shepherding its implementation as Flagship 2030 has moved from vision to reality.

Dr. DiStefano has served CU-Boulder for 41 years. He joined the University of Colorado in 1974 as an Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at the School of Education. His academic career flourished as he assumed a series of academic and administrative positions, including Professor, Associate Dean, Dean and Vice Chancellor. He was appointed Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in 2001.

He also served five years as the University of Colorado's faculty

representative to the Big 12 Conference, as he assumed the role on June 1, 2000, and held it until appointing Dr. David Clough to the position in the spring of 2005.

As Chancellor he works closely with students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, governing officials, and business and community leaders in extending CU's legacy as a preeminent national comprehensive research university.

A first-generation college graduate, Dr. DiStefano earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio State University in 1968 and a Master of Arts degree in English Education from West Virginia University in 1971. He holds a Doctorate in Humanities Education from Ohio State University, where he served as a teaching and research associate.

Dr. DiStefano began his educational career as a high school English teacher in Ohio. He has authored and co-authored numerous books and articles on literacy education.

He was born September 21, 1946 in Steubenville, Ohio, and graduated from Steubenville Catholic Central High School. He is married to the former Yvonne Pasquarella, and the couple has three grown daughters, Gia, Nicole and Jennifer, and two granddaughters.

In 2015, he served as the official starter for the 37th annual Boulder Boulder, the city's 10-kilometer race that is the fourth largest in the nation. He has been very active throughout his career in the Boulder Community, having previously served on numerous boards, including the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

PROVOST RUSSELL MOORE



Dr. Russell L. Moore has had a long and distinguished career at the University of Colorado Boulder, now serving in the capacity of Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, having assumed the position July 1, 2010.

Dr. Moore also previously served as interim vice chancellor for research from May 2009 to July 2010, and prior to that appointment, he was the associate vice chancellor for research since 2006. Dr. Moore served as chair of kinesiology and applied physiology (now integrative physiology) from 1994 to 2001, and was assistant professor (1984-86),

associate professor (1993-96) and full professor (1996-present) in that department.

He holds an adjunct professorship in medicine (cardiology) at the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus at the University of Colorado Denver.

He was an assistant and associate professor (1986-91) in the departments of medicine, cellular and molecular physiology at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey, Pa. He did postdoctoral work at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas (1981-84).

Dr. Moore earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from the University of California at Davis in 1976, and a master's degree (1978) and doctorate (1982) in physiology from Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

FACULTY REP DAVID CLOUGH



Faculty Athletics Representative **Dr. David Clough** is a national leader in college athletic reforms and represents CU to the Pac-12 Conference and the NCAA. A professor of chemical and biological engineering, Dr. Clough enters his 11th year as the University of Colorado Boulder's Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), as he assumed the role in March 2005.

Professor Clough reports to Chancellor DiStefano and works closely with the Director of Athletics, Rick George, and the coaches and staff of Athletics to support student-athletes, especially in their academic pursuits. The FAR's duties include oversight of the eligibility certification and compliance functions on the Boulder Campus. He strives to be well known to CU's student-athletes, and he and his wife Sydney are present at many home competitions of CU's sports teams. He also travels with many CU teams to away competitions.

Dr. Clough replaced Chancellor **Phil DiStefano**, who served as FAR from June 1, 2000 until just shortly after his appointment as interim chancellor for the Boulder campus in 2005. Clough is only the sixth FAR in CU history, joining a prestigious list: **Walter Franklin** (1947-1948), **Warren Thompson** (1949-1966), **William Baughn** (1967-1989), **James Corbridge** (1989-2000) and DiStefano (2000-2005).

Dr. Clough has had a significant impact on engineering education at CU-Boulder and beyond through career-long efforts to enhance the learning of engineering students. He has pioneered active- and cooperative-learning techniques in the College of Engineering and Applied Science, and in 1989 he originated the concept of the Integrated Teaching and Learning Laboratory. Clough's research has focused on the automated control of chemical and related processes.

He has been involved with student-athlete success for more than 30 years as his relationship with the CU athletic department dates to more than three decades. Throughout his career, Dr. Clough has taken a special interest in engineering student-athletes, long appreciating the combined academic and athletic challenges they face. He played an integral role in the Rhodes Scholarship candidacy of Buff football star Jim Hansen, an Academic All-American who was awarded the Rhodes in 1993.

Dr. Clough received his bachelor's degree from the Case Institute of Technology (now Case Western Reserve University) in 1968 and his master's from CU-Boulder in 1969, both in chemical engineering. He worked as an engineer for E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., from 1969 to 1972 before returning to CU-Boulder to earn his doctorate in 1975. He joined the faculty of the Department of Chemical Engineering at that time.

He served as the college's associate dean for academic affairs from 1986 to 1992, playing a role in a number of important initiatives, including the Gemmill Engineering Library, the Herbst Humanities Program, and the Integrated Teaching and Learning Laboratory. From 1993 through 1999, he was associate chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering and was responsible for significant improvements to the department's undergraduate advising program.

Known for his willingness to experiment with new educational concepts and technology, Dr. Clough has worked to reform traditional lecture classes into an interactive workshop format that greatly enhances the learning of students. Through these efforts, he has helped to reshape the way engineering is taught. The student-run Engineering Excellence Fund chose Dr. Clough as the first recipient of the Sullivan-Carlson Inspiration in Teaching Award in 1998. He has received numerous teaching and advising awards from nominations by his students over the years. He also has been given the college's Hutchinson Teaching Award and Peters Service Award. He received the first Boulder Faculty Assembly Teaching Award in 1980 and the Boulder Campus Outstanding Advisor Award in 1996. His merit as an educator also has been recognized outside CU. In 1995 the American Society for Engineering Education (Rocky Mountain Section) presented him with its first Outstanding Educator Award.

In April 2000, he received the college's Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award in the Education category. It recognized his significant impact on engineering education through pioneering the active learning concept for the Integrated Teaching and Learning Laboratory, and in leading the college in changing traditional lecture courses to an active learning format.

In his role as Faculty Athletics Representative, Clough represents CU to the Pac-12 Conference and the NCAA. He provides a liaison between Athletics and the faculty and works to enhance the educational experience of 350 student-athletes. Clough has been active in the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) and will become President of FARA in November. In his time as FAR, Dr. Clough has established a reputation for his expertise in the NCAA's Academic Performance Program and the program's statistics tracking the academic progress of student-athletes, the Academic Progress Rate (APR) and the Graduation Success Rate (GSR). He has developed tracking and predictive tools that have been shared with over 100 NCAA Division I institutions.

He and his wife, Sydney, have four grown children, Astrid, William, Rodney and Damon, and four grandchildren. Dr. Clough's father, John W. Clough, was a chemical engineer, and his two brothers are retired engineers. The Clough family established a scholarship endowment in engineering at CU in honor of John Clough, who died in 1994. The family holds a strong belief in giving back to the educational institutions that have benefited its members.



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR RICK GEORGE



Rick George was introduced as just the sixth full-time athletic director in University of Colorado history on July 17, 2013, returning to Boulder where he helped play a role in the school's first and only national championship in football some 23 years earlier.

George, 55, came to Colorado from the Texas Rangers baseball club of the American League, where he was named chief operating officer on October 5, 2010 with a promotion to president of business operations in February 2013. He agreed to a 5-year contract at CU, and he officially started on the job on August 12, 2013.

His list of achievements in his first 24 months in the position were many, but none more significant than shepherding through a \$156 million Athletic Complex Expansion from creation through fruition, gaining approval from the Board of Regents and then raising nearly one-half of the estimated cost to initiate construction, which began May 12, 2014. The project is the core of the Sustainable Excellence Initiative (SEI), the jewel of which is a long-awaited indoor practice facility. Once green-lighted, he spearheaded the most successful fundraising campaign in athletic department history, raising just under \$75 million a year-and-a-half into the project.

George implemented the department's first-ever comprehensive strategic plan, which has mapped CU's immediate and long range purpose and goals. He also redesigned the management teams, made tough budget decisions that reduced deficits he inherited, and canvassed the state, region and nation in both friend- and fundraising.

Near the end of his first year, he was recognized by CU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as its choice for Staff Member of the Year; no token award, the group acknowledged his attendance at most home athletic events, regular meetings with team captains of all programs to interact with them and receive their feedback, and willingness to meet with any student-athlete and that his door is always open to them.

George brings the most diverse background to the position than any before him at Colorado: all five others had extensive and primarily exclusive college athletic histories, the only exceptions being when Marolt left CU after 10 years as ski coach to lead the U.S. Olympic ski team before returning, and Tharp, who was a university attorney with strong CU-Boulder campus ties. While George began and worked in the college athletic world for the first half of his professional career, he stepped outside that box for the second half.

George is just the sixth full-time athletic director in Colorado history, following in the footsteps of Harry Carlson (1927-65), Eddie Crowder (1965-84), Bill Marolt (1984-96), Dick Tharp (1996-2004) and Mike Bohn (2005-13). Two others have bridged directors in interim capacities, Jack Lengyel (six months between Tharp and Bohn) and Ceal Barry (two months between Bohn and George).

George was with the Rangers for less than three years, but saw the team win two American League championships and compile a 243-176 record (.580 winning percentage) during his time there, second-best in the major leagues during that time frame. As the COO, he worked closely with team president and CEO, baseball Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan, and was responsible for all facets of the Rangers' business operations, including oversight of all sales and marketing efforts, broadcast and communications, ticket and suite sales, naming rights, etc., in addition to overseeing the finance, human resource and

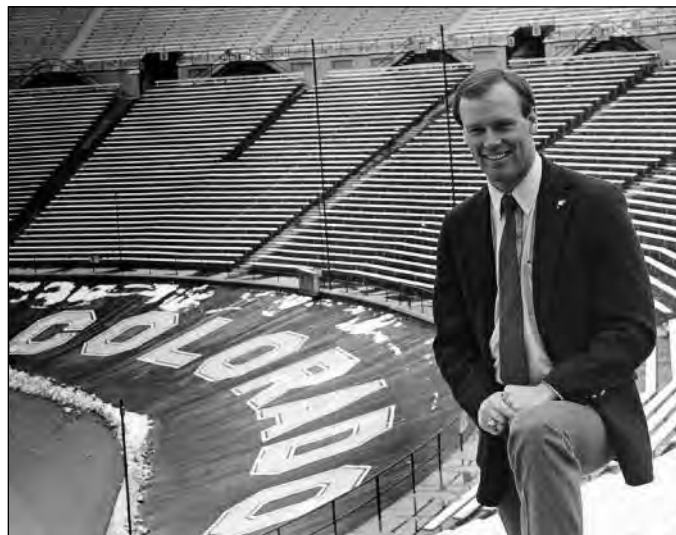
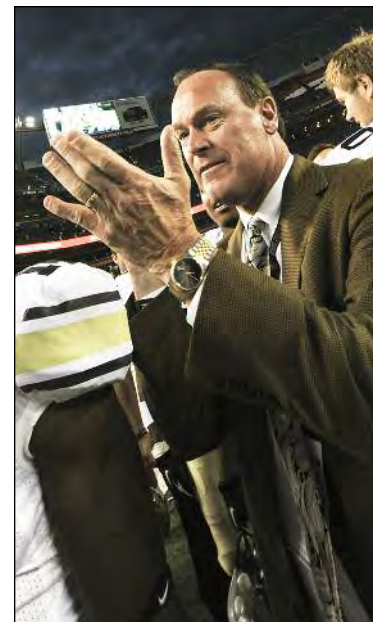
operations departments.

Among his many accomplishments with the Rangers was a comprehensive branding study that successfully rebranded the ball club, and an implementation of a new ticketing strategy that over the course of three seasons increased ticket revenues by over \$30 million. The club's attendance saw an increase of 40 percent from the 2010 season to nearly 3.5 million in 2012, second in the American League (behind the New York Yankees) and third in the majors. The 2013 numbers were on pace to exceed the 3 million mark again when he left the franchise for CU.

Prior to joining the Rangers, George served as executive vice president and chief of operations for the PGA TOUR for two-and-a-half years (beginning in June 2008). While with the TOUR, he worked with the corporate marketing department in renewing sponsorships and creating new events. He also oversaw the Tournament Business Affairs division that worked with Tournaments to increase tournament revenue.

He also worked for the PGA TOUR as president of the Champions Tour from 2003-08, and as the executive vice president for championship management his last three years there. His major accomplishments included increasing revenues and sponsorships and the development of strategic plans, the latter including a vision and mission statement as well as core values. The Champions Tour had grown to a minimum 29 events with over \$55 million in prize money when he left for the PGA TOUR.

From 1998-2003, George served as President and CEO of the Fore!Kids Foundation, a 501c3 organization that raised money for children's charities via golf-related events, where he led rebranding and organizational efforts that resulted in increases in charitable



George's first week on the job ... in 1987.



Rick and granddaughter Harper at ESPN's Basketball Game Day (February 2014).

giving to the Foundation.

At the collegiate level, George worked in three major conferences (Big Ten, Big 8, Southeastern) in football operations, beginning with his alma mater, the University of Illinois, as football recruiting coordinator (1983-87).

He graduated from Illinois in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Individual Study that had an emphasis on Sports Communication and Journalism. He was a four-year letterman at cornerback for the Illini, playing in 44 straight games and starting in 27 games in all, as he played two years each under coaches Gary Moeller and Mike White. He was a two-time recipient of the school's Bruce Capel Award, given for dedication and courage to honor Capel who lost his life serving his country in Vietnam; George received the honor for his junior and senior seasons.

Upon his graduation, White named him the assistant director for player personnel for the Illini, and a year later (1983), he assumed the all sports recruiting coordinator. In March 1984, George took over the recruiting chores solely for football, with his first class ranked No. 1 in the nation by the recruiting services with all in the top 20; he coordinated five classes in all at Illinois when the call came to take him out west to Colorado.

On March 2, 1987, Bill McCartney hired him as Colorado's football recruiting coordinator. Two-and-a-half years later (Dec. 21, 1989), George was promoted to assistant athletic director for football operations, not coincidentally after the Buffaloes finished the regular season with an 11-0 record and the school's first-ever No. 1 national ranking in the polls. CU lost to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl and would finish No. 4, but came back to go 11-1-1 in 1990, this time defeating the Irish in the Orange Bowl to earn consensus national champion honors.



Rick George is overseeing the \$153 million facility upgrade to Folsom Field that is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2015 and will benefit all CU Student Athletes.

Shortly thereafter, he left the Buffaloes for Vanderbilt University, where he was reunited with former CU offensive coordinator Gerry DiNardo, who was named the Commodores' head coach a year earlier. In eight years at Vanderbilt (1991-98), he also served as associate athletic director for external operations in conjunction with overseeing the football program. This was where George first expanded his professional role outside of solely football, as he had oversight over all external departments, particularly in the area of managing budgets and developing marketing and promotional strategies for all sports.

George was born April 3, 1960 in Woodstock, Ill., and graduated from Collinsville (Ill.) High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He is married to the former Nancy Green, and the couple has two grown daughters, Jenni Reed (husband Tom) and Christi, and one granddaughter (Harper).



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Founded in 1876 at the foot of the Flatirons, 139 years has transformed the University of Colorado from a lone building on a bleak, windswept hill to one of the nation's leading public research institutions. Established in 1861, the University was formally founded in 1876, the year Colorado became a state.

The Boulder campus encompasses almost 800 acres on the main campus, east campus (which includes a research park), Williams Village and the Mountain Research Station north of nearby Nederland (which supports ecology, chemistry and geology). In 1996 the Board of Regents purchased 308 acres of land in unincorporated Boulder County, now informally known as the south campus, in an effort to insure the growth of the University well into this century.

While almost 30,000 students are educated on the main campus, another 13,000 study at the University of Colorado at Denver, the University of Colorado Anschutz Campus (Aurora) and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Nine elected Regents and President Bruce Benson lead the four-campus system, while each campus has a Chancellor who serves as the chief academic and administrative officer. Dr. Phil DiStefano is in his seventh year as the chancellor of the Boulder campus.

Students can enter any of 10 schools and colleges offering more than 2,500 courses in 150 fields, representing a full range of disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, physical and biological sciences, the fine and performing arts, and the professions. CU-Boulder is regularly ranked among the best of the United States' public universities by the *Fiske Guide to Colleges*, and a 2010 *USA Today/Princeton Review* survey rated the University of Colorado as the fifth-best value among American public colleges. CU was recently ranked as the No. 33 university in the world by the *Times Higher Education*.

CU-Boulder has played a major role in NASA space programs, designing and building many scientific instruments flown in outer space, and graduated 18 men and women who became astronauts, including the late Jack Swigert, one of the three astronauts in the crippled Apollo 13 mission who made it dock to Earth safely from the moon. When the Hubble Space Telescope was launched in 1990, it was carrying seven major instruments, including a high-resolution spectrograph to study the evolution of stars and designed and built by an international science team led by astronomer Jack Brandt of CU-Boulder. Since Hubble has been up, CU-Boulder faculty and students have been among the top users of Hubble of any institution in the world. CU-Boulder is the only university in the country where undergraduate students have operated a NASA satellite.



The University has produced 19 Rhodes Scholars, five of which were former football student-athletes at CU, with Jim Hansen the most recent recipient in 1992. Faculty member Thomas Cech, a distinguished professor of chemistry and biochemistry, won the 1989 Nobel Prize in chemistry. Other notable alumni include former United States Supreme Court Justice Byron "Whizzer" White, former big band leader Glenn Miller and actors Robert Redford and Christopher Meloni, the latter starring for years on *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, and the creators of *South Park*, Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

If the aphorism, "Somewhere between the Rockies and reality," seems too good to believe, then come for a visit. Start with a walk on the historic Pearl Street Mall, a downtown pedestrian mall that is the ceremonial heart of the city actually that works despite the efforts of its street theatre.

Visitors may be so taken in by the scenery, the mall, Tudors and Victorians they may forget the University that put it all together. From Pearl, Broadway leads directly onto campus where the University of Colorado Museum and the CU Heritage Center, in the original Old Main building, which introduces the University's past and present. The recently completed ATLAS building is one of the most state-of-the-art structures on any college campus.

Take in the fresh mountain air on any part of 100 miles of trails and 30,000 acres of open space. Climb the Flatirons or in Eldorado Canyon State Park. Swim or board sail at the Boulder Reservoir while elite runners sprint around it. Take in a pro sporting event down the road in Denver, just one of 13 cities with teams in all four pro leagues.

Rest assured, like the prophesy of an Arapaho Indian Chief, "If you leave Boulder, you will return."

PAC-12 CONFERENCE



Conference History

The roots of the Pac-12 Conference date back 99 years to December 2, 1915, when the Pacific Coast Conference (PCC) was founded at a meeting at the Oregon Hotel in Portland. The original membership consisted of four schools — the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Washington, the University of Oregon, and Oregon State College (now Oregon State University). All still are charter members of the Conference.

Pacific Coast Conference play began in 1916 and, one year later, Washington State College (now Washington State University) was accepted into the league, with Stanford University following in 1918.

In 1922, the PCC expanded to eight teams with the admission of the University of Southern California (USC) and the University of Idaho. In 1924, the University of Montana joined the league roster, and in 1928, the PCC grew to 10 members with the addition of UCLA.

The Pacific Coast Conference competed as a 10-member league until 1950, with the exception of 1943-45 when World War II curtailed intercollegiate athletic competition to a minimum. During that time, the league's first commissioner was named. Edwin N. Atherton was commissioner in 1940 and was succeeded by Victor O. Schmidt in 1944. In 1950, Montana resigned from the Conference and joined the Mountain States Conference, essentially replacing Colorado, which left for the Big 7 two years earlier. The PCC continued as a nine-team conference through 1958.

In 1959, the PCC was dissolved and the Athletic Association of Western Universities was formed and Thomas J. Hamilton was appointed commissioner of the new league. The original AAWU membership included California, Stanford, Southern California, UCLA and Washington. Washington State joined the membership in 1962, while Oregon and Oregon State joined in 1964. Under Hamilton's watch, the name Pacific-8 Conference was adopted in 1968. In 1971, Wiles Hallock took over as commissioner of the Pac-8.

On July 1, 1978, the University of Arizona and Arizona State University were admitted to the league and the Pacific-10 Conference became a reality. In 1986-87, the league took on a new look, expanding to include 10 women's sports. Thomas C. Hansen was named the commissioner of the Pac-10 in 1983, a role he would hold for 26 years until 2009. Hansen was succeeded by current commissioner Larry Scott, who took on the new role in July 2009.

During the 2010-11 academic year, Scott helped deliver monumental changes that transformed the conference into a modern 12-team league by adding the University of Colorado and the University of Utah. The addition of CU and Utah led to an agreement to equal revenue sharing for the first time in conference history, created two divisions (North and South) for football only, established a football championship game for the first time ever, secured a landmark media rights deal that dramatically increased national exposure and revenue for each school and established the Pac-12 Network and Pac-12 Digital Network that guaranteed enhanced exposure across all sports.

Colorado accepted its invitation to join the Pac-12 on June 11, 2010, as the Buffaloes were the first domino to fall in a change of the national landscape which, in just one week, saw Nebraska also leave the Big 12 and join the Big 10, Boise State depart the WAC for the Mountain West, TCU jump from the MWC for the Big East, and then on June 17, Utah agreeing to join CU to make it an even dozen in the Pac-12. Big-time rivals for the first half of the last century, the Buffaloes and Utes officially became the 11th and 12th members of the Conference on July 1, 2011, the first additions to the league since 1978. During the 33



Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott

years between expansions, Pac-10 teams claimed 258 NCAA titles (130 women's, 128 men's).

At present, the Pac-12 sponsors 11 men's sports and 12 women's sports. Additionally, the conference schools are members of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) in four other men's sports and three women's sports. CU participates in the MPSF in indoor track and now in women's lacrosse and has competed since 1950 in the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Ski Association (RMISA) in skiing, which is a coed sport.

The Pac-12 Conference offices are located in the heart of San Francisco.

Conference of Champions

Built on a firm foundation of academic excellence and superior athletic performance, the Conference ushered in a new era on July 1, 2011, officially becoming the Pac-12 Conference with the additions of the University of Colorado and University of Utah.

Just 27 days after the Conference officially changed its name, Commissioner Larry Scott announced the creation of the Pac-12 Networks, solidifying a landmark television deal and putting the Conference on the forefront of collegiate athletics. The Networks, including one national network, six regional networks, and a robust digital network marked the first-ever integrated media company owned by a college conference. In addition, the "TV Everywhere" rights allow fans to access Pac-12 Networks outside the home on any digital device, including smartphones and tablet computers.

That same year, the Pac-12 also launched its Globalization Initiative to proactively promote the Conference and member institutions through student-athlete exchanges and sport. In the first four years, Pac-12 student-athletes have enjoyed unique cultural and athletic experiences in China, fielding full university and Pac-12 all-star teams in women's volleyball and men's basketball. The Conference and its member schools have gained significant brand exposure for the future and set a foundation for growth.

On the field, the Pac-12 rises above the rest, upholding its tradition as the "Conference of Champions[®]," claiming an incredible 140 NCAA team titles since 1999-2000. For the 10th consecutive year, the Pac-12 had the most or tied for the most NCAA titles of any conference in the country, winning at least six every year since 2000-01, including nine in 2014-15 (two claimed by **Colorado**: men's cross country and skiing). Even more impressive has been the breadth of the Pac-12's success,



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with championships coming in 28 different men's and women's sports. The Pac-12 has led or tied the nation in NCAA Championships in 49 of the last 55 years, four of the exceptions being in 1980-81, 1988-89, 1990-91 and 1995-96 when the Conference finished second.

Spanning nearly a century of outstanding athletics achievements, the Pac-12 was the first conference to reach 400 championships in 2010-11; with the inclusion of Colorado and Utah, the league teams zoomed past 450 titles, outdistancing the next conference by nearly 200. In all, Conference teams have won **478** NCAA Championships (291 men's, 158 women's, 29 coed).

Individually, the Conference has produced an impressive number of NCAA individual champions, as **2,208** individual crowns have been won by Pac-12 student-athletes over the years (1,333 in men's championships, 701 in women's and 174 in coed (e.g. skiing, fencing).

On the women's side, the story is much the same. Since the NCAA began conducting women's championships 34 years ago, Pac-12 members have claimed at least four national titles in a single season on 25 occasions, including 15-consecutive years from 2000-2015.

2014-15 QUICK REVIEW

In the 2014-15 academic year, the Pac-12's nine NCAA titles came in the form of four men's and four women's and one coed team title. Five different league schools claimed NCAA titles and, of the seven NCAA institutions to have won multiples titles, three were from the Pac-12. No other conference in the country had more than one team win multiple NCAA titles.

Oregon was one of only two programs in the country to win three NCAA titles in 2014-15. The Ducks successfully defended its indoor and outdoor NCAA Track & Field titles, and also won the women's outdoor crown for the first time in 30 years. **Colorado** and Stanford claimed a pair of titles, as well. The Buffaloes claimed the academic year's first NCAA title, taking home its second straight men's cross country crown in dominating fashion, posting a 33-point margin of victory. Colorado then grabbed the hardware in skiing, its third in five years and 20th in the history of the program.

Participation in the postseason was a common occurrence for the Pac-12 in 2014-15. Of the 22 sports sponsored, 20 witnessed at least half its teams participating in NCAA or other postseason action. The men sent 67 of a possible 97 teams into the postseason (69.1 percent), while the women sent 79 of a possible 115 teams (68.7 percent).



CU claimed its second straight NCAA cross country title in November 2014



CU won its 20th national championship in skiing in March 2015



Volleyball senior Taylor Simpson was the state of Colorado's Female Athlete of the Year