

COLORADO



RAPID REPORT
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The pride and tradition of the Colorado Buffaloes will not be entrusted to the timid or the weak.

- Coach Bill McCartney



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EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Welcome to our fourth RAPID annual report for CU Athletics. During these unprecedented times while dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, my hopes are that everyone is remaining safe and continuing to follow the protocols necessary to get our country back on track and, in this case, getting CU Athletics back up to speed.

This year's report will not only provide a review of our academic and athletic accomplishments, but also provide an in-depth look at the tremendous effort required by our student-athletes and staff to continue to excel in the midst of a pandemic.

It is important that I express my appreciation to the entire Buff Family.

Our student-athletes have continued to prevail under the unfortunate circumstances that have altered their athletic careers, lifestyles, and college experience. Our staff has continued working hard to help develop and support our student-athletes in reaching all of their goals, both on and off the playing field. And, our donors' continued support of CU Athletics has been instrumental in helping to provide a holistic experience for our student-athletes throughout these difficult times.

That has been our objective since day one, and the Buff Family has helped us maintain our mission.

I look forward to the days that we are all back together cheering on the Buffs and celebrating victories with one another. Until then, everyone please continue to stay safe and GO BUFFS!



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Rick George'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

RICK GEORGE
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

THE LAST DECADE

As we enter the new decade of 2020, it is important that we review this past decade and some of CU Athletics' major accomplishments athletically and key additions/facility improvements made within our department.



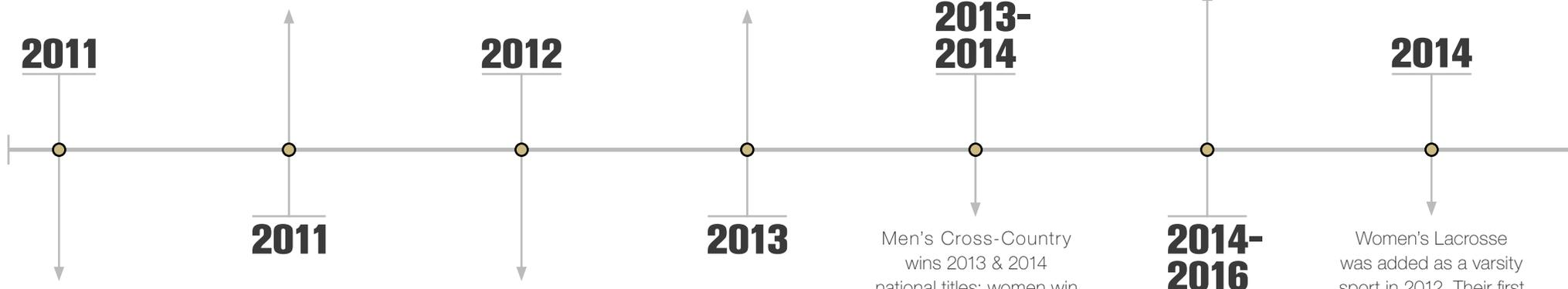
Athletics Complex Expansion: completed over a two-year period (2014-16), Champions Center and Indoor Practice Facility constructed, Dal Ward Athletic Center renovated.



CU wins first Pac-12 Championships held in any sport (M/W Cross-Country), sweeping the 2011 titles.



Rick George was named athletic director at the University of Colorado on July 17, 2013.



2011

2011

2012

2013

2013-2014

2014-2016

2014



CU officially joined the Pac-12 Conference on July 1, 2011

Men's Basketball wins the 2012 Pac-12 Tournament by winning four games in four days



Men's Cross-Country wins 2013 & 2014 national titles; women win the 2018 crown; men win six Pac-12 titles in a row (seven in the decade), women win four.



Women's Lacrosse was added as a varsity sport in 2012. Their first year of competition was 2014. Within three years becomes a nationally ranked program.

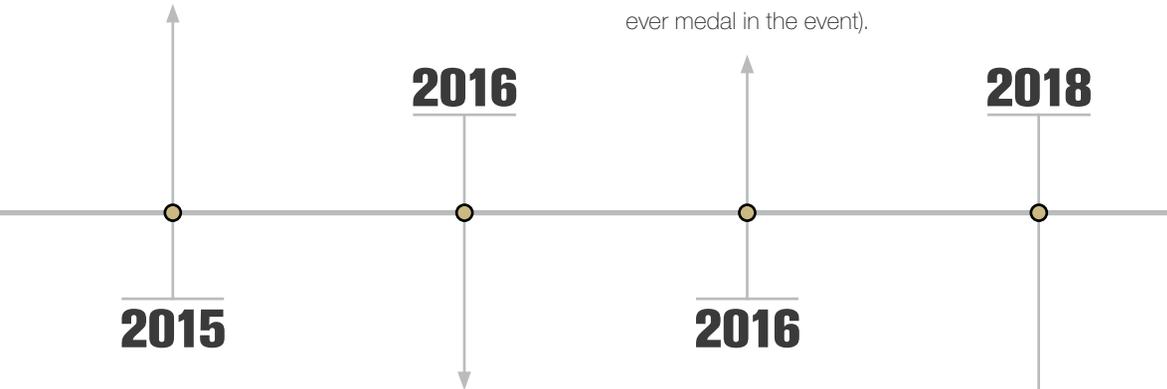




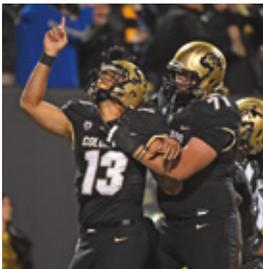
Female track stars Jenny Simpson, Emma Coburn and Shalaya Kipp qualify for five Olympics between them, Coburn won the bronze medal in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (2016, Rio), Simpson the bronze in the 1,500 (2016, Rio—the first American woman to ever medal in the event).



Skiing wins NCAA titles in 2011, 2013 and 2015 (bringing the program total to 20).



Football wins the Pac-12 South Division in 2016, earns first bowl berth in nine years (Alamo Bowl).



Ceal Barry inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2018.



COLORADO STUDENT-ATHLETES

BY THE NUMBERS



376 Total number of active Student-Athletes

210 Identify as male Student-Athletes

166 Identify as female Student-Athletes

Colorado residents compared to non-Colorado residents

114 Residents of Colorado
273 Non-residents of Colorado

40 International Student-Athletes

136 Minorities (self-identified)

150 Full-scholarship Student-Athletes

130 Partial-scholarship Student-Athletes

2021-23 STRATEGIC PLAN

PURPOSE

CU Athletics provides an opportunity for our diverse Student-Athletes to compete at the highest collegiate level, foster an emotional connection with our constituents and promote the University.

CORE VALUES

CU Athletics personnel are and will be exemplified by reflecting the following Core Values, including a sense of urgency (RAPID) in the achievement of this plan:

R ESPECT - Recognize and embrace each individual's unique value to the department

A CCOUNTABILITY - Take personal responsibility for actions and results

P ASSION - Personal energy that drives work ethic, focus, and a need to excel

I NTEGRITY - Always operate in an honest and ethical manner

D EDICATION - Unwavering loyalty to the department and our shared vision

VISION

To be nationally recognized as a premier athletics department, by providing a world-class and holistic Student-Athlete experience, operating in a fiscally responsible manner, while consistently competing for and winning championships.

MISSION

CU Athletics will win championships by recruiting and developing the WHOLE Student-Athlete and challenging them, coaches and staff to succeed within our culture of excellence.

VALUE PROPOSITION

CU Athletics showcases the University nationally, transforming our broad and diverse communities into stakeholders by inspiring excellence, instilling pride, and celebrating success.

CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

We believe everything is earned and nothing is given. We ensure our success every day through hard work, collaboration, and an unrelenting passion to win. We hold ourselves and each other accountable to the highest standards, on and off the field. We're proud to be Buffs.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

CU ATHLETICS REVENUE & EXPENSES

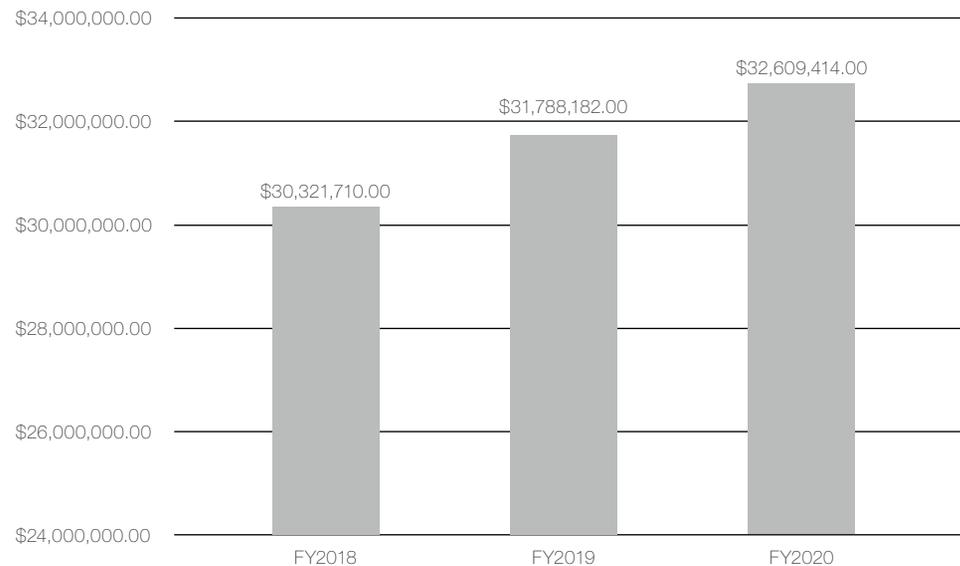
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Total Revenue	\$85,084,427	\$88,830,618	\$89,987,464
Total Expenses	\$85,083,434	\$92,526,618	\$86,291,449
Net	\$993	(\$3,696,000)	\$3,696,015

CU Athletics ended FY20 with a budgeted surplus to offset the deficit that occurred in FY19. We were able to do this despite the impacts of the cancellation of the NCAA's Men's Basketball Tournament (March Madness) and a decrease of budgeted conference distribution.



Colorado's membership in the Pac-12 allows for a consistent source of revenue each year. In FY20, the Pac-12 distributed \$32,609,414, which is an increase from FY19's distribution by about \$800,000.

PAC-12 DISTRIBUTION



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

a. Campus cumulative GPA vs. Athletics cumulative GPA | **3.15** | **3.11**
Campus | Athletics

d. Graduation Success Rate | **95%**

b. Academic Honor Roll by Student-Athlete | Fall 2019 | Spring 2020
190 | **280**

e. Academic Progress Rate | **4** year average | **.984**

c. Academic All-American **First Team**
Sage Hurta (Women's Track & Field | Cross Country)
Dani Jones (Women's Track & Field | Cross Country)
Joe Klecker (Men's Track & Field | Cross Country)

f. Pac-12 Honor Roll | **83** Student-Athletes



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

g. Colorado teams with 3.0 GPA or higher | Fall 2019 **11** of **15** | Spring 2020* **15** of **15**

* Amidst Covid Restrictions

h. Student-Athletes with 4.0 GPA | Fall 2019 **14** | Spring 2020 **52**

i. Student-Athletes working on a Masters Degree | Fall 2020 **27**

j. Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the year | 2019 Cross Country **Sage Hurta**

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Tom Hansen Pac-12 Conference Medal - (Awarded to the outstanding senior female and senior male student-athletes based on the exhibition of the greatest combination of performance and achievement in scholarship, athletics, and leadership. The Tom Hansen Medal is the highest award a graduating senior can achieve from the Pac-12 Conference.) – **Joe Klecker** (Track & Field and Cross Country) and **Jaylin “JJ” Tompkins** (Soccer)



EXCELLING ATHLETICALLY

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES

FOOTBALL

- Karl Dorrell named the 27th head coach in school history
- In the most exciting game of the 2019 season, CU rallied from down 17-0 to defeat arch-rival Nebraska, 34-31, in overtime
- Buffs had three former players drafted this year including **Laviska Shenault**, who was drafted in the second round (42nd overall) by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the 2020 NFL Draft



MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Colorado's 21 regular season wins in 2019-20 tied for the most in program history, achieved three other times: 1996-97, 2013-14 and 2015-16. Overall, it tied for the seventh-most wins counting postseason
- Colorado was ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 poll for a school record 13 weeks while appearing in 11 USA Today/Coaches polls. The Buffaloes peaked at No. 15 in the Coaches poll and No. 16 in the AP poll on Feb. 10
- **Tyler Bey** was named the 2019-20 Pac-12 Conference Defensive Player of the Year while **McKinley Wright IV** was tabbed first team all-conference for the second time. In addition, Bey was selected to the All-Pac-12 Second Team while joining Wright on the Pac-12's five-member All-Defensive squad
- **Bey** was selected by Philadelphia with the 36th overall pick of the 2020 NBA Draft, with his draft rights traded to the Dallas Mavericks



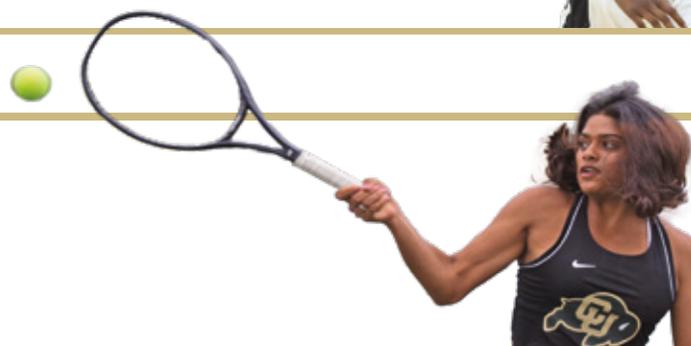
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- **Kennedy Leonard** signed with BA London in the UK, her second professional contract
- CU defeated No. 8 Arizona at home last season 50-38, snapping a 33-game losing streak to AP ranked opponents
- **Jaylyn Sherrod** was selected to the All-Freshman team and **Mya Hollingshed** was All-Pac-12 honorable mention in 2019-20



TENNIS

- Added two graduate transfers
- **Sara Nayar/Monica Malinen** competed in ITA All-American Tournament
- **Sara Nayar** runner-up ITA Mountain Regional singles tournament
- **Nayar/Malinen** ITA Mountain Regional semifinalist doubles

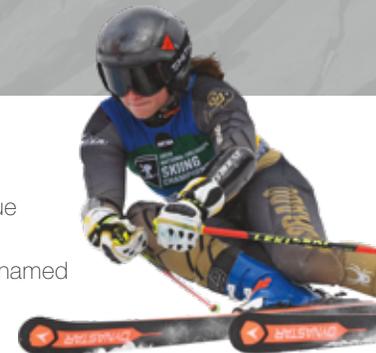


EXCELLING ATHLETICALLY

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES CONTINUED

SKIING

- The Buffs finished second in three of the four meets in 2020, and third in the other
- The Buffs were in fifth place and rising at the mid-point of the 2020 NCAA Ski Championships before it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- **Mikeala Tommy** won 5 of 7 GS races throughout the season, including the RMISA Individual Championship. She was named the RMISA Women's Alpine MVP, Women's Alpine Skier of the Year & won the CUSPY for Female Athlete of the Year
- **Stef Fleckenstein** gave the Buffs a good 1-2 punch, finishing the season with 10 top five finishes and one race win
- **Magnus Boee** won 3 races throughout the season, earning All-American honors & won the CUSPY for Male Freshman of the Year
- In all, the Buffs won 10 individual races in 2020



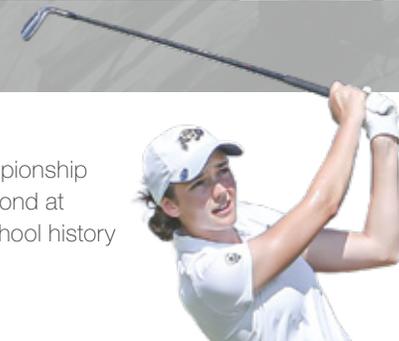
MEN'S GOLF

- Head Coach Roy Edwards team won its 16th and 17th team titles, making him the winningest coach in CU history
- CU successfully defended its titles in the Air Force Invitational and its own Mark Simpson-CU Invitational
- Senior **Daniel O'Loughlin** sets school record for career stroke average (71.71)



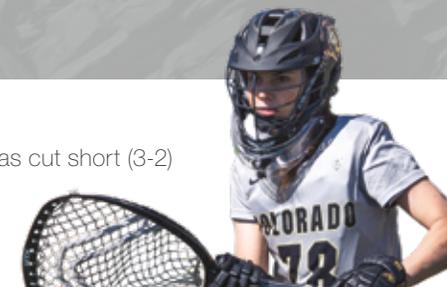
WOMEN'S GOLF

- **Kirsty Hodgkins** qualified for the 2019 NCAA Regional Championship, earning her third trip to the NCAA Championship
- **Hodgkins** led the team during the 2019-20 season, which included a pair of runner-up finishes. She tied for second at the Betsy Rawls Invitational, carding a 10-under 206 (71-67-68), which was the second-lowest par-72 score in school history. Her other runner-up finish was at the Trinity Forest Invitational as she shot at 6-under 210 (67-71-72)
- She was selected to compete at the 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur and advanced to match play



LACROSSE

- Has recorded a winning record every season (79-40, 66.4 winning percentage), even in 2020 when the season was cut short (3-2)
- Placed second in the Pac-12 standings and in the conference tournament in 2019
- Advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year in 2019



EXCELLING ATHLETICALLY

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES

INDOOR/OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- Seven All-Americans named after COVID
- **Dani Jones** USTFCCCA Indoor Track Athlete of the Year
- School Record Women's Indoor 800
- **Joe Klecker** State Mile Record (4:01.0)



MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- 2019 NCAA third place team and 2019 Pac-12 Champions (Men's)
- **Joe Klecker** – 2019 NCAA Men's Individual Runner-up and Pac-12 Champion
- In addition to Klecker, **John Dressel** and **Alec Hornecker** earned All-American honors at the NCAA Championship. Dressel placed seventh and Hornecker was 38th
- **Sage Hurta** became CU's second 4-time All-American in 2019 with a 38th place finish at NCAAs
- The team recorded a fourth place finish at the 2019 Pac-12 Championship and was 10th at NCAAs



SOCCER

- **Taylor Korneick** was drafted third overall in the 2020 NWSL Draft by the Orlando Pride, the highest for a CU soccer player and highest Buff since Chauncey Billups was also selected third in the 1997 NBA Draft
- CU advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament with a 6-0 win over Northern Colorado
- **JJ Tompkins** highlighted the final game of the season for the Buffs, making nine saves in CU's 1-0 loss at North Carolina
- **Tompkins** signed professionally and is playing in Norway, Former Buff **Jorian Baucom** and **Taylor Korneick** (on loan) both are playing in Germany



VOLLEYBALL

- Signed three top-100 players in the last two recruiting classes
- Broke school record for highest hitting percentage in a four-set match (2nd in NCAA history) against Oakland
- **Meegan Hart** broke the sophomore hitting percentage in a match record



ALL-AMERICANS



JOE KLECKER
Cross Country



JOHN DRESSEL
Cross Country



ALEC HONECKER
Cross Country



SAGE HURTA
Cross Country



DANI JONES
Track & Field



MAKENA MORLEY
Track & Field



KARINA MANN
Track & Field



VALERIE WELCH
Track & Field



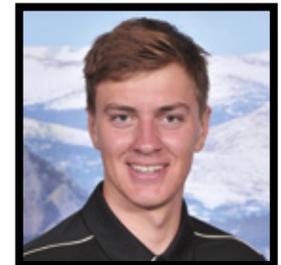
RACHEL McARTHUR
Track & Field



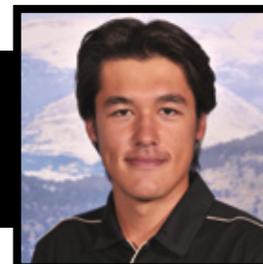
ANNIE HILL
Track & Field



TAYLOR KORNIIECK
Soccer



FILIP FORJETEK
Men's Skiing



MAGNUS BOEE
Men's Skiing



SANDRE BOLLUM
Men's Skiing



COLORADO

COACHING STAFF



TAD BOYLE
Men's Basketball | 11th Season



KARL DORRELL
Football | 1st Season



ROY EDWARDS
Men's Golf | 15th Season



ANNE KELLY
Women's Golf | 24th Season



ANN ELLIOT-WHIDDEN
Lacrosse | 8th Season



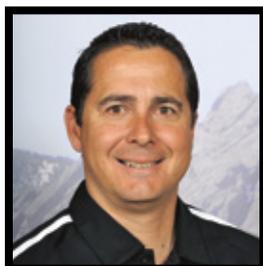
JESSE MAHONEY
Volleyball | 5th Season



MARK WETMORE
Cross Country | Track & Field
26th Season



RICHARD ROKOS
Skiing | 31st Season



DANNY SANCHEZ
Soccer | 9th Season



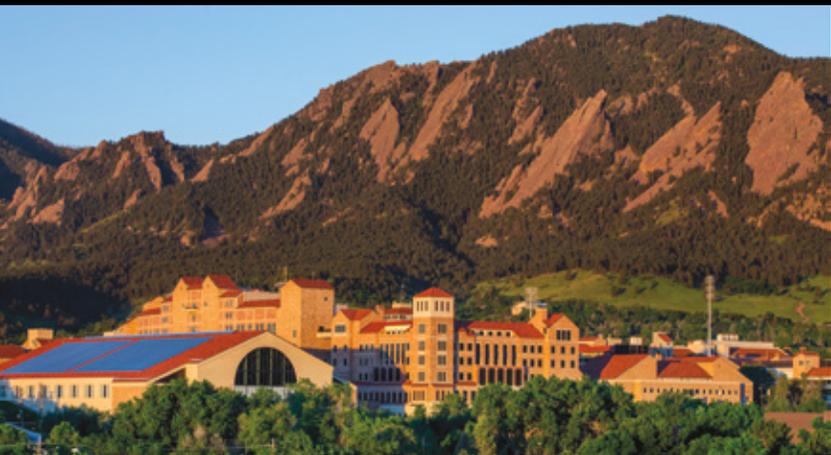
JR PAYNE
Women's Basketball | 5th Season



DANIELLE STEINBERG
Tennis | 3rd Season

FACILITY UPGRADES

While having a great group of coaches to lead and support our student-athletes and their goals is most essential, it is also very important to have state-of-the-art facilities to support the student-athletes as they pursue their goals. CU Athletics has done just that and will continue to provide our student-athletes with the best of the best.



INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY (IPF)
108,000 sq. ft. climate controlled multi-sport facility



DAL WARD ATHLETIC CENTER
92,000 sq. ft. academic, research and training facility



BUFFS IN THE PROS

- **Laviska Shenault Jr.**, drafted in the second round (42nd overall) by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the 2020 NFL Draft
- **Davion Taylor**, drafted in the third round (103rd overall) by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2020 NFL Draft
- **Arlington Hambright**, drafted in the seventh round (226th overall) by the Chicago Bears in the 2020 NFL Draft
- **Phillip Lindsay**, in his second year with the Denver Broncos, recorded his second 1,000-yard rushing season in 2019
- **Spencer Dinwiddie** logged a career-high of 20.6 points per game last season with the Brooklyn Nets
- **Tyler Bey**, was selected by Philadelphia with the 36th overall pick of the 2020 NBA Draft, with his draft rights traded to Dallas
- **Robyn Choi**, earned her LPGA Tour card in 2018 and left the program early, recorded a second-place finish at the 2020 Symetra Tour's Four Winds Invitational and carded a 10-under 206 (69-70-69)
- **Taylor Kornieck**, Orlando Pride's 2020, No. 3 overall draft pick
- **JJ Tompkins**, resigned with Vålerenga Damer after winning the League Championship and the League Cup in Norway
- **Jorian Baucom**, scored three goals for MSV Duisburg in seven matches



CHAMPIONS BEGIN WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

CU Athletics averages nearly \$13M in scholarship expenses for over 350 student-athletes. As tuition continues to increase and state funding continues to diminish, it is more imperative than ever that we identify generous benefactors who are willing to consider an investment in CU Athletics. Every dollar raised in philanthropic support for scholarships frees up valuable resources that we are able to invest in the academic and athletic achievement of CU student-athletes. In order to achieve the vision of competing and winning championships - CU Athletics must continue to attract the best and brightest prospective student-athletes from our state, across the country, and internationally.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

- The single-most important thing we can provide to our student-athletes is the opportunity to earn a college degree. Without scholarships, many of our student-athletes could not afford to attend CU.
- While absolutely crucial to our athletic department mission, scholarships are one of the largest expenses CU Athletics faces each year, with the costs continually increasing year after year.



STUDENT-ATHLETE ANNUAL EXPENSES

\$6,568
EQUIPMENT

\$13,303
TRAVEL

\$15,460
HOUSING

\$15,475
STUDENT-ATHLETE
SERVICES
Including sports performance,
academic resources, etc.

\$45,406
EDUCATION
EXPENSES
Tuition, books, fees, etc.

\$96,212
TOTAL

* Average expenses calculated based on a football non-resident freshman living on-campus and majoring in Business.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT

It's time to address racial injustice and systemic racism as a campus and community. It's important that we work together to effect the positive change and to show our students that we support them and that they matter as student-athletes and individuals. I stand firmly behind our students and student-athletes of color as an anti-racist ally.

Rick George

We have recently created CUnited which is a task force serving the purpose of fighting for racial justice and social change. With the forming of CUnited, CU joins the Pac-12's Social Justice, Anti-Racism and Voting Initiatives.

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to use our collective voices of student-athletes and athletic department staff to take action for racial and social change by acting as catalysts for anti-racist education, reinforcing accountability and delivering a commitment towards building an anti-racist Buff community that ensures empowerment, equity, and inclusion for all.

VISION STATEMENT: Our commitment is to amplify and address the voices and emotions that have been suppressed in our community. This is key to the healing, transformation and restructuring of our department and campus into a more conscious and connected environment. Change starts within our athletic department and expands to our entire Buff community.

CUNITED



WHOLE STUDENT-ATHLETE

WHOLE Student-Athlete CU

Physical Health
Psychological Health
Academic Health
+ Career Health

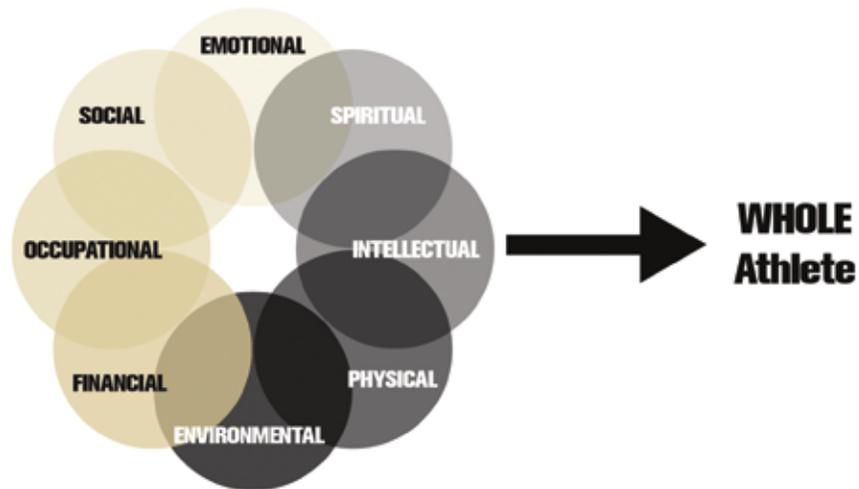
LIFE READY

Wellness Health Optimal Life Experience

WHY?

Why? Wellness, Health and Optimal Life Experience are key to supporting CU student athletes, and are accomplished through CU's comprehensive approach to Physical, Psychological, Academic and Career Health; resulting in the WHOLE Student-Athlete @ CU being Life Ready.

Eight Dimensions of Wellness

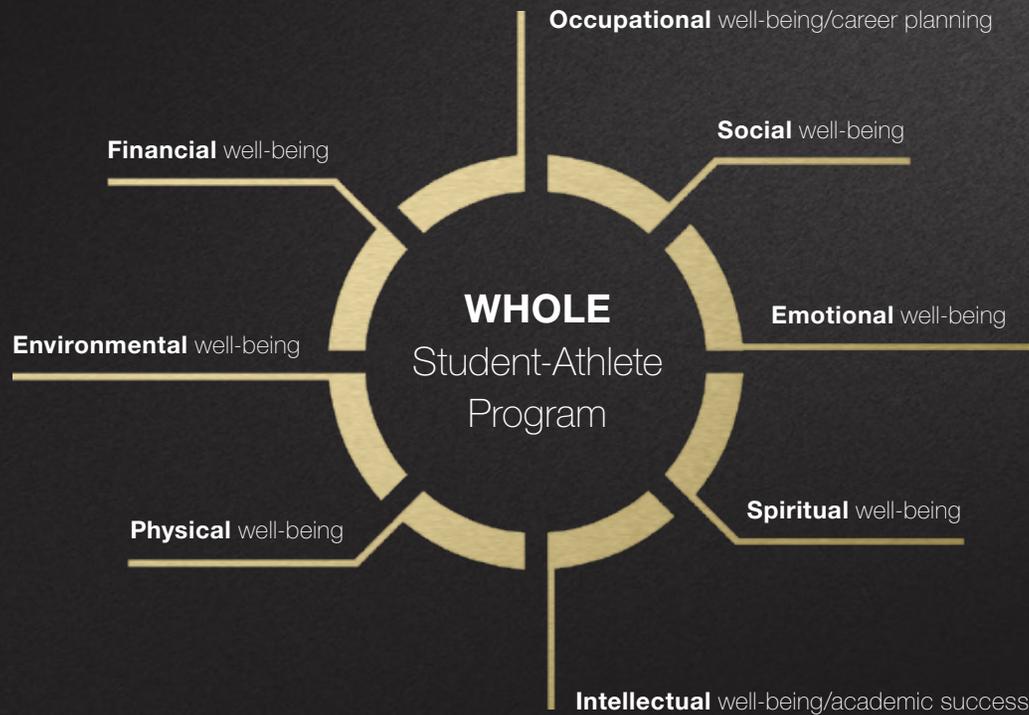


- **Spiritual Health**
- **Intellectual Health**
- **Physical Health**
- **Environmental Health**
- **Financial Health**
- **Occupational Health**
- **Social Health**
- **Emotional Health**

WHOLE STUDENT-ATHLETE

WELLNESS | HEALTH | OPTIMAL LIFE EXPERIENCE

The **WHOLE Student-Athlete Program** (Wellness Health Optimal Life Experience) is designed to support holistic well-being for student-athletes at CU Boulder. The program helps them build sustainable paths to wellness, career maturity and optimal athletic performance from the day they arrive at CU. The program is designed to address the following aspects of each student-athlete's life:



CASH NEEDED VS CASH RECEIVED

Campaign goals vs funds raised.

Leadership & Career Development

\$4,500,000

\$2,613,020.33

Psychological Health & Performance

\$4,000,000

\$2,450,950.49

Nutrition

\$4,500,000

\$2,752,106.77

BUFF CLUB

2019 YEAR BY YEAR COMPARISON | 2019-2020 2020

2019



6,828

TOTAL DONORS



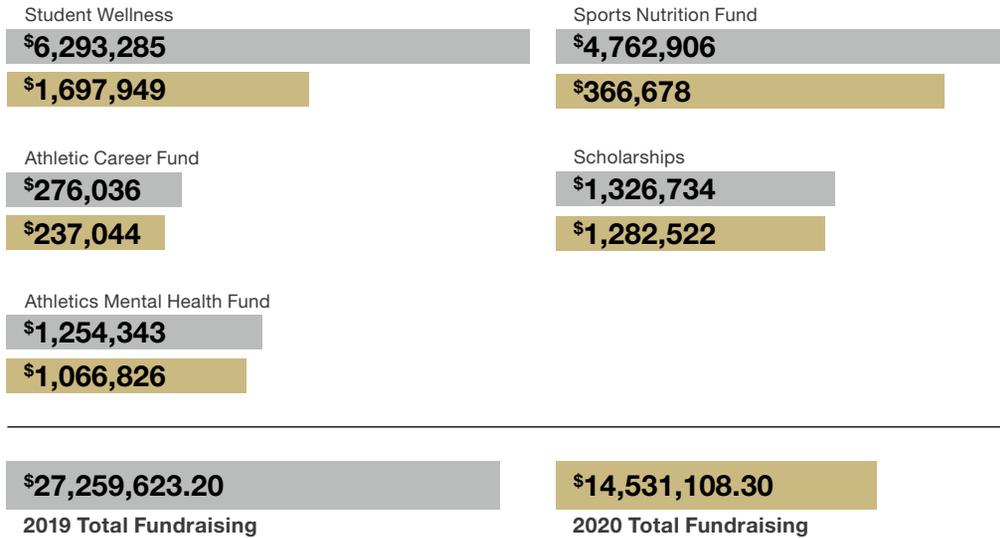
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NEW DONORS



10,979

GIFTS RECEIVED



2020



5,772

TOTAL DONORS



611

NEW DONORS



5,772

GIFTS RECEIVED

THE ONE Campaign

In these unprecedented times, your financial support of CU Athletics and our student-athletes is needed now, more than ever. Our commitment to our student-athletes and our mission to compete for and win championships will never change, but the pandemic brings certain realities that could affect CU Athletics for years to come. Our budget shortfall is significant, and we need the support of our Buffs community.

Now is the time to come together as ONE community, with ONE common purpose, and ONE goal—to support each and every ONE of our CU sports programs and student-athletes. When you donate to the ONE Campaign, you invest in the future of our extraordinary student-athletes and directly fund the programs and services that are key to the foundational success of CU Athletics.

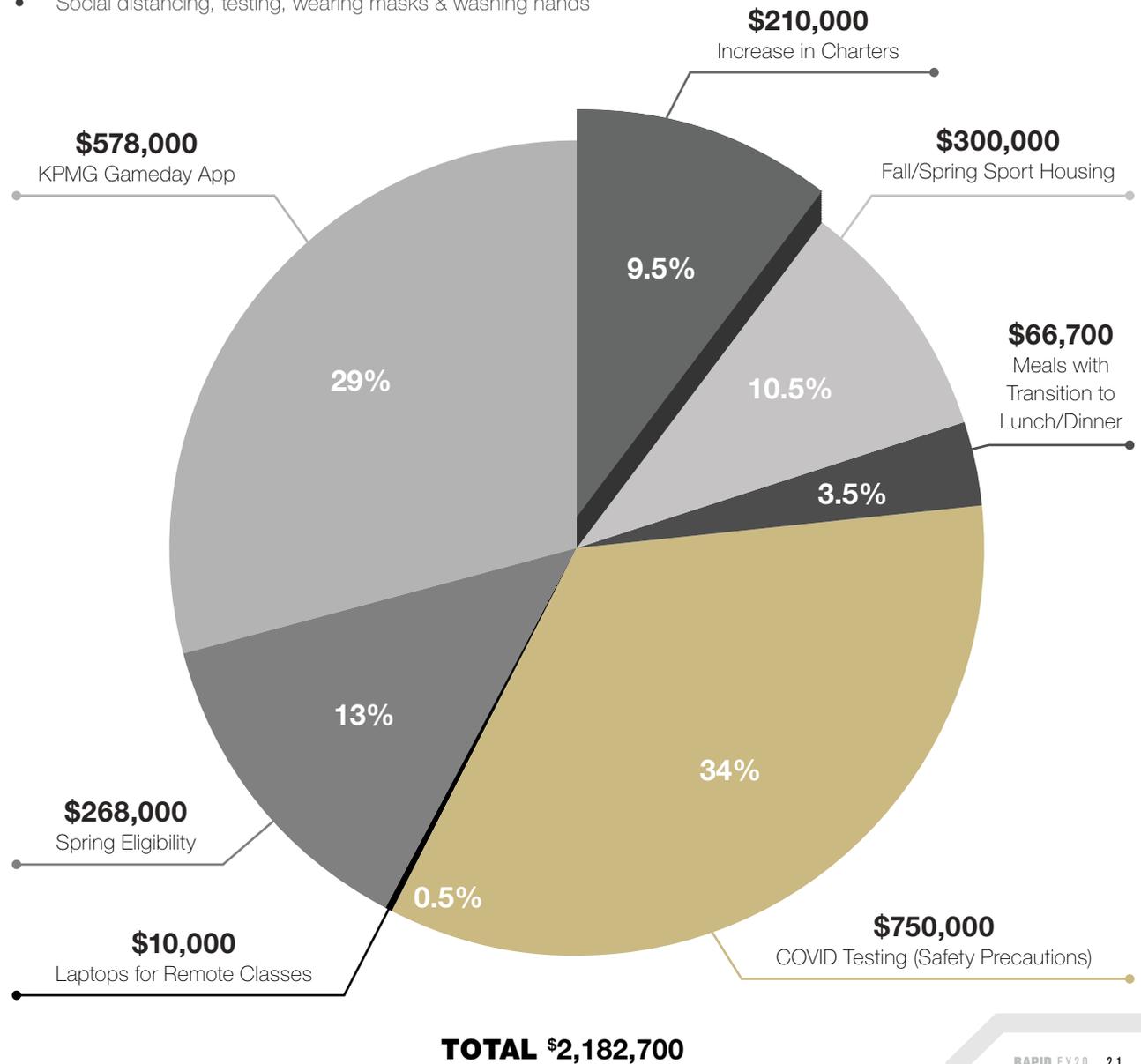
COVID-19 IMPACTS

PROTOCOLS AND PRACTICES



FORECASTED COVID RELATED COSTS (FY21)

- COVID's impact on the department and the Student-Athletes
- Costs of testing
- Eligibility and effects on recruiting/scholarships etc.
- COVID practices
- Social distancing, testing, wearing masks & washing hands



2019 HALL OF FAME



FRONT ROW (left to right)

- ELEANOR PUDLIK**, representing **ED PUDLIK**, Football (1947-49)
JENNY (BARRINGER) SIMPSON, Cross Country (2005-09), Track & Field (2006-09)
GARY BARNETT, Football Coach, Honorary Letterwinner (1999)
JANA (REHEMAA) WEINBERGER, Skiing (2003-05)
JANE WAHL, Women's Athletic Director (1946-49)
PAT PUDLIK DALY, representing **ED PUDLIK**, Football (1947-49)

BACK ROW (left to right)

- JOE FRYE**, representing **ED PUDLIK**, Football (1947-49)
DANIEL REESE, Cross Country (1985-86), Track & Field (1983-86)
BRIAN CABRAL, Football, Player (1975-77) & Assistant Coach (1989-2012), (2018-present)
BARRY HELTON, Football (1985-87)
BRUCE GAMBLE, Skiing (1975-78)
FRED FOLSOM III, representing **THE FAMILY OF FRED FOLSOM**, Men's Basketball (1934-36), Living Legends (1997)



LIVING LEGENDS INDUCTION CEREMONY'S 51ST ANNIVERSARY

On behalf of the Alumni C Club Board of Advisors, members, and current student-athletes, we are proud to recognize the 2019 Class of Living Legends and honor them. It is the goal of the Alumni C Club to preserve and foster the tradition of the University of Colorado Athletics by honoring those letter winners who helped create the foundation of success we experience today.

Nearly 2,000 letter winners have been inducted, and the Living Legends dinner has become one of the Alumni C Club's signature annual events.

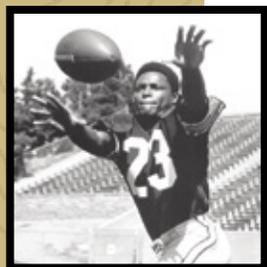
In 2001, the Alumni C Club established the Living Legend Endowment for the purpose of ensuring the future of this recognition. The endowment has grown to over \$150,000 through the generous support of alumni and friends. Donations of any amount are welcomed to the Living Legends endowment, and gifts of \$1,000 or more come with name recognition on the Living Legends plaque and an annual complimentary invitation to the dinner.

If you are interested in supporting the Living Legends Endowment at any level, please contact Kimbirly Orr at (303) 492-0622 or Kimbirly.Orr@Colorado.edu.

IN MEMORIAM



We honor the passing of these incredible alumni athletes.



CLIFF BRANCH - FOOTBALL (1971-1973) MEN'S TRACK & FIELD (1971-1972)

Cliff Branch, one of – if not the – most electrifying players in the University of Colorado football history, passed away from natural causes in Bullhead City, Ariz., on Saturday. He had just turned 71.

A first-team All-American by the Football News as a senior in 1971 (honorable mention by the Associated Press), he was the recipient of the Zack Jordan Award as CU's most valuable player that season. He played a pivotal role in the team's 10-2 record, which included road wins at LSU and Ohio State in the first three weeks of the year, in which after the bowl games, the Buffaloes finished as the nation's No. 3 team, behind conference rivals Nebraska and Oklahoma.

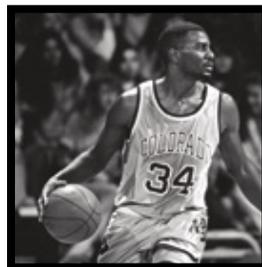
The Oakland Raiders drafted him in the fourth round of the 1972 National Football League draft (98th pick overall). In his 14-year NFL League career, all with the Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders, he played in 183 regular season games, with 501 receptions for 8,685 yards and 67 touchdowns; that 17.3 yards per catch is seldom achieved in today's offenses. He is one of only six players to be a member of all three Raider Super Bowl champion teams (1976, 1980, 1983), combining for 14 catches for 181 yards and three TDs in those title games.

Branch competed for several years in the International Pro Track Association. As a sprinter and relay team performer at CU, he set the NCAA record in the 100-meter run with a 10.0 time in the 1972 national outdoor semifinals (he ran a 10.1 in the final to finish fifth); his best time in the 200 was a 20.5 recorded in Boulder the previous year. Branch was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in its eighth class in the fall of 2010. He was the 14th football player at the time to be selected for induction, though that count included three others who were multiple sport performers. He was the second receiver to be inducted, behind only the late Frank Clarke, who went in with the seventh class in 2008.



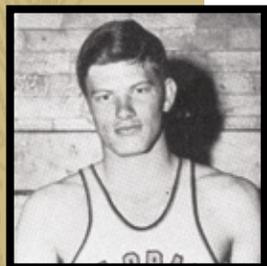
LENNIE CIUFO - FOOTBALL (1971-1973)

Lennie Ciufu was a three-year letter-winner from 1971-73. He made 169 tackles with 14 tackles for loss and five sacks as a three-year starter on the defensive line. He led the Buffs to two bowl games during that time. Ciufu passed away on Feb. 1, 2020, at the age of 69.



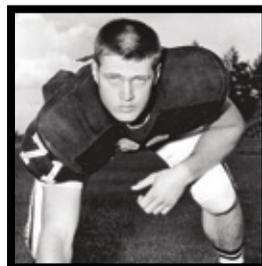
JAMES HUNTER - BASKETBALL (1988-1992)

James Hunter played basketball at the University of Colorado from 1988-92, and passed away on Sept. 3, at the age of 49. Originally from Little Rock, Ark., Hunter was one of the top players in Michigan as a prep, starring at Detroit's Southwestern High School. Hunter averaged 9.1 points, 3.4 rebounds and 1.7 assists in 63 games for the Buffaloes. His best year came as a junior 1990-91, when he helped Colorado to 19 wins and a third-place finish at the National Invitation Tournament. Hunter was third on the squad in both scoring (10.3 ppg) and rebounding (3.7 rpg) as the Buffaloes finished 19-14 overall. Following the season, United Press International named him to their All-Surprise Team. Hunter would join a Big Eight Conference Select Team that toured Italy in August 1991.



FRED JOHNSON - FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL (1948-1951)

Fred Johnson was a three-year letterwinner in football (1948-50) as a halfback, baseball (1949-51), and in basketball (1948-51). Over three seasons on the gridiron, he caught 11 passes for 183 yards and also rushed for 49 yards on 10 carries. After CU, he coached baseball at Boulder High School, where he also taught history, physical education and driver's education. He served as the official scorekeeper for CU men's basketball for more than three decades. Johnson passed away on Jan. 16, 2020, at the age of 90.



JERRY McCLURG - FOOTBALL (1963-1964)

Jerry McClurg was a two-year letter-winner in 1963 and 1964 as an offensive tackle. After being selected to the Blue-Gray All-Star game, he was drafted by both the Minnesota Vikings (NFL) and Kansas City Chiefs (AFL) and had a three-year career in the CFL with the Calgary Stampeders. After his football career, he was a high school sociology teacher for 30 years. McClurg passed away on May 7, 2020, at the age of 78.

We honor the passing of these incredible alumni athletes.



IN MEMORIAM



STACY PATTERSON - FOOTBALL (1995-1996)
Stacy Patterson, a defensive tackle for the University of Colorado football program in the mid-1990s, unexpectedly passed away April 11 in Denver. He was 46. CU head coach Karl Dorrell recruited Patterson to Colorado when he was an assistant coach under Bill McCartney in CU's 1993 recruiting class. He prepped at Jones County High School in Macon, Ga. He lettered at defensive tackle for the 1995-96 seasons. Patterson remained in Colorado after graduating from Colorado and worked in the medical and psychiatric fields. He was also an assistant football coach at Standley Lake High School in Westminster.



RANDY ROBINSON - BASKETBALL (1988-1989, 1990-1993)
Randy Robinson was a four-year letter-winner as a forward in men's basketball in 1988-89 and then 1990-93. He scored 980 points in 108 career games. As a junior, he averaged 14.1 points and he upped his average to 15.2 as a senior. He passed away on Jan. 18, 2020, at the age of 50.



ARNOLD TORGERSON - WRESTLING (1954)
Arnold Torgerson wrestled at CU in the early 1950s, finishing second at the Big Seven Championships in 1954 at 123 pounds. After graduation, he was a teacher and coach at Delta and Fort Collins High Schools. He proudly served as Director of the Colorado High School Coaches Association and Director of the Colorado All-State Games from 1987 - 2003. He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2003 for Lifetime Achievement and served as President of the Colorado Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. A native of Denver, he passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, on April 6, 2020, at the age of 88.



COACH JERRY ZANCANELLI - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Gerald "Jerry" Zancanelli, Colorado's second women's basketball head coach, passed away this past Sunday, Jan. 5, at the age of 85. Zancanelli helped establish the foundation for the Colorado women's basketball program, taking over as head coach following the team's inaugural season in 1975. He spent three years at the helm for the Buffs, ending his tenure with a 40-38 overall record. Zancanelli gave way to Rene Portland before the 1978-79 season. A native of Colorado, Zancanelli was born in Boulder on Aug. 13, 1934, and grew up in Louisville. He graduated from Louisville High School in 1952 and attended Colorado A&M (now Colorado State), where he played football and was a member of the ROTC. After graduating from high school, Zancanelli was commissioned as a navigator in the United States Air Force. He worked his way up to the rank of Captain. He later went on to receive his master's degree in mathematics education from the University of Colorado.



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