

### FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF





# **BRYAN McGINNIS**Director of Football Operations

Bryan McGinnis is in his fifth year as the director of football operations at the University of Colorado, having joined Mike MacIntyre's new Buffalo staff on January 2, 2013. In his position, he coordinates many facets for the football program, including team travel arrangements, itineraries and scheduling.

McGinnis, 36, served in the same capacity under MacIntyre for two seasons at San Jose State University, and thus accepted the invitation to follow him to Boulder. A life-long resident of the San Francisco Bay area, this marks his first time he has ever lived outside of Northern California.

Prior to being promoted to being in charge of San Jose State's football operations, he spent six years on the Spartans' coaching staff, working a variety of positions as an operations assistant in recruiting, equipment and video services. He also was a student assistant working with the defense, the linebackers in particular, the 2005 through 2007 seasons, and then switched sides, working as a graduate assistant on offense (running backs) for the 2008 and 2010 season; in-between, in 2009 he was the staff's operations assistant.

At San Jose, he was on the staffs of two teams that earned bowl invitations: the Spartans defeated New Mexico, 20-12, in the 2006 New Mexico Bowl (their first bowl since 1990) and beat Bowling Green, 29-20, in the 2012 Military Bowl. Those are the only two bowl games SJSU has ever played outside the state of California.

McGinnis played wide receiver for two years (2000-01) at Cabrillo College in Aptos, and then got into coaching, beginning his career at his alma mater, Harbor High School, where he spent two years as the school's offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach. In 2003, he joined the San Francisco 49ers staff as an intern in the player personnel department.

He then returned to school to finish his degree, graduating from San Jose State with Bachelor's in Kinesiology in 2007. While working with football, he took several graduate courses in Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation Management.

He was born June 22, 1981 in Santa Cruz, Calif., and graduated from Harbor High School there, lettering in football and track. He is a certified speed training coach by SAC (Speed, Agility & Conditioning USA/Canada). He is married to the former Vrinda Murphy, who is a behavior therapist for children with autism; the couple has two daughters, Emily Margaret (3) and Maddaline Grace, born this past January.



### ADAM TOYAMA Director of Football Recruiting

Adam Toyama is in his fifth year as the director of football recruiting at the University of Colorado, having joined Mike MacIntyre's new Buffalo staff on January 2, 2013.

Toyama, 35, joined the Colorado staff from San Jose State University, where he was the coordinator of

football relations for the 2011 and 2012 seasons under MacIntyre; he was offered a promotion to direct all aspects of recruiting and thus accepted his invitation to follow him to Boulder.

Prior to joining MacIntyre at San Jose State, he was a recruiting and operations assistant at UNLV for two seasons under head coaches Mike Sanford (2009) and Bobby Hauck (2010). Before taking the UNLV job, he worked in facilities operations at Stanford.

Toyama earned his Bachelor's degree in Health, Exercise and Lifestyle Management from the University of Hawai'i in 2004, and went on to earn a Master's in Sports Management from the University of San Francisco in 2007. While earning his graduate degree, he spent over a year as an operations intern with the National Football League's San Francisco 49ers and for the 2006 season, he worked in suite sales and client relations for the Oakland Raiders.

He was born July 24, 1982 in Honolulu, Hawai'i, and graduated from the St. Louis School there, where he earned letters in volleyball and a sport unique to the islands, canoe paddling. He is married to the former Emmeline Yu.



KATIE BASON
Director of Football Academics

Katie Bason is in her fifth year as the director of football academics at the University of Colorado, having joined Mike MacIntyre's new Buffalo staff on January 7, 2013.

Bason, 34, joined the Colorado staff from San Jose State, where she spent the previous two years (2011-

12) as the academic learning specialist for the football program under MacIntyre. When MacIntyre accepted the CU job, he built in the newly created position of director of academics and offered it to her. Prior to working specifically with the Spartans' football program, she spent a year as a learning specialist for the athletic department.

Prior to her three years at SJSU, she worked seven years with her alma mater, Wake Forest University, her main emphasis working with at-risk student athletes on improving study habits and skills. She also worked as a high school teacher in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, N.C., her courses including English, world history, civics and economics. She also held various operations positions for the Teach for America branch office in Charlotte.

Bason graduated from Wake Forest with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 2005, where she was a member of the Dean's List. As a student at WFU, she was a manager for the Demon Deacons men's basketball team.

She was born June 29, 1983 in Martinsville, Va., and graduated from Carlisle High School there, where she lettered in football and baseball; she was the only girl on the varsity baseball team, and was for four years. She played for the Chicago Storm women's baseball team (the 2002 Roy Hobbes National Champions) as well as the 2002 U-21 U.S. women's national team.



### **BRAD FORSYTH**Director of Player Personnel

Brad Forsyth is in his second year as CU's director of player of personnel, as he joined Mike MacIntyre's staff on August 22, 2016.

Forsyth, 48, came to Colorado after over two decades of working as an area scout for the National Football League, spending 21 seasons doing so for the

Buffalo Bills (1994-2014) and the Miami Dolphins. He was a constant attendee in CU's Fred Casotti Press Box. He started with the Bills as an administrative assistant in 1993.

He graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. A four-year letterman at the school under Coach Norm Eash, he set school records that stood for over 20 years in season (62.9) and career (62.1) completion percentage. As a senior in 1990, he ranked second in the nation in passing efficiency and was the Titans' offensive most valuable player both as a junior and senior, when he also served as a team captain.

He earned his Master's degree in Sports Administration from Illinois State in 1992.

He was born October 1, 1968 in Spokane, Wash., and graduated from Paxton (Ill.) High School, where he earned a combined 10 letters in football, basketball and track. He is married (Kandiss), and the couple has two daughters, Kaedyn (13) and Kamryn (11).



### DANIEL DaPRATO Director of Quality Control/Offense

Daniel DaPrato is in his second year as the director of quality control for the offense, having joined the CU staff on April  $1,\,2016.$ 

He came to Colorado from Montana State, where he spent three seasons (2013-15) as the special teams coordinator and tight ends coach. He spent the 2007-12

seasons at Sacramento State, where he coached the receivers all six years and added coaching the special teams the last three seasons (2010-12). He was on the staff of the Hornets when they visited Folsom Field in 2011 and upset the Buffaloes, 30-28, with a game-winning field goal as time ran out.

DaPrato, 34, began his coaching career at his alma mater, the University of Louisiana-Monroe, where he served as the graduate assistant on offense for the 2004-05 seasons; he then was promoted to the director of operations and recruiting coordinator in 2006. He earned two degree from UL-Monroe, his



bachelor's in Health & Human Performance in 2003, and his Master's in Education, with emphasis in Instructional Technology, in 2004.

He began his college football career at New Mexico Highlands University in 2000, where he spent one year as the starting quarterback. He then transferred to Chabot (Calif.) Junior College where he started (QB) for the 2001 season and earned honorable mention All-Conference honors. DaPrato then concluded his career at UL-Monroe, where he earned two letters, also at quarterback. He was an Academic All-Conference team member at ULM. As a junior in 2002, ULM opened at Mississippi, where he started at quarterback and played against a secondary coached by Mike MacIntyre; a year later, he lined up against current CU cornerback Charles Clark when he starred at Ole Miss.

He was born October 2, 1981 in Sacramento, Calif., and graduated from Fred C. Beyer High School in Modesto, Calif., where he lettered in football, basketball and track (he was an All-District and All-League performer at quarterback on the gridiron). His hobbies include playing golf and hiking. He is married to the former Giovanna Arrondo.



# NATE TAYE Director of Quality Control/Defense

Nate Taye is in his fifth year on the Colorado staff, his second as the director of quality control for the defense as he was promoted to the position in the spring of 2016. He previously had worked as the assistant director of quality control since August 1, 2015, and prior to that appointment, he had served two

years as a defensive graduate assistant coach, as he first joined the CU staff on June 3, 2013.

His primary role as a graduate assistant was coaching the nickelbacks, in addition to assisting former defensive coordinator Kent Baer with the linebackers as well has having general overall duties with the entire defense.

Taye, 27, joined CU from the San Jose State football staff, where he was a student assistant his junior and senior years. At SJSU, he also helped Baer with an assortment of duties including breaking down video, working with the scout team and other daily activities. He graduated from SJSU with a degree in Political Science in May 2013 and was a member of the Dean's List.

He was playing Jaycee football but wanted to pursue a career in a coaching, so he approached Mike MacIntyre at San Jose about volunteering and eventually earned a student assistant position.

He was born May 16, 1990 and grew up in San Jose, Calif., graduating from Prospect High School in nearby Saratoga, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. His hobbies include movies and video games.



## MATT THOMPSON Director of Quality Control/Special Teams

Matt Thompson is in his second year as the director of quality control for the special teams, having joined the CU staff on April 1, 2016.

He came to CU from just down the road in Broomfield, where he ran the Elite Kicking Academy, which trained high school, college and National

Football League free agents (specialized coaching for placekickers and punters). He conducted the academy from 2007-10 and 2013-15, as in-between he was a video assistant working with the coaching staff at Colorado under head coach Jon Embree for the 2011-12 seasons. He also had worked in the construction business while running the kicking academy.

Thompson, 35, earned his bachelor's degree in 2005 in Business-Marketing from Fort Lewis College (Durango, Colo.). He began his college days at Tulane University, where he was on the team for spring drills and fall camp in 2001. He then transferred to Fort Lewis, where he played on the 2001 team, mainly handling kickoff chores but did make good on both of his extra point attempts.

He personally trained with kicking guru Doug Blevins for two years in Virginia, and then had a brief career in Arena Football, playing with the Odessa Roughnecks and the Pueblo Pistols.

He was born November 8, 1981 in Joplin, Mo., and graduated from Centaurus High School in Lafayette, Colo., where he lettered in football and baseball. His hobbies include golf, spending time with family and playing with his dog, Ruby. A distant relative is actor Randolph Mantooth (*Emergency*, several soap operas) his grandfather's cousin. He is married to the former Lindsay Christopher, and the couple has a daughter, Lily Ann, born last November



#### MATT DANIELS Graduate Assistant (Defense)

Matt Daniels is in his first year on the Colorado football staff, having joined the program on July 1,2017 as a graduate assistant working with the defense.

Daniels, 27, is in his first coaching position as he came to the Buffaloes after retiring from the National Football League. An undrafted free agent, he signed

with the St. Louis Rams and spent two seasons with the club. A safety, he moved on to the Jacksonville Jaguars for the 2014 season and then to the San Diego Chargers for 2015-16, though he spent the last year of his career on injured reserve. He played in a total of seven NFL games.

He graduated from Duke University with a bachelor's degree in Public Policy in 2012, appearing in 46 career games for the Blue Devils, including 36 consecutive to close his career. He had a tremendous senior season, racking up 126 tackles (four for losses), with 14 passes broken up, two interceptions and a forced fumble. He recorded 324 career tackles (13 for losses), with 31 pass deflections, seven forced fumbles and four interceptions.

He was born September 27, 1989 in Tucson, Ariz., and graduated from Fayette County High School (Fayetteville, Ga.) where he lettered in football and track and field (he set the school's single game rushing record of 348 yards). He is married to the former Tiffany Lee.



## JOHN HUGHES Graduate Assistant (Offense)

John Hughes is in his second year on the Colorado football staff, having joined the program on June 1, 2016 as a graduate assistant working with the offense.

Hughes, 28, came to CU from the University of Akron, where he was a graduate assistant on defense working with the linebackers for the 2015 season; the

Zips defeated Utah State, 23-21, in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. The previous two years (2013-14), he was a defensive assistant and the assistant defensive line coach for Sacramento State University. He started his coaching career at his alma mater, Humboldt State University, where he was the tight ends coach in 2012

In 2014, he was a selected member of the NCAA Future Football Coaches Academy.

He graduated with his bachelor's degree in Communications from Humboldt State in 2012, earning All-GNAC Academic Team honors his junior and senior years. He was a three year starter on the offensive line (guard, center) after starting his collegiate career at Western Washington (he transferred to HSU after Western eliminated its football program). At Akron, he earned his Masters of Science in Sport Science and Coaching Administration, graduating in May 2016.

He was born on April 8, 1989 in Redlands, Calif., and graduated from Redlands High School where he lettered in football and wrestling (he was a first-team All-CIF performer in football). His hobbies include surfing, snowboarding, playing the piano and attending live concerts. His father, Phil, played football at the University of Northern Colorado. He is married to the former Kercia Brakel.



#### PETER TUITUPOU Graduate Assistant (Offense)

Peter Tuitupou is in his second year on the Colorado football staff, having joined the program in the spring of 2016 as a graduate assistant working with the offense.

Tuitupou, 29, came to CU from private business, as he was working as a sales manager for a solar company

in California for two years. Previously, he spent the 2013 season with Pittsburgh in the National Football League after signing with the Steelers as an undrafted free agent

He graduated with his bachelor's degree in Communication Studies from San Jose State University in 2012, where he lettered twice at tight end for coach Mike MacIntyre, who was the Spartans' coach at the time. He was primarily a blocker in SJSU's offensive scheme, catching 14 passes for 183 yards (13.1 per) in his career, which also saw him be named twice to the Academic All-Western



Athletic Conference team. He played in San Jose State's 29-21 win over Bowling Green in the Military Bowl as a senior.

He played two seasons at Snow Junior College (2007-08), where he was named a first-team JC All-American as a sophomore when he caught 21 passes for 251 yards (11.9 per) and four touchdowns. He then left school to serve his two-year Mormon Mission in Panama.

He was born on February 21, 1988 in Chicago, and graduated from Mountain View High School in Orem, Utah, where he lettered in football (tight end/defensive end), basketball and track; he was an All-State performer at tight end as a senior. Two older brothers also played college football, Tony at Brigham Young and David, also at San Jose State (defensive end). His hobbies include basketball, swimming and most outdoor sports. He is married to the former Seriah Lotulelei, and the couple has three young children, all three and under: daughter Kalolaine and sons Soni and Tevita. His wife's first cousin is Star Lotulelei, who played college football at Utah and is a defensive tackle with the Carolina Panthers of the National Football League.



### **CHIDERA UZO-DIRIBE**Graduate Assistant (Defense)

Chidera Uzo-Diribe is in is in his third year on the Colorado football staff, his second as a graduate assistant working with the defense. He initially joined the staff as a recruiting intern, named to the position on July 13, 2015 and in the process, returned to his alma mater.

Uzo-Diribe, 25, was a four-year letterman at defensive end for the Buffaloes, and graduated from CU in December 2014 with a bachelor's degree in Communication. He finished his career tied for sixth in quarterback sacks (20), tied for 17th in tackles for loss (31) and second in forced fumbles (10); his percentage of solo tackles (99) to overall tackles (118), or 83.9 percent, is the highest in CU history.

He signed with the New Orleans Saints as a free agent, and was one of the last to be waived during their training camp.

As a senior team captain, he earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation, was named CU's Defensive Trench Award winner and played in the East-West Shrine game. For the season, he was in on 46 tackles (36 solo), with 11 for losses including four quarterback sacks; he had seven tackles for zero gain, meaning he had 18 total stops at or behind the line of scrimmage. He was second in the nation in forced fumbles with five, and he also batted down four passes in 739 snaps of action. He was one of 27 players on the final watch list for the Ted Hendricks Award (defensive end of the year), and was one of 76 players on the official preseason watch list for the Bednarik Award.

He was born May 30, 1992 in Long Beach, Calif., and graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins where he played baseball and basketball. A cousin is Osi Umenyiora, the second round choice of the New York Giants in the 2003 NFL Draft; in 10 seasons with the Giants, he appeared in two Pro Bowls and was a member of the 2008 Super Bowl champion team; he spent the last two seasons with the Atlanta Falcons. Another cousin, Charles Saseun, was a sprinter at Cal-Berkeley.



## **SCOTT UNREIN**Operations & Recruiting Assistant

Scott Unrein is in his sixth year on the University of Colorado football staff as the operations and recruiting assistant, named to the position in July 2012.

In August 2017, he was named to the "30 under 30" team of rising stars in college football by 247Sports, as he was nominated as CU's "jack-of-all-trades life saver"

for the football program, as he does a little bit of everything in his split roles between operations and recruiting.

His primary duties include overseeing the parents program, assisting with on-campus recruiting and daily football operations, including the team's social media coordinator. He also advances all football road trips and works with hotel staff in coordinating all aspects of the team's stay in opponent cities.

Unrein, 29, joined the football staff basically from the other side of Folsom Field, as he worked as an intern for coach Roy Edwards with the CU men's golf team for the 2010-11 season. His role with the team included helping to facilitate and organize the 2011 NCAA Men's Regional Championships that the Buffaloes hosted at Colorado National Golf Club in Erie, Colo.

He graduated from CU in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing. He also earned his Business of

Sports Certificate in 2010.

He was born on August 31, 1988 in Sterling, Colo., and graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins where he played baseball and basketball. His hobbies include basketball, golf and hiking.



# JUSTIN GEYER Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach

Justin Geyer is in his second year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach, joining the department on April 1, 2016. He works primarily with Colorado's football program.

Geyer, 30, came to Colorado from Arkansas State University, where he spent the previous year-and-a-half

as the Red Wolves assistant director of strength and conditioning. Previously, he was the assistant football strength and conditioning coach at the University of Maryland from 2013-15. He began his career in the field as a volunteer coach at the University of Mississippi in 2012.

He graduated from the College of Mount St. Joseph in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Athletic Training. He earned three letters playing linebacker and safety, starting for two seasons for the Lions. He was named to the Academic All-Heartland Conference team. He earned his Master's degree in Exercise Science from Springfield College in 2013.

He was born May 20, 1987 in Hamilton, Ohio, and graduated from Badin High School there, where he lettered in football. His hobbies include weightlifting and playing with his dog.



# JEREMY LAYPORT Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach

Jeremy Layport is in his third year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach, joining the department on April 1, 2015. He works primarily with Colorado's football program.

He is a senior instructor for Strong First, certified in Level I and II "Hardstyle" Kettlebell instruction as

well as in strong first barbell instruction. He is also certified as a strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA). The United States Weightlifting Association (USWA) certified him in Olympic Lifting Technique and he is also a barefoot training specialist (Level I by both).

Layport, 37, joined the CU staff from Academy of Art University in San Francisco, where he worked three years (2012-14) as the Urban Knights' head strength and conditioning coach, coordinating the needs of the school's 16 NCAA sport programs, including men's and women's basketball, baseball, volleyball and track and field (AAU's women's track teams won both the indoor and outdoor NCAA Division II titles in the same year during his time there).

Prior to accepting the head position at the AAU, he was an assistant strength and conditioning coach at San Jose State University for eight years (2004-12), where he first met current CU head coach Mike MacIntyre. He oversaw the conditioning needs of the baseball, softball, volleyball, men's golf, men's soccer and women's water polo programs and also assisted with football. While at SJSU, he earned his master's degree in Exercise Physiology in 2006 while working as a graduate assistant prior to being promoted to a full-time assistant.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and Sports Medicine (ESSM) from Cal Lutheran University in 2002, where he lettered four years at nose tackle for coach Scott Squires. He was a second-team All-SCIAC performer his senior season, when he served as a team captain and won CLU's Most Inspirational Award.

He was born July 12, 1980 in Paso Robles, Calif., and graduated from Paso Robles High School where he lettered in football and track. He has won several Olympic weightlifting competitions and has qualified for nationals. He has won a (RAW) Power Lifting competition (where he was the "lifter of the meet"), and was the third person to ever pass the "Beast Tamer Challenge," which he did in 2006 in the Russian Kettlebell Challenge.





**TERRANCE MOTLEY**Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach

Terrance Motley is in his first year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach, joining the athletic department on February 1, 2017. He works primarily with Colorado's football program.

Motley, 27, joined the Colorado staff from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he was a

graduate assistant on the Ragin Cajuns strength staff for a year-and-a-half (August 2015 until his CU appointment). He was the assistant coach for the football program and served as the head strength coach for the men's and women's tennis teams.

He is certified by both USA Weightlifting (Level I in sports performance) and by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) as a strength and conditioning specialist.

Prior to his joining the ULL program, he spent three months as an intern at Louisiana State University, where he assisted in strength & conditioning program implementation with the Tiger football, volleyball and baseball teams.

He graduated from BYU in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Exercise and Wellness. He played one year of football (offensive line in 2011) and lettered two years in rugby (2013-14). He also worked as a intern in the Cougars' strength and conditioning department, where he assisted in exercise program design and implementation for BYU football and rugby.

While at Louisiana-Lafayette, Motley earned his Master of Science degree in Kinesiology, finishing up in 2017.

He was born December 29, 1989 in Provo, Utah, and graduated from Albuquerque's Cibola High School where he lettered in football and track and field (throws). His hobbies include weightlifting. He is fluent in Italian, and served his two-year Mormon mission for the LDS Church in Milan from February 2009 through February 2011. He is married to the former Katelyn Kerr, and the couple has two children, son Kai (2) and daughter Irie (born this past March).



#### ERIK AUNESE Football Intern

Erik Aunese is in his third year on the University of Colorado staff as a football intern, named to the position on August 1, 2015, after working the previous two years as a student assistant in the football office.

Aunese, 25, was hired as a student assistant just prior to coach Mike MacIntyre's first fall camp at CU in

August 2013.

He attended Fort Lewis College (Durango, Colo.) as a freshman on a partial scholarship in 2010; he returned to his native California where he played two years on the defensive line at Palomar Junior College under coach Joe Early. He earned his A.A. degree at Palomar in 2013; while working as an intern at Colorado, he took on-line classes with Colorado Mesa University (Grand Junction, Colo.) to finish off his bachelor's degree, earning his diploma in Sports Management in August 2016.

He was born on June 30, 1992 in Oceanside, Calif., and graduated from Mission Hills High School (San Marcos, Calif.), where he played football (fullback and defensive line); he attended MHHS for three years after going to Vista High School his freshman year. His hobbies include playing basketball and spending time with his extended family. An uncle, the late Sal Aunese, CU's starting quarterback in the 1987-88 seasons who passed away from stomach cancer on Sept. 23, 1989.



### **CORY HALL**Football Intern

Corey Hall is in his second year on the University of Colorado staff as a football recruiting intern, named to the position on June 6, 2016.

Hall, 23, had worked two-plus years as a student assistant working in the football office until he was promoted after graduating from CU with a B.S. degree

in Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing. He was on the Dean's List for the Leeds Business School in both 2013 and 2015, and completed the exclusive Business of Sports Program the summer prior to his junior year.

He was born on November 21, 1993 in Golden, Colo., and graduated from Golden High School where he was an all-conference performer in football and lacrosse (he earned three letters in each). His hobbies include boating, snowboarding and biking.



### BRUCE JONES Football Intern

Bruce Jones is in his first year on the University of Colorado staff as a football recruiting intern, joining the staff on August 1, 2017.

Jones, 25, came to CU from Lubbock, Texas, where he had worked two years as the general sales manager for the Reagor Dykes Auto Group. He remained in the

city after he graduated from Texas Tech University in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Human Science.

He lettered at cornerback two seasons for Texas Tech under Kliff Kingsbury, recording 50 tackles (41 solo) with a team-high 10 passes broken up as a senior in 2013. He had 31 tackles (27 solo) and seven pass deflections as a junior, after he transferred to Tech from Riverside Community College. He appeared in 26 games for the Red Raiders, starting 19, and was on two bowl champion teams, as TTU defeated Minnesota in the Meineke Car Care Bowl and upset Arizona State in the Holiday Bowl.

He was born on August 5, 1992 in Inglewood, Calif., and graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (Eastvale, Calif.), where he lettered in football. His hobbies include snowboarding, soccer and playing FIFA.



#### MICHAEL SLIFE Football Intern

Michael Slife is in his first year on the University of Colorado staff as a football recruiting intern, joining the staff in June 2017.

Slife came to CU from just down the road, where he was the outside linebacker coach at the Colorado School of Mines from 2015 until he moved to Boulder.

The Orediggers were the 2016 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference champions and boasted the Harlan Hill Award winner in quarterback Justin Dvorak.

He previously spent the 2015 National Football League season working with the Cleveland Browns, working in the club's player personnel department. He also spent four years (2011-14) as in intern and a scout with Ourlads Scouting Services.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he lettered in football and lacrosse as a prep at St. Ignatius. He is married (Allison).





SHERYL VOTH
Assistant to the Head Coach

Sheryl Voth is in her third year of her second stint with the Colorado football program, as she is the assistant to head coach Mike MacIntyre, moving into the role in April 2015.

She had been working in the CU's athletics facility department for the previous two years, after she spent

two years as the assistant to head football coach Jon Embree for the 2011 and 2012 seasons. She shifted into that position literally from down the hall in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, as she worked in the Herbst Academic Center.

Prior to working in athletics, she was employed on the CU-Boulder campus as an administrative assistant in the Registrar's Office. Before returning to the work force in 2008, she was fortunate to be able to stay at home with her three children, Tyler, Shelby, and Shaylynne. She has always been actively involved with volunteering, especially at her children's schools. Before raising her children, she worked for Safeway for many years managing the bakery at one of the Boulder stores.

A native of Boulder, she graduated from Fairview High School, and attended the University of Colorado. The former Sheryl Bonnes, when she was in sixth grade, she became one of the first girls in Boulder to play on a boys' Little League baseball team.

A professional cake decorator and instructor, her hobbies include waterskiing, particularly at Lake Powell, snow skiing, hiking and biking. She has also coached youth basketball, mentoring the YMCA girls' team in Boulder since 1999. A long-time fan of CU athletics and basketball in particular, she has had season tickets since the 80's.



#### JEAN ONAGA Administrative Assistant

Jean Onaga is in her 32nd year with the Colorado football program as the administrative assistant to the assistant coaches, handling all secretarial duties for both the offensive and defensive coordinators and each staff. She also assists the director of football operations and director of recruiting in administrative duties.

Onaga also coordinates all football office volunteers regarding security for spring and fall practices. She facilitates program activities and events including all pro scout visits year-round and the school's annual pro timing day every March. She also coordinated former events such as the coaches' clinic and passing tournament camp, and still assists with registration for various football camps.

She joined the football staff in January 1986 and is the longest continuous employee in the football department; only three current employees have been associated with the entire athletic department longer than her. She has worked with six CU head coaches: Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett, Dan Hawkins, Jon Embree and now Mike MacIntyre.

For her years of service, Jean was recognized as an honorary member of the Alumni C Club by the Board of Directors during CU-Missouri game on November 3, 2007.

Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, Jean and her husband Loren moved to Boulder in 1985. She graduated from McKinley High School and graduated from Kapiolani Community College with a degree in business.



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(Biographies for those who have considerable daily interaction with the program.)



# LANCE CARL Associate AD/Business Development

Lance Carl, who participated in one of the key plays on the football field as a player for the University of Colorado in the mid-1980s, returned to his alma mater for the fourth time in his career when he was named to a newly created position, associate athletic director for business development on November 5, 2013.

He is completing his fourth year in the largely external role which encompasses business development, community partnerships and as serves as the coordinator for non-game day events. His duties include working build strategic community partnerships, improve the department's engagement with local community entities and work to attract non-game day event business to CU's athletic facilities. He has developed over two dozen key partnerships to date, as he is working to change the image and perception about athletics and its interactions in the business world. He also was the point-person working with AEG Rocky Mountain to bring the first concerts to Folsom Field in 15 years when Dead & Company played the stadium in July 2016 (and then returned a year later in June).

Carl, 51, is also the sports supervisor for the football program, as he has daily interactions with head coach Mike MacIntyre, the assistant coaches, support personnel and the student-athletes.

He rejoined the CU staff after spending the last six years with the Colorado Department of Higher Education, where he was a director for student motivational outreach. He was a direct liaison to all middle and high schools throughout the state, as well as for parents and administrators. He developed the Umbrella of Success motivational presentation and delivered that message to 160,000 students, parents and administrators during that time.

As a junior split end in 1986, he led the team in receiving with nine catches for 171 yards and two touchdowns, as with the Buffaloes in their second year of running the wishbone offense under coach Bill McCartney, Colorado didn't throw the ball all that often.

But one of those scores was as big as they come, a 52-yard reception from O.C. Oliver on a perfectly executed halfback option that answered a Nebraska field goal and put CU ahead, 17-7, on the first play of the fourth quarter. That

helped keep the third-ranked Huskers at an arm's length and the Buffaloes went on to win, 20-10, in a game referred to as "the turning point" for the school under McCartney.

He graduated from CU in 1991 with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Sociology; he had first returned to CU to finish his degree after signing as a free agent with the Washington Redskins and returning to his native Iowa.

Carl then came back to CU as a graduate assistant coach under Rick Neuheisel for the 1996 season. He also spent four years as a regional scout for the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League.

He was born September 13, 1965 in Burlington, Iowa, and graduated from Fort Madison (Iowa) High School, where he was a four-sport letterman (12 letters total) in football, basketball, baseball and track. His hobbies include coaching his kid's sports teams, golf, hiking and mountain biking (he was an assistant coach of the North Boulder Wildcats team that reached the Little League World Series in 2015). He married to the former Jennifer Mysonhimer, also a CU graduate, she worked as a teaching assistant on campus and in the Herbst Academic Center when Carl was a grad assistant. The couple has three children, sons Savoy (19) and Jackson (14) and daughter Alana (7).



JASON DEPAEPE Associate AD/Facilities & Game Day Operations

Jason DePaepe is in his 18th year at the University of Colorado and his fourth as the associate athletic director for facilities, promoted to that post in February 2013. Coordinating game day management and operations, specifically for football and CU's other

outside sport programs, were added to his responsibilities in September 2014.

He is responsible for overseeing all facility needs for Folsom Field, the Dal Ward Athletic Center, the Champions Center, Balch Fieldhouse, Prentup Field, Potts Field, the Football Practice Facility, Kittredge Lacrosse Field, and the Kittredge Tennis Facility.

DePaepe, 43, had served as the athletic turf manager for 12 years prior to his promotion, responsible for all maintenance, renovation, upkeep and painting and design of Folsom Field's natural grass surface as well as the



athletic practice fields located just north of Boulder Creek and Prentup Field, home to CU's women's soccer team. He originally joined CU in June 2000 as an assistant turf manager and was promoted to the head position in February 2001. He is considered by many to be one of the best in his field, and he still oversees all of CU's field operations.

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) honored DePaepe and his staff in January 2003, when the organization recognized Folsom Field's turf with the Football Field of the Year Award for the college/university division. STMA has over 2,400 members, so the award, especially in just the fourth season since Folsom returned to natural grass, was quite an honor.

In 2008, he oversaw the complex replacement of SportGrass on the Folsom Field floor with a natural Kentucky blue grass.

He came to CU from the Baltimore Ravens, where he was the assistant field manager for a year. Prior to that, he was employed at Iowa State, where he graduated from in 1999 with Bachelor's degree in Horticulture and Turf Grass Management. He worked two years at ISU as a student turf manager.

He was born May 4, 1974 in Minot, N.D., and graduated from Waterloo (Iowa) West, where he lettered in baseball and basketball. His hobbies include golf and basketball. He is married to the former Kristen Sorensen, one-time CU's director of special events, and the couple has two daughters, Brielle (4) and Evelyn (2).



#### JAMIE GUY Director of Sports Video

Jamie Guy is in his 14th year as CU's director of sports video and his 17th year overall on the Colorado staff, as he joined the department in August 2001. He was promoted to his current position in the fall of 2004 after working just over three years as the assistant director.

Guy, 42, came to CU from the Chicago Enforcers of the now-defunct XFL, where he worked the lone season of the league's existence.

In CU's first year in the Pac-12 Conference (2011-12), he was named the Pac-12 Video Coordinator of the Year as selected by a majority vote of his peers. He was twice selected as the video coordinator of the year in the Big 12 Conference, first in 2005-06 and again in 2009-10. The awards are coordinated and voted by members of the Collegiate Sports Video Association; members of each conference select the winner for their respective leagues, and the recipients are placed on the national ballot for the overall CSVA award, the Bob Matey National Video Coordinator of the Year.

As talented as there is in the profession, Guy has coordinated the production of several video shorts showcasing in particular, the CU football program. Along with his former assistant John Snelson, the two were been honored twice with Heartland Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATA) Emmy awards, first in 2014 for their work called "Seasons," the story of a dream and the lifetime experience of being a Colorado Buffalo, and then again for 2015 for the series entitled, "Forward." The duo was also nominated in 2015 for their "Forever" video, his personal favorite because of the time, execution and passion that went into creating it (an allencompassing look at what it means to be a Colorado Buffalo, on and off the field, as well as in 2016 for "The Rise," which documented CU's first Pac-12 South Division title and return to the postseason. "Forever" did win the 2015 FootballScoop FBS Video of the Year honor.

He graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in general studies. As a student, he worked in the Bearcats' sports video office for four years. Prior to entering the sports video profession, he worked as an electrician's apprentice and as a staff manager at Fitworks Fitness.

Born March 18, 1975 in Cincinnati, Ohio, he graduated from Lawrence Central High School (Indianapolis, Ind.) in 1994, where he lettered in track and football. His hobbies include collecting football memorabilia and playing the guitar. He is married to the former Kimberly Ernst.



### KRIS LIVINGSTON Associate AD/Student Success

Kris Livingston is in her 21st year at the University of Colorado, her fourth as the associate athletic director for student success, promoted to the position in the spring of 2014. She was promoted to an assistant athletic director in 2010 and she also has sports administrator duties for CU's soccer and skiing programs.

Included in her role is overseeing all of CU's academic support services for her 11th year. Located in the Herbst Academic Center, her area provides year-round academic support to all of CU's approximately 350 student-athletes; she was an assistant director for the unit until being named its director on May 24, 2007

Former football coach Dan Hawkins credited her organization and philosophy about academics as one of the strongest factors for the football team's back-to-back record years for grade point average for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years. And under head coaches Jon Embree and Mike MacIntyre, football has continued to set record GPA figures and graduation rates, as have several others among CU's 17 intercollegiate programs.

She joined the CU staff in May 1997, hired by then-women's basketball head coach Ceal Barry to be the program's first-ever Director of Basketball Operations. She spent eight seasons in that position until Barry's retirement from coaching in March of 2005.

Livingston came to Boulder from Littleton, Colo., where she was a senior consultant at USA Group Noel-Levitz, an educational consulting firm that is hired by colleges to help recruit and retain students. Prior to that, Livingston spent eight years at Iowa State University as an assistant women's basketball coach (1984-89), admissions counselor (1989-91) and telecounseling coordinator (1991-92).

She earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) in May 1983, where she was a four-year letterwinner on Miami's women's basketball team and earned first-team All-Mid-American Conference and first-team Academic All-MAC honors. In August 1997, she was inducted into Miami's Hall of Fame, only the second women's basketball player to be so honored.

Livingston earned her master's degree in Sport and Exercise Science with an emphasis in Sport Administration from the University of Northern Colorado in August 2009.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, she graduated from Lake High School in Millbury, Ohio, in 1979. A three-sport athlete, she was an inaugural member of her high school Hall of Fame in 1983. She is married to Dr. Kelly Causey.



### DAVID PLATI Associate AD/Sports Information

David Plati is in his 34th year as the athletic department's director of sports information, and his 40th year overall in CU's Sports Information Office. He was promoted to assistant athletic director for media relations on July 1, 1988, and attained associate athletic director status in August 2005.

Plati, 57, was named the 13th full-time sports information director in CU history on July 24, 1984, after serving for three years as the assistant SID. The youngest SID in the nation at the time of his hiring, he previously worked as a student assistant and statistician after coming to CU as a freshman in 1978. Only six people have served in the role since 1952, with Plati's tenure in the position the longest in school annals; he was recognized in 2009 with the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Quarter Century of Service award

His primary responsibilities are with the football, skiing and men's golf programs, though he oversees the sports information efforts for all sports, and at one time or another has personally handled nine sports during his CU career. He has easily worked or covered over 2,150 CU events: 446 football games including the last 404 dating to the 1983 finale, the second-longest active streak by any SID in the nation.

He has coordinated numerous successful promotional campaigns and public relations programs for student-athletes and coaches. Plati has written two books on CU football, the first about the school's 1990 national championship, and the second published in 2008, *Colorado Football Vault*, a coffee table style book with an awesome collection of photographs and reproduced keepsakes. In 2005, the Denver Buff Club recognized him as its "MVB" choice (Most Valuable Buff).

The Football Writers Association of America has recognized CU's sports information office seven times during his tenure, three times for an outstanding press box operation (1987, 1992, 1997; schools were eligible only every five years), and now four times with the FWAA's Super 11 award (2010, 2013, 2014, 2016) for all-encompassing efforts with the nation's football media.

Plati is also an adjunct instructor in CU's College of Media, Communication and Information (CMCI), teaching a sports media relations class for the last 15 years. Since April 2001, he has been CU's representative on the board of directors of the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, and in 2006, he became a member of the District 7 Screening Committee for the Hall. In 2009, he was appointed to the board of the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame, and in 2010, he was named to the board of the



Colorado Rock & Roll Museum and Hall of Fame.

In 2015, Plati was a recipient of the Robert L. Stearns Award, presented to current members of the CU-Boulder faculty and staff for extraordinary achievement or service to the university.

While attending CU, Plati served four years as the information director for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. He also worked for the Colorado Golf Association and for the *Rocky Mountain News*.

He spent his senior year in college (1982) as the public relations director with the triple-A Denver Bears Baseball Club of the American Association. He has been a member of the Denver Broncos statistics crew since 1980, creating and maintaining miscellaneous stats (he received game balls from the NFL team for their back-to-back Super Bowl wins in the 90s). He has worked 383 Bronco games through the 2016 season, and among the many innovative numbers he is credited with first charting was "scoring percentage inside-the-20," which is now commonly known as the red zone. In the 1980s, he worked as a statistician for TBS for NBA telecasts, creating a wave of now commonplace statistics, and continues to work freelance for several networks, both television and radio, in a similar capacity. In 2004, he was appointed by major league baseball to serve as one of two official scorers for the Colorado Rockies baseball team, and has scored over 300 games.

Plati was the Hula Bowl's director of game week communications for four years (1995-98). He has also worked five BCS National Championship games (2002-06-09-10-13 seasons), all three College Football Playoff title games (2014-15-16 seasons), six Rose and two Fiesta bowls for a grand total of 39 postseason bowl games when including CU's 19.

He has worked as the media relations liaison for the Bolder Boulder 10K since 1987, and also served as the media relations assistant for the Colorado Open Golf Tournament for 12 years (1980-91). He was the media coordinator for the 1985, 1989 and 1996 NCAA West Regionals, and was the local media coordinator and NCAA liaison for the 1990 Final Four, all in Denver.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in public relations, along with a minor in geography, from CU in 1982. He was a member of the journalism student council and wrote for *The Campus Press*.

Born April 19, 1960 in New Rochelle, N.Y., Plati graduated from Woodlands High School (Hartsdale, N.Y.) in 1978, where he lettered in football and golf (and was also the school's SID his senior year). In 1984, he was awarded an "Honorary C" for his service to Colorado athletics. An avid golfer, he won the 2005 Rocky Mountain Golf Writers Association fourth annual tournament. One of his proudest moments in his CU career came when late golf coach Mark Simpson asked him to present him for induction at Simpson's Golf Coaches Hall of Fame induction ceremony in January, 2005. He is also an avid concert goer, having attended some 360-plus in his lifetime (led by 37 Jimmy Buffett performances), and one of his hobbies is memorizing song lyrics. His younger brother (Mark, a top music engineer) was nominated for two Grammy Awards with David Bowie in 1998 (he was a guitarist in Bowie's band for five years), and also engineered the Song-of-the-Year for 1997 (Shawn Colvin's "Sunny Came Home").



### MIGUEL RUEDA Associate AD/Health & Performance

Miguel Rueda is in 12th year in the CU athletic department, his third as the associate athletic director for health and performance, as he was promoted to the position in February 2015. Also the head athletic trainer, he previously had served nine-plus years solely in that role after he was hired on August 1, 2006, just

days ahead of football camp.

Rueda, 45, is the second-longest tenured trainer in CU's athletic history now in his 11th year in that capacity, behind only a 14-year run by Dave Burton, who held the position from 1985-99; one other had served in the role for eight years, and three others for seven. In his enhanced role, he oversees the entire training staff as well as serves as the school's liaison with the CU Sports Medicine and Performance Center, housed in the athletic department's brand new Champions Center. He also oversees the strength and conditioning and sports nutrition areas as well as CU's sports psychologist and works closely with campus on research initiatives.

He is also CU's institutional representative for the Pac-12's student health conference, and in that role, he organizes the annual meeting for all sports medicine officials from each league school.

He came to CU from Fresno State University, where he has been the Director of Sports Medicine since February 2001. At FSU, his primary responsibilities were the care and prevention of injuries for the football program and overseeing all areas of the Fresno State Sports Medicine Program. He has similar duties at Colorado, as he coordinates the needs and staffing for CU's 16 intercollegiate varsity programs.

With CU's move to the Pac-12 Conference, he was named the Education Director for the Pac-12 annual sports medicine meeting, a role he performed in the 2011-12 academic year and will continue to serve in for at least the 2012-13 year as well.

Ironically, his first football game as Fresno State's head trainer was in Boulder, as the Bulldogs played the Buffaloes in the Jim Thorpe Association Classic on August 26, 2001; FSU won the game, 24-22, and went on to climb into the nation's top 10, until getting knocked off by Boise State, then coached by CU's future coach, Dan Hawkins.

Rueda previously had worked two years (1995-97) as a graduate assistant trainer for the Bulldogs while earning his master's degree in exercise physiology.

He had rejoined the Fresno State staff from Towson University, where he served as an assistant athletic trainer from 1998 to 2001; he was the head trainer for football. Prior to Towson, Rueda spent time with the Miami Dolphins of the National Football League in 1997-98 and with Holy Cross in 1994-95. He also has extensive teaching experience, instructing classes ranging from sports medicine administration to basic athletic training courses over the past 10 years.

He received his undergraduate degree in athletic training from Boston University in 1994, and his master's degree from Fresno State in 1997. Rueda is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, the College Athletic Trainers Society and has American Red Cross CPR and First Aid certification.

He was born November 17, 1971 in San Francisco, graduating from the city's Jay Eugene McAteer High School where he lettered in cross country and track. He and his wife, Andrea, have two sons, Gabriel and Christopher, and a daughter. Isabella.



#### ADAM HOLLIDAY Head Football Trainer

Adam Holliday is in his eighth year in the sports medicine department at the University of Colorado, his third as the head athletic trainer for the football program. He was promoted to the position prior to spring practice in February 2015 after serving five years as the top assistant trainer for the program (with

associate status the last two years), along with coordinating the needs of the women's golf team.

Holliday, 37, is in his second tour of duty with the department, as he had previously spent the 2004-05 academic year in Boulder as the professional intern under former head trainer Steve Willard, working with the football and men's and women's tennis teams. He returned to CU from the University of Texas, where he spent three years as the assistant athletic trainer for the Longhorns' football squad.

Ā 2002 graduate of the University of Kansas where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Science, he worked three years as a student athletic trainer for the Jayhawks. His first full-time position in athletic training came at Loris High School in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the year before being named an intern at CU. After his time in Boulder, he moved on to the University of Minnesota where he was a graduate assistant trainer for two years while earning his Master's in Sports Management in 2007.

He was born March 28, 1980 in Johnson, Kan., and graduated from Stanton County (Kan.) High School where he lettered in football and basketball. He is married to the former Marissa Carrizales, who is CU's volleyball and lacrosse trainer. His hobbies include golf, skiing, snowboarding and hiking/camping in the mountains.



#### LAURA ANDERSON Sports Dietitian

Laura Anderson is in her fourth year as the sports dietitian for the University of Colorado athletic department, having joined the program in August 2014.

Anderson, 38, came to CU from the 10th Group Special Forces in Colorado Springs, where she was the performance dietitian for the Tactical Human

Optimization, Rapid Renabilitation & Recovery Program for just under four years (November 2010-August 2014). Among her many responsibilities was to provide individual and group performance nutrition counseling to enhance the health and performance of the Active Duty Special Forces tactical athlete, assisting with menu development, and education material for both food service staff and customers and directing nutritional care activities for active duty



soldiers, including those with complex medical and nutritional needs. In 2012, she received the Commander's Award For Civilian Service 10th Special Forces.

She previously has spent nearly three years (January 2008-November 2010) as a sport dietitian with the United States Olympic Committee, working with a wide diversity of male and female athletes for both winter and summer sports. Her duties ranged from performing assorted tests on the athletes to conducting educational seminars to even include the coaching staffs. She was also the official "team baker" for the men's and women's alpine ski teams at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Anderson also has worked in various other positions along the Colorado Front Range as a program dietitian, a nutrition services dietitian and as a dietitian/strength and conditioning specialist.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Health and Exercise Science from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in 2001, and received her master's degree in Interdisciplinary Health and Exercise Science and Nutrition from Colorado State University in 2004. She also performed two internships (Exercise Physiology at St. Andrews War Memorial Hospital in Brisbane, Australia, in 2001; Dietetic at James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Fla., in 2005).

A registered dietitian with the American Dietetic Association, she is also board certified as a specialist in sports nutrition, by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) as a health and fitness instructor and by ISAK (International Society for Advancement in Kinanthropometry); she is also certified in CPR and first aid.

She is a member of the American Dietetic Association and the Colorado Dietetic Association, and an affiliate with SCAN (Sports, Cardiovascular and Wellness Nutrition), Weight Management and CPSDA (College, Professional, Sports Dietitian Association).

A native of Richland Center, Wis., and graduated from Richland Center High School, where she lettered four years each in softball and volleyball. Her hobbies include biking (mountain and road), rock climbing, trail running and cooking. She is married to Chris Alstrin, and as she says, the couple has one "crazy" dog (Lexi, a pointer lab).



## CHRIS BADER Counselor & Sports Psychologist

Dr. Christopher (Chris) Bader is entering his sixth year as the counseling and sport psychologist for the University of Colorado athletic department, joining the program in August 2012.

Bader, 40, provides mental health services including clinical, assessment and individual and team

consultation to the student-athletes and coaches at CU. In addition, he works with incoming student-athletes in their adjustment to their new environment and in preparation for their matriculation through CU. Other areas of responsibility include serving on several department and university-wide committees: DA Task Force, Leadership Development Program, Continuum of Care, Diversity & Inclusion and the Alcohol and Other Drug Team.

Prior to coming to CU, for six years (2007-12) he was on staff in the Psychological Resources for Student-Athletes office at the University of Oklahoma. Bader is licensed as a psychologist (LP) in the states of Oklahoma (inactive) and Colorado. He currently holds the title of Certified Consultant through the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (CC-AASP), and he is a member of the United States Olympic Committee Sport Psychology Registry.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology at Louisiana State University in 1998, where he was a member and president of the Rugby Football Club. Also at LSU, Bader was a member and president of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, a member of the Golden Band from Tigerland (tenor saxophone), and a member of LSU's Student Government Association.

Bader continued his education in Louisiana earning his Master's degree in Psychology with an emphasis in psych neuroendocrinology at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. While earning his Master's degree, he discovered the field of sport psychology and chose to attend the University of North Texas, where he earned his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology with an emphasis in Sport Psychology. He completed his pre-doctoral internship through the Oklahoma Health Consortium with a primary rotation in the OU athletics department. He stayed on at PROS in various capacities for four years following his internship.

He enjoys teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and regularly attends and participates in national and international professional conferences. He is active in the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP), including recently being named the Communication Coordinator for Division 47 of APA. His professional interests include diversity and inclusion, leadership development, athletic administration, men's issues and student-athlete development and transition.

He was born Sept. 15, 1976 in Charlotte, N.C., and graduated from Christian Brothers High School in Memphis, Tenn., where he was a member of concert band (saxophone). His hobbies include watching sports (in particular college football), and recently has taken up hiking in Colorado's high country. He is married to the former LaTisha Braddock, and the couple has a daughter, Adella (2).



## TYLER BALTIERRAS Director of Football Equipment

Tyler Baltierras is in his sixth year as a member of the University of Colorado equipment staff, his fifth as a full-time employee as he was hired on April 8, 2013. He was promoted to the director of football equipment on July 1, 2016 after working three years as the top assistant under director J.T. Galloway.

Baltierras, 29, joined the department as an intern in the equipment office in the summer of 2012, initially working with just the football program. Once hired full-time, his duties expanded; he still worked with football, but added the spirit squads to his duties, along with managing the needs of several areas within the athletic department, including academics, alumni, marketing, the Buff Club and Buffalo Sports Properties.

A 2012 graduate of the Metro State University in Denver, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Health Professions, with an emphasis on Recreation Management. While a student at Metro, he worked as a student equipment manager for the Buffaloes, starting as a sophomore and doing so through his senior year.

He was born November 11, 1987 in Boulder, and graduated from Monarch High School (Louisville, Colo.), where he earned two letters playing baseball (outfield). His hobbies include golfing, working out and collecting sneakers (he has over 60 pair).



## JOSI CARLSON Director of Special Events

Josi Carlson is in her 11th year overall working for CU athletics, her fifth as the school's director of special events as she was promoted to the position in September 2013. She is responsible for coordinating all special events for athletics, including team banquets and fan/donor luncheons, as well as managing events

that are hosted in CU's Touchdown Club, Champions Club, Byron R. White Club and Rooftop Lounge.

Carlson, 35, has worked in special events for the athletic department since April 2011, helping to organize over 100 events a year as the top assistant. Prior to that, she spent two years as the director of operations for Olympic sports, overseeing the needs for the volleyball, soccer, men and women's golf and women's tennis programs. She originally joined the department as an assistant in the compliance office in June 2007 and worked two years in that position before shifting into her operations role.

Carlson graduated with her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Montana in 2005. Prior to receiving her degree, Carlson earned her Associate of Arts degree in 2002 from Dawson Community College in Glendive, Mont., where she was a two-time softball letterwinner.

At Dawson, Carlson excelled on the field and in the classroom; she was a 2001 and 2002 Golden Glove recipient and a Louisville Slugger third team NJCAA All-American in 2002 (first base). In the classroom, she was named a 2001-02 distinguished Academic All-American and a 2001-02 scholar-athlete All-American.

Prior to her work at CU, Carlson served as a Public Information Coordinator for the Ivy League conference office in Princeton, N.J., and was an intern in the communications department for USA Wrestling at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Born March 9, 1982 in Minneapolis, Minn., she graduated from Sentinel High School in Missoula, Mont., where she lettered in basketball, softball and volleyball. Her hobbies include golf, hiking and snowboarding.





#### JASON CLAY Associate SID

Jason Clay was named associate sports information director on September 1, 2016, returning to his alma mater 10 years after graduating.

Clay, 33, works primarily with the Buffalo football and skiing programs. A 2006 CU graduate with a bachelor's degree in Economics, he came back to

Colorado after gaining 10 years of experience in the sports information, marketing, fan engagement and video service fields.

He previously worked five years (2011-16) at Fresno State, where the last two years of his time in California's central valley, he served as an assistant athletic director for external communications. In his role, he oversaw the external relations office that was charged with promoting and enhancing athletics through the avenues of communications, marketing and video services and was a member of Fresno State's senior staff management team.

On the communications side, Clay was the primary media contact for the Bulldog football team, and in 2013, his department was awarded the Super 11 award from the Football Writers Association of America, an honor given to the top sports information departments for outstanding achievements and media services.

Also that season, Clay spearheaded the Heisman Trophy campaign for quarterback Derek Carr, the two-time Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year (he finished eighth in the Heisman voting). He was also selected as a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete and became just the third Bulldog in school history to be honored as such. Carr was also one of two Academic All-Americans Clay successfully promoted, doubling the number in the school's first 89 seasons of program history.

He also worked closely with safety Phillip Thomas, who in 2012 became Fresno State's first-ever unanimous All-American and was one of three finalists for the Jim Thorpe Award. Thomas was one of eight All-Americans Clay promoted in his time at Fresno State.

Prior to Fresno State, he spent the better part of three years (2009-11) as an associate sports information director at Southern Illinois University. In 2009, he ran the Walter Payton Award campaign for running back Deji Karim, who finished third in the voting for the FCS Player of the Year award. SIU entered the playoffs as the No. 1 ranked team in the country that season. Clay also served as the SID for the Saluki baseball team.

He got his start in college athletics in 2006 right out of college as a media relations intern at New Mexico State University. After the one-year internship at NMSU, he was hired on full-time as an assistant director of media relations. In his time in Las Cruces, Clay worked directly with the Aggie football, women's basketball, softball and tennis programs.

He was born March 9, 1984 in Boulder, growing up in nearby Louisville, graduating from Monarch High School where he lettered in football, basketball and track and field. His hobbies include cooking, exercising, traveling and getting outdoors; he is also a fourth generation CU graduate in his family. He is engaged to Candace Loftin and they will marry next January.



#### JOHN GRAVES Ralphie Program Manager

John Graves is in his third year as the Ralphie Live Mascot Program Manager, having assumed the position in July 2015. He was promoted from the assistant director position which he had held since April 2010.

Graves, 30, is more than familiar with the program, as he served as a Ralphie Handler for his sophomore

through senior years (2007-09); he won the Handlers' "Rookie of the Year" Award in 2007.

He holds Humane Handling certifications for both cattle and horses, as well as a Humane Livestock Transportation certification. He also has been working with the National Bison Association to develop similar standards for buffalo (bison). He also holds an ISSA Strength and Conditioning Certification – Level 2, is a USA Weightlifting Sports Performance Coach - Level 1, and is certified in First Aid, AED and CPR. Graves also does extensive work with both the National Bison Association and the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Science in Business Administration from CU in December 2009, and his master's in Agriculture from Colorado State University in May 2016.

He was born January 6, 1987 in Salisbury, Md., and graduated from Aurora (Colo.) Grandview High School where he lettered in football, hockey and lacrosse. His hobbies include camping, mountain hiking and running. He is married to the former Jennifer Gray, who also works at the university as the financial aid communications coordinator.



## GREG HUTCHINS Assistant Equipment Manager

Greg Hutchins is in his first year as the assistant equipment manager for football, returning to his alma mater as a full-time employee on July 19, 2017.

Hutchins, 23, worked as undergraduate for threeplus years in CU's equipment office under both J.T. Galloway and Tyler Baltierras beginning in January

2013. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in Business (Operations Management) in May 2016, he worked as a season equipment intern with the National Football League's Seattle Seahawks. There, he was reunited with former Buff wide receiver Paul Richardson as the Seahawks won the NFC West Division and won the wildcard game.

He was born September 10, 1993 in Colorado Springs, and graduated from Berthoud (Colo.) High School where he earned 11 letters in three sports: football, basketball and track. His hobbies include golfing, hiking and playing basketball, in addition to calling himself a "forever learner." Growing up, he lived three years in northern England, and he is fluent in Italian.



#### MEDFORD MOORER Academic Coordinator

Medford Moorer is in his seventh year as an academic coordinator in the Herbst Academic Center, having joined the athletic department staff on August 1, 2011 from across campus, where he had been working in administration as the graduate coordinator in the Civil Engineering department for the previous

five years. His main sport responsibilities are with the football (offensive players and specialists) and the women's tennis teams.

Prior to returning to his alma mater in 2006, Moorer, 36, worked one year at Texas A&M as an assistant in academics. That followed two years as a teacher for a charter school in metro Denver, his first full-time position after he completed his college football career for the Buffaloes.

He graduated from CU with a degree in Sociology in August 2003. As a junior, he was the recipient of the Clancy A. Herbst Student-Athlete Achievement Award, presented to the Buff who overcame personal, academic and/or emotional difficulties to success academically while participating in athletics.

He was a four-year letterman in football at Colorado, leading the team in tackles with 111 his senior year in 2003, when he earned second-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches. He won three postseason team awards that year, the Hang Tough Award (overcoming the most adversity); the Dave Jones Award (outstanding defensive player); and the Buffalo Heart Award (selected by "the fans behind the bench"). In the postseason, he played in the Hula Bowl. As a sophomore, he had a big play in CU's 39-37 win over Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, returning an interception 64 yards for a touchdown that gave CU a 29-10 lead late in the first half. His 256 career tackles are still the 27th most in school history.

He was born November 28, 1980 in Los Angeles, and graduated from the city's Locke High School, where was an All-City and All-League performer in football and also lettered in basketball and track. He is married to the former Mandy (Ament), and the couple has two children, son Marshall (6) and daughter Malia Ann (4).



## **KEVIN PROCHASKA Associate Director/Compliance**

Kevin Prochaska is in his sixth year as the associate director of compliance with the University of Colorado Athletic Department. In his duties he is responsible for the compliance needs of football as well as assisting with all other sports

Prior to arriving at Colorado, he spent two years (2010-12) as the director of compliance and CHAMPS life skills at Miami (Ohio) University. Prochaska was also an adjunct professor at Miami, teaching a course for freshmen student-athletes.

Prochaska, 38 earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin at Platteville in 2003. He earned his J.D. degree (juris doctor) from Marquette University Law School in 2009. While at Marquette, he served as a compliance intern in the athletic department for the 2008-09 school



year, and served in a similar role at Northern Illinois University in 2009 before graduating. He accepted a position as a compliance coordinator at Ohio State University for the 2009-10 academic year.

He was born May 18, 1979 in Prairie du Chien, Wis., and graduated from Prairie du Chien High School where he lettered in football and golf. His hobbies include attending sporting events and concerts as well as traveling and playing golf. Prochaska and his wife, Jessica, are the parents of a daughter, Avery (2).



### RACHEL RIPKEN Community Outreach Manager

Rachel Ripken is in her 10th year as a member of CU athletic department, dating back to when she was a freshman in school in 2008 and earning her way into several promotions since. Most recently, she was promoted to Community Outreach Manager on July 1, 2016

In her current role, she manages all of the athletic department's community outreach initiatives and popular programming such as Read with the Buffs, Chip's Kids Club and Ralphie's Kids Roundup. She also coordinates coach and

student-athlete appearances and Leadership Through Service opportunities in the community. She also manages the Ralphie live mascot program and oversees CU's spirit groups, which include cheer, dance and the costumed mascot, Chip.

Ripken, 27, has spent her entire professional career with the Buffaloes, as she was appointed as a marketing and promotions associate following her graduation from CU in 2012. Shortly thereafter, she was hired full-time as a community outreach coordinator.

She graduated from the University of Colorado in 2012, with a double major in History and Communication while earning a minor in Dance. She worked as a student assistant for four years in the men's basketball office under head coaches Jeff Bzdelik and Tad Boyle while earning her degree.

She was born November 22, 1989 in Baltimore, Md., and graduated from St. Paul's High School in Brooklandville, Md., where she was a member of the school's dance company. Her hobbies include skiing, hiking, traveling and going to sporting events. Her family has famous baseball lineage, most notably her father, Cal Ripken Jr., the Baseball Hall of Fame infielder who played 21 seasons in the majors, all with the Baltimore Orioles (and set the record for most consecutive games played with 2,632). An uncle, Billy Ripken, also played in the majors for 12 seasons, and a grandfather, the late Cal Ripken Sr., was a player, coach and manager in the Orioles organization for 36 years. A younger brother, Ryan, is currently in the Orioles' minor league farm system.



### **ADMINISTRATION**





#### CEAL BARRY Senior Associate AD/ Internal Operations/SWA

Ceal Barry is in her fifth year as the senior associate athletic director for internal operations at the University of Colorado, as she assumed that role under new athletic director Rick George in the spring of 2014. She is in her 12th year as the department's senior

woman's administrator (commonly known as SWA).

Barry, CU's legendary women's basketball coach, served as interim athletic director for a little over two months prior to George being named to the position, assuming that role on June 3, 2013.

In her 35th year overall at CU, Barry's duties included the oversight of men's and women's basketball, soccer and volleyball. She also supervises several Student Services arms of the department including sports medicine, strength & conditioning, academics and student wellness.

Barry, 61, began the administrative chapter of her illustrious career as the associate athletic director for student services on April 1, 2005, just one month after completing a storied 22-year coaching career (1983-05). Barry retired having coached the most games, matches or tournaments (669) and the sixth most seasons of any sport in Colorado athletic history. Her 427 victories are also the most by any coach at the school.

Despite leaving the coaching ranks, Barry remains active and dedicated to the sport she has devoted so much time too. She served as chair of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee for the 2010-11 season. In April 2010, she served as the chair of the search committee that brought back former Buffalo Linda Lappe to lead the CU women's basketball team.

Barry took over a regionally successful program from one of her would-be mentors, the late Russell "Sox" Walseth, as former athletic director Eddie Crowder hired her as the fifth head coach in CU women's basketball history on April 12, 1983. But her charge was to lead the then-Lady Buffs into the Big Eight Conference, which officially started league play her rookie season as coach and was considered the next level from the old Intermountain Conference in which CU had competed in since the sport attained varsity status in 1974.

Barry's pedigree, a four-year letterwinner at Kentucky and an 83-42 record in four seasons as head coach at Cincinnati convinced Crowder that she was the right woman for the job. Twenty-two years and four U.S. presidents later, a 427-242 record, 12 NCAA tournament appearances, including six times in the Sweet 16 and three times in the Elite Eight, 13 20-win seasons, four conference championships and assorted coach of the year honors for five different seasons has proved she was more than just the right person, she is a legend.

She became just the 24th coach in women's NCAA history to reach 500 career wins-hitting the plateau in February 2004-and her all-time record of 510-284 and .642 winning percentage remain among the all-time best. Her teams posted a 191-134 record in conference play, as 13 of her teams finished first, second or third in the league standings for the regular season. Off the court, has graduated all but two four-year players (well over a 95% graduation rate) and has coached 85 Academic All-Conference student-athletes.

Prior to the formation of the Big 12 Conference in 1996, Barry was the Big Eight Coach of the Year four times (1989,'93, '94, '95) and the District V Coach of the Year in 1993 and '95. The 1995 squad posted a school record 30 wins and came within a whisper of advancing to the Final Four. She led her teams to four regular season Big Eight titles and five postseason tournament titles, the last in the inaugural Big 12 Tournament in 1997.

When the 1997 tournament title placed Barry's name in the inaugural Big 12 record book it was a fitting transition for a coach whose name will forever be etched into the history of the Big Eight. In her 13 seasons she was 184-96 when leading the Buffs against Big Eight foes. Barry won more regular-season games (118), league titles (4), tournament titles (4), coach of the year honors (4) and coached more newcomers of the year (4) than any other league coach, while tying for the most NCAA tournament appearances with seven.

Barry's Buffs had three wins over then-defending national champions with the most shocking coming in 1993 in Colorado's first-ever Sweet 16 appearance, an 80-67 win over Stanford in the NCAA West Regional semifinal in Missoula, Mont.

Following her second consecutive Big Eight title in 1994, the United States Basketball Writers Association and Basketball Times Magazine named Barry National Coach of the Year. On the local level, she was inducted into the Colorado Sportswomen Hall of Fame the same year. Twice, Barry has had her name on the finalist list for the Naismith Award for Coaching, those honors coming in the last three seasons.

While those awards signified her on the court successes, Barry's favorite accolade in her decorated career came in 2003 when she was presented with the CU Alumni Association's Robert Stearns Award in recognition of one's extraordinary contributions to the university. Making the award even more special, she was nominated by that season's senior captains Linda Lappe, Sabrina Scott and Diana Spencer.

Her dedication to the student-athlete was also put on center stage in 1995 when she was presented with one of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's highest honors, the Carol Eckman Award. That honor is presented to a coach who exemplifies sportsmanship, commitment to the student-athlete, integrity, ethical behavior and dedication to the purpose. The award was made more special when presented to Barry by her friend and colleague, Carol Callan, also the color commentator on CU radio broadcasts.

Barry's impressive resume has also given her the chance to see the world, coaching the likes of the R. Williams Jones Cup Team, which toured Taiwan in



1988, to coaching the Big 12 All-Stars on a tour of Europe following the 2001 season. While her coaching travels have taken her abroad, the highlight was her stint as an assistant coach for the 1996 United States Olympic Basketball team that won the gold medal. The appointment was her seventh USA Basketball nod since 1987 as she worked with Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer in coaching the red, white and blue to victory.

She was head coach of the 2004 U.S. Junior World Championships Qualifying Team, which went undefeated en route to the gold medal.

Only Frank Potts (track, 41 seasons), Les Fowler (golf, 29), Mark Simpson (golf, 29), Richard Rokos (skiing, 25) Frank Prentup (baseball, 24) and Dick Gray (tennis, 23) and have logged more seasons as a head coach than Barry at Colorado.

Barry was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 and the University of Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010. In January 2011, she became the third recipient of the University of Kentucky's Susan B. Feamster Trailblazer Award. Barry, who earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from UK in 1977, was part of the school's first class of women's basketball players to receive an athletic scholarship, lettering four times under coaches Feamster and Debbie Yow.

She was born April 1, 1955 in Louisville, Ky., and graduated from Assumption High School in Louisville, where she lettered in basketball, volleyball and field hockey. She followed her bachelor's degree from Kentucky with her master's in education from Cincinnati in 1979. At Kentucky, she also lettered three times in field hockey in addition to her accomplishments as a basketball player.



### MATT BIGGERS Associate AD/Chief Marketing Officer

Matt Biggers is in his sixth year as the associate athletic director of external affairs and chief marketing officer, having joined the University of Colorado athletic staff on July 5, 2012. He is also the sports administrator for CU's women's volleyball program.

Biggers, 45, came to Colorado after spending a combined 18 years with two teams in the National Basketball Association.

At Colorado, he oversees marketing and promotions, ticket operations and all digital assets including CUBuffs.com. He also collaborates in the staging of special events, coordinating efforts with Buffalo Sports Properties (BSP), BuffVision, community outreach, the sports information department and the Buff Club

Prior to coming to CU, he was the senior vice president of marketing and communications for the New Orleans Hornets. He was hired by the Hornets in 2007 as the vice president of marketing and communications, before being promoted the following year. Biggers oversaw the organization's marketing, advertising, branding, creative services, events, game operations, media relations and broadcasting.

Biggers' most demanding professional challenge undoubtedly came in "The Big Easy." In his first year in New Orleans, the Hornets set a club record for their time in New Orleans for most sellouts in a season (2007-08), and then broke that record the following season. But reaching and surpassing those marks was not easy.

When the Hornets returned to New Orleans after a two-year displacement to Oklahoma City following Hurricane Katrina, the season ticket base was fewer than 5,000. Biggers spearheaded drives that took season ticket sales to over 10,000 in 2008-09 - the largest increase in the NBA. He received the Hornets' "Coach of The Year" award in 2009, an acknowledgement from the team's senior executive peers given to the organizational leader who best exemplifies his/her team's mission and values.

Also under trying circumstances, the Hornets were challenged to reach the 10,000 season ticket mark again in the 2011-12 campaign. The NBA was dealing with a work stoppage and the New Orleans franchise was seeking to secure local ownership, a long-term lease agreement with the state and was facing the imminent departure of star point guard Chris Paul to the Los Angeles Clippers. Instrumental in that drive was the campaign "I'm In." The campaign included a "100 Events In 100 Days" initiative and proved to be a surprising success in the community, with the Hornets accomplishing the improbable and reaching their 10,000 season ticket goal.

Biggers' first NBA experience came with the Orlando Magic and RDV Sports, where he spent 12 years and left as the director of marketing for the Magic. His responsibilities with the Magic included overseeing all of the marketing, advertising, branding, game presentation and events. While in Orlando, he also worked as an operations/marketing assistant for the Orlando Predators (Arena Football) and served on the boards of the Florida Children's Hospital and the Heart of Florida United Way Promotions Committee.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration Management

from Appalachian State University in May 1994 and a Master of Science in Sport Management from Georgia Southern University in December 1995.

His previous work in collegiate athletics includes serving as a student assistant coach for the Appalachian State baseball team and as vice president of that school's men's club volleyball team. He also volunteered in sports media relations at Georgia Southern and worked as an event assistant for the Florida Citrus Bowl

He was born on November 9, 1971 in Columbus, Ohio but moved to Florida at age 3 with his family; he graduated from Seabreeze High School (Daytona Beach), where he lettered in football and baseball. He is married to the former Robyn Winokur, and the couple has two daughters, Peyton (14) and Avery (11).



### EMILY CANOVA Assistant AD/Special Projects

Emily Canova is in her fourth year as the assistant athletic director for special projects, as she was promoted into the position in June 2014. She played a key role in the construction of CU's new Champions Center, serving as the liaison with Populous (the architects), particularly in the area of interior design

and managing the overall branding of the building.

Canova joined the department as a community outreach coordinator in September 2010. After six months in that position, she transitioned into CU's newly created student-athlete leadership development program, where she served as its assistant director until she was appointed as an assistant AD. However, during this time frame, she also helped develop CU's "Guiding Principles" and then worked with athletic director Rick George to coordinate the formulation of the department's strategic plan and Sustainable Excellence Initiative (SEI).

Prior to CU, she had an extensive background working in non-profits in Colorado, where she relocated after her college graduation.

She graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1991, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and Athletic Training; she was a member of the Dean's List. At UW, she earned three letters as a member of the varsity crew team. As a senior, she was the recipient of the school's Graves Award, presented by the rowing team to the student-athlete who makes the most significant contribution based on leadership, physical strength and mental fortitude.

Canova trained on the Olympic Development Team for crew in Lake Placid in the summer of 1989.

She was born in Montclair, N.J., but moved to Virginia when she was 10, where graduated from Langley High School in McLean. Her hobbies include biking, hiking, cycling, swimming and in general enjoying the "wonders of Colorado with her family." A competitive triathlete, she finished third in the 1996 Danskin Triathlon. She is the mother of two, son Baker (13) and daughter Alice (11).



# J.T. GALLOWAY Associate AD/Equipment & Licensing

J.T. Galloway is in his 13th year overall in the CU athletic department, his seventh coordinating and managing all phases of CU's licensing, logos and imaging and was thus promoted to an assistant athletic director in 2010 and to associate athletic director status in 2016.

He first joined the department on April 4, 2005 as equipment manager overseeing the needs particularly for football but for all of Colorado's 16 intercollegiate sports at the time (now 17 with the addition of women's lacrosse).

Galloway, 49, continues to oversee the equipment operations, but reduced his day-to-day obligations with the Buffalo football program as he transitioned more and more into his licensing and trademark duties. In 2016, he added sports administrator duties over the men's and women's golf programs.

He became the fourth person to hit double figures in years serving as the equipment head in CU history. Lee "Silver" Akins handled the chores for 34 years (1936-69), with Bill Crowder heading the area for 17 years and Mike Smith just under 11. Galloway is a certified member of the Athletic Equipment Manager's Association (AEMA), a status he attained in 1995 upon entering the profession full-time.

He graduated with a degree in sport management in 1994 from Washington State University, where he worked all four years of his college career as a student employee in the WSU equipment room. He began his professional



career as an equipment intern at the University of Virginia in the fall of 1994 and worked there six months. He then moved on to the National Football League's Atlanta Falcons, where he was an assistant equipment manager for the 1995 season.

He returned to the college ranks as the football equipment director at Wake Forest from 1996 to 1998 before heading west to Arizona where he would spend the next six seasons as the associate director of equipment.

Born May 10, 1968 in Columbus, Ohio, Galloway graduated Gaither High School in Tampa, Fla. A sports fanatic, he enjoys all sports, especially golf. He is married to the former Kelly Christy, a registered nurse, and the couple has two children, Katie (18) and Collin (15). J.T. stands for John Thomas.



# CORY HILLIARD Associate AD/Business Operations & CFO

Cory Hilliard is in his 10th year with athletic department at the University of Colorado, his eighth as the associate athletic director for business operations as he joined the department in March 2008. On July 1, 2016, the chief financial officer (CFO) responsibilities were added to his title and duties. He is also the sports

administrator for CU's cross country and track programs.

Hilliard, 45, came to CU from the University of North Dakota where he was the assistant athletic director for business operations for three years (2006-08). He earned the promotion at UND after serving five years as the assistant director for business services (2001-06).

In his position, Hilliard is responsible for the management of the administrative, financial, budget, human resources, and payroll functions for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and its 17 sport programs. In addition to his business operations duties, Hilliard oversees the equipment, sports video and information technology support services for the Buffaloes.

Hilliard graduated from Minnesota State University-Moorhead in 1995 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Health Education, and in 2006 earned his Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of North Dakota. Hilliard also attended the University of Wyoming from 1990-92 where he was a member of the track team, participating in the hurdles and relay events. While at MSU-Moorhead from 1993-95, he also lettered in the sport.

He was born August 2, 1972 in Rochester, Minn., he graduated from Manitou Springs High School (Colo.) in 1990, where he lettered in football and was an outstanding track and field athlete. He ran the 110- and 300-meter hurdles and was a member of the 4x200 and 4x400-meter relay teams that won multiple state titles in addition to the boys team championship in 1990. At one time (during the 1989 season), he held the Colorado state high school record in the 300-meter hurdle and is a former high school national champion in the 60-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles.

Hilliard is married to the former Abby Barendt, and the couple has two sons, Zach (21), a sophomore safety on the Missouri Baptist football team, and Jacob (15). He is actively involved in the College Athletic Business Management Association (CABMA) as well as a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).



#### PREMA KHANNA Assistant AD/Marketing

Prema Khanna is in her 14th year as CU's director of marketing, as she was promoted to the position July 7, 2004, and in her fourth as an assistant athletic director, earning that promotion in the summer of 2013.

She is in her 16th year overall the department, having worked two years as promotions manager for

the Buffaloes after joining the staff in August 2002. She is responsible for coordinating marketing efforts for football, basketball and volleyball ticket sales, as well as promotions both on and-off the fields and courts, including game day atmosphere.

Khanna, 46, came to Colorado from Texas Tech, where she worked two years as the director of marketing and promotions. She got her start at Missouri, her alma mater, as a graduate assistant in 1995, and was hired full-time the following year as marketing and promotions coordinator. In 1997, she was promoted to assistant director of marketing and held that position for the next three years before moving on to Texas Tech in 2000.

She graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1995, and earned her master's degree in sports administration from MU in 1997.

Born July 29, 1971 in Haldwani, India, her family moved to Cleveland, Ohio,

when she was a toddler, and then to Toronto, Ontario in second grade. She lived in Canada until she was 13, when her family established residency in Columbia, Mo. She graduated from Rock Bridge High School, where she lettered in tennis.



## LINDSAY LEW Assistant AD/Digital Marketing

Lindsay Lew was promoted to assistant athletic director for digital and database marketing on July 1, 2016, after serving previously for nine years as the director of strategic sales and communication since 2007. She is in her 20th year overall at Colorado, in the second of two stints working for the school.

Lew, 42, is responsible for oversight of ecommerce operations and revenue management for the CU athletic department, as well as digital advertising, email marketing and business analytics.

She was an assistant sports information director for at CU for five years (1999-2004), before leaving in August 2004 for a marketing position with Webroot Software. She was promoted from graduate assistant SID on August 6, 1999 to an assistant's position after working the previous year as the GA in the media relations office and one year as a student assistant; she was the first woman at CU to hold the grad assistant role in the SID office, and is the first female student worker in sports information to become an assistant AD at the school.

Lew was the women's soccer SID her first three years as an assistant SID, before switching to women's basketball and men's and women's indoor and outdoor track for the final four years in her first tour of duty. She also served as media coordinator for two women's NCAA basketball sub-regionals and was the official statistician for the 1999 NCAA Women's Soccer College Cup in Palo Alto, Calif. In 2015 she served as the Tournament Director for the Pac-12 Women's Golf Championship in Boulder at Boulder Country Club.

Lew is a 1997 graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, where she received her bachelor's degree in Communication. She returned to her native state in the fall of 1997 to begin graduate studies in the CU journalism school's Integrated Marketing Communication program. She received her master's degree in December 1998.

She was a soccer standout at Trinity, a nationally-ranked Division III program, earning all-conference honors all four years, as well as NSCAA All-Region honors as a sophomore. Lew also played collegiate golf for two years, helping Trinity to the 1995 conference championship. She also worked in the school's SID office her senior year.

Born July 23, 1975 in Denver, the former Lindsay Anhold graduated from Green Mountain High School in 1993, where she lettered in soccer, basketball and softball. She has remained active in soccer through the years, coaching in camps (including at one time for the Julie Foudy Championship camp), and is an avid golfer and runner. Her younger brother Eric is a Colorado grad, and her father Monty is a graduate of UC-Denver. She is married to Jason Lew and they have two sons, Jackson and Dylan.



## ALEXIS WILLIAMS Assistant AD/Ticket Operations

Alexis Williams is in her third year as the assistant athletic director for ticket operations, sales and services, having joined the department in March 2015.

Williams, 42, came to Colorado from Theatre Under The Stars in Houston, Texas, where she was the manager of ticketing and customer service for seven-

and-a-half years (November 2007-March 2015).

She previously was the assistant athletic director for ticket operations at Rice University for just over four years (September 2003-November 2007). She was promoted into that position after serving three years as the Owls' assistant ticket manager. Her first position in the business came as the assistant ticket manager at SMU in 1999.

She earned two degrees from Louisiana State University. She received her bachelor's in Mathematics in 1996 and her master's in Sports Management in 1998. At LSU, she was active in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and a manager for the women's basketball team.

She was born December 31, 1974 in Houston, Texas, and graduated from Houston's Bellaire High School, where she lettered in basketball (point guard). Her hobbies include playing golf, reading, travel and attending concerts and sporting events.





#### JILL KEEGAN Assistant AD/Compliance

Jill Keegan is in her eighth year as a member of the University of Colorado athletic department, her third as the school's assistant athletic director for compliance, as she was promoted to the position on June 1, 2014. She also has sports administrator duties for CU's tennis program.

She previously was the associate director for four years, initially serving as the rules education coordinator, though her role gradually expanded through the years.

She came to Colorado in October 2010 from Michigan State University where she served as the Assistant Compliance Coordinator for four years. Prior to Michigan State, Gainey was the Assistant Director of Compliance at Marshall University where she also completed her Master's degree in Sports Administration in 2006. Gainey received her bachelor's degree in Sports Marketing and management from Indiana University in 2005 where she also served as an intern in the compliance office.

A native of Owatonna, Minn, the former Jill Gainey graduated from Angola High School in Angola, Ind., in 2001, lettering in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She currently resides in Denver with her husband Brian and enjoys attending sporting events, traveling, outdoor activities and reading. Her and her husband Brian are the parents of a son, Nolan, born this past August.



### **DR. ERIC MCCARTY Director of Sports Medicine**

Dr. Eric McCarty is in his 15th year working with the CU athletic program, joining the sports medicine team in July 2003. But he's certainly no stranger to the University or to Boulder.

McCarty, 52, accepted the Chief of Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery position in the Department of

Orthopedics at CU's Health Sciences Center in Denver, where he also is an associate professor, enabling him to return to his home state where he starred as both a prep and collegian.

He returned to CU from Vanderbilt University, where he was an orthopedic surgeon, assistant professor and team physician for the Commodores' athletic teams for four years.

McCarty is the head team physician for both the University of Colorado and University of Denver athletic programs. As a board-certified orthopedic surgeon his specialized practice involves the care of collegiate athletes as well as recreational and highly competitive athletes from the community. A large part of his practice is the sports medicine care of high school athletes in the state of Colorado

He graduated in 1988 from CU with a degree in kinesiology and a 3.75 grade point average. A four-time Academic All-Big Eight team member, the first in school history to be honored four times, he was an Academic All-American his senior year, when he reached the finalist stage for the Rhodes Scholarship. On the field, he earned first-team All-Big Eight honors as a senior, when he led the Buffaloes with 148 tackles, the fourth highest total at the time in team history. He had 237 career tackles in two years on defense, after moving over from offense where he played fullback (503 career rushing yards), and earned four letters.

He earned his M.D., with honors, in 1993 from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, and did his internship residency at Vanderbilt in orthopedic surgery between 1993 and 1998. Shortly thereafter, he spent a year at the internationally renowned Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, where he received a fellowship in sports medicine and shoulder surgery. While residing in New York, he worked with the NFL's New York Giants. During this time is when he obtained his expertise in the arthroscopic and open surgical management of sports injuries to the knees and shoulders as well as a special emphasis in the management of complex shoulder problems including shoulder instability, rotator cuff tears and shoulder replacement surgery for arthritis.

In addition to his busy clinical practice, Dr. McCarty is very active in research, teaching, and writing articles in the field of sports medicine and knee and shoulder surgery. He has received grants for his research and has given numerous talks at both the national and international level. One of his many interests is the care of the high school athlete, and his background allows him the ability to understand the issues surrounding the prep athlete.

McCarty has been the recipient of over four dozen awards in his professional career, and has had papers published on 15 occasions while contributing to several others.

He was born November 16, 1964 in Lundstuhl, West Germany. He graduated from Boulder High School in 1983, where he was the state's player of the year as a senior and considered one of the nation's top recruits after rushing for 1,301 and 13 touchdowns; he won the prestigious Denver Post Gold Helmet Award that same year. He is married to the former Miriam Liddell, and they have four children, Madeleine (22), Eric Cleveland, Jr. (20), Shannon (17) and Torrance (15).



#### SCOTT MCMICHAEL Assistant AD/Development

Scott McMichael is un his 11th year as an assistant athletic director of development at the University of Colorado. He works to support endowments, annual gifts, and capital projects by generating major gift revenue.

Prior to joining Colorado in 2007, McMichael spent

10 years working for the University of Kansas as the Assistant Athletic Director/Director of the Williams Educational Fund & K-Club. As Director of the Williams Fund he cultivated new contributors and stewardship of existing donors generating over \$5 million annually. He also developed a Career Placement Program for student-athletes.

McMichael spent six years at Wilson Sporting Goods as a sales representative where he was responsible for new account openings, analyzing growth potential of established accounts and promotional calls on collegiate and professional teams.

McMichael graduated from Kansas with a bachelor's of science degree in education and also studied business and education in graduate school. He was a four-year letterwinner for the Jayhawks' football team where he set a school passing record as a sophomore and earned honorable mention to the All-Big 8 conference team. McMichael was a free agent signee of the Atlanta Falcons after his playing days at KU.

Born and raised in Kansas City, McMichael graduated from Shawnee Mission West High School in Overland Park, Kan. He enjoys spending time with his wife Marcia, his son Bryce, and his daughter Morgan. His hobbies include hiking, water skiing, golf, and travel.



### MARY ELLEN O'MALLEY Manager of Medical Services

Mary Ellen O'Malley is in her 10th year as the manager of medical services for the Sports Medicine Program at the University of Colorado, joining the sports medicine department in 2008.

Before joining the CU staff, she spent 13 years as the owner of HeartSong Wellness Coaching and

Therapeutic Bodywork in Longmont, Colo. Nationally certified in therapeutic massage and bodywork, O'Malley's business catered to a diverse clientele in need of a variety of treatment protocols such as injury rehabilitation, sports maintenance/recovery and stress reduction.

O'Malley served as the President/Education Director of Colorado's Cortiva Institute from 2004-06, where she facilitated and managed a vocational school start-up for therapeutic massage training. She was also the vice president/faculty chair of the Boulder College of Massage Therapy from 1996-2003 as well as an instructor.

A native of Scranton, Pa., O'Malley is a 1977 graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo where she played basketball and field hockey. She received the first financial grant for a female women's basketball player awarded by the athletic department after women's basketball became a varsity sport prior to her senior year.

After obtaining her bachelor's degree in Physical Education & Health, she served as a physical education teacher at West Seneca West Junior High School in West Seneca, N.Y.; she also coached varsity girls soccer and junior varsity girls basketball at West Seneca (Senior) High School. She then spent 12 years as a senior marketing representative/education coordinator for New York State Electric and Gas in Lancaster, N.Y., before moving to Colorado.

She is affectionately called "Clyde" by the student-athletes and staff, a nickname that dates back to her grade school days.





ERIC PELLONI
Assistant Director/BuffVision

Eric Pelloni is in his 12th year as the assistant director of BuffVision, although he has been involved in CU Athletics for the better part of 17 years. He was hired full-time on August 1, 2006 after working on a contractual basis since August 2001.

Pelloni, 44, assists with the video packages for CU's

video display boards and has been on the BuffVision game day crew for 15 seasons. Pelloni also helps coordinate streaming and technical issues between CU Athletics and Pac-12 Enterprises.

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

Pelloni was also the associate producer of "The Buffalo Stampede" coaches show which aired weekly on FSN Rocky Mountain until ending with Colorado's transition over to the Pac-12 Networks agreement. In 2016, he won a Telly Award for his production work for the 2015 Pac-12 Conference's women's golf championship that was held at Boulder Country Club.

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.

He graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver in 1998, majoring in Technical Communication with a minor in Speech Communication. He taught as an adjunct professor in the technical communications department at Metro State for the 2003-04 school year.

He was born November 21, 1972 in Detroit, Mich., and graduated from Broomfield (Colo.) High School, where he lettered in golf, which remains one of his favorite hobbies. He is married to the former Gabbie Perkins, who is CU's Director of Operations for Olympic Sports; the couple has a son, E.J. (Edwin James, 3) and a daughter (Sophia, 1).



# ROGER PIELKE, JR. Director/Sports Governance Center

Roger Pielke, Jr., is in his second year as the director of CU's innovative and trailblazing sports governance center, which was approved by the Boulder Campus and became operational in the spring of 2016. The center after just one-plus years of operation is already nationally acclaimed, mostly due

to his efforts and guidance.

He has been on the faculty at the University of Colorado since 2001, as he is a professor in the Environmental Studies Program and a Fellow of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES). His research has long focused on science, innovation and politics. In 2011, Pielke began to write and research on the governance of sports organizations, including FIFA and the NCAA.

He holds degrees in mathematics, public policy and political science, all from the University of Colorado. In 2012 Pielke was awarded an honorary doctorate from Linköping University in Sweden and was also awarded the Public Service Award by the Geological Society of America. He also received the Eduard Brückner Prize in Munich, Germany in 2006 for outstanding achievement in interdisciplinary climate research.

Before joining the faculty of the University of Colorado, from 1993-2001 he was a Scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), located in Boulder. He is also author, co-author or co-editor of seven books, including *The Honest Broker: Making Sense of Science in Policy and Politics* published by Cambridge University Press (2007) and *The Climate Fix: What Scientists and Politicians Won't Tell you About Global Warming* (2010, Basic Books). His most recent book is *Rightful Place of Science Series, Disasters and Climate Change* (2014, Consortium for Science, Policy & Outcomes). He is currently working on a book on sport in society.



### DR. SOURAV PODDAR Medical Director/Team Physician

Dr. Sourav Poddar is his 18th year working with the CU athletic program as a team physician, his 16th with the football program. On July 1, 2016, he was also named the athletic department's medical director as the Pac-12 Conference required someone from each member school to hold the designation.

Poddar, 45, is an assistant professor at the University of Colorado-Denver, and is on staff at the CU Sports Medicine Clinic as well as the University Medicine-Westminster. He also serves as the Director of the Primary Care Sports Medicine (PCSM) Program.

He is board certified in family practice, with a CAQ certificate in sports medicine. His specific areas of medical interest are sports medicine, heat illnesses and concussions. In addition to primary care, he specializes in the non-operative management of sports medicine injuries, as well as injury prevention, and novel approaches to treat overuse injuries.

He graduated from Rice University in 1993 with a degree in biochemistry, and then completed medical school at the University of Texas-Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas in 1997. At Rice, he was a member of the soccer team.

Poddar completed his residency in family practice at the UCHSC-Rose in Denver (he was chief resident during his third year in residency), and subsequently completed a fellowship in sports medicine at the University of Colorado, working with former CU team physician Rob Loeffler.

Born April 15, 1972 in Bombay, India, his family moved to the United States when he was a two-year old; he graduated from Clear Lake High School in Houston, where he lettered in soccer. He is married to the former Emily Aldeen. (His name is pronounced shuh-rav poe-dar.)



### **ERIN SANDERS**Alumni C Club Director

Erin Sanders is in her second year as the executive director of the Alumni C-Club, officially named to the position on April 1, 2016, returning to CU from right down the road in Denver, where she was employed in private business.

Sanders, 26, had a busy first few months in the position, as she fully updated the C-Club's Facebook page and created both Twitter and Instagram accounts to help improve communication to the membership. She also completed a four-year plan for the C-Club in CU's updated overall strategic plan.

Prior to returning to her alma mater, Sanders worked as the public relations director for the Grizzly Rose in Denver and then was in sports marketing for Babolat, the world-wide leader in racquet sports.

She lettered in tennis from 2009-13, played for the Buffs in both the Big 12 and Pac-12 conferences. Sanders played in 74 singles matches (at Nos. 1 through 6, the bulk at the No. 4 position) and 70 doubles events during her CU career. She earned two degrees from CU, a Bachelor's of Science in Journalism/News Editorial and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

She was born August 10, 1991 in Englewood, Colo., and graduated from Ponderosa High School (Parker, Colo.), where she lettered in tennis. Her hobbies include tennis, horseback riding, running and was a soprano in her high school choir. She is engaged to be married to Kris Kreymborg this Labor Day weekend.



### **RON SCOTT**Director of Development

Ron Scott is in his eighth year as a director of development for the Buff Club, but has a long association with the university dating back to his time as a student-athlete. He has served in many roles with CU Athletics and the CU Foundation that has spanned over two decades in three different stints with the university.

Scott, 72, first arrived in Boulder as a member of Eddie Crowder's first freshman football class in 1963; he was recruited by another longtime CU coach, Dan Stavely. He was a three-year starter for the Buffs at middle guard on teams that went a combined 22-7-2 during his years



of eligibility, and racked up 166 career tackles, including a high of 73 as a junior. A team captain as a senior in 1967, he helped lead the Buffaloes to a 9-2 record with a 31-21 victory over the Miami Hurricanes in the Bluebonnet Bowl. He graduated with a degree in Business (Marketing) in 1968.

He first returned to his alma mater after 14 years in the private sector, which included Flagstaff, Inc., a company he formed that built custom homes in the Denver Metro area, and two years as a co-owner and manager of the Boulderado Hotel. He was named the department's director of development and Buff Club director on November 1, 1982, building a staff and managed the annual fundraising effort for CU athletics. In 1988, he was promoted to an assistant athletic director and coordinated the fundraising campaign to design and build the Dal Ward Athletic Center, a \$14 million, 100 percent privately funded campaign. Following the completion of the project in August 1991, he added the role of Vice President/Major Gifts and worked with a team of development officers, focused on major gifts for the university's four-campus system.

In 2001, Scott returned to the private sector and, along with his wife Ann, moved to Sheridan, Wyo., where they founded the Bison Corporation, a residential construction/development company.

In 2010 Scott returned to Boulder, when he was named director of development for athletics as well as the executive director of the Alumni C Club, CU's letterwinner organization. In 2012, he turned over his C Club responsibilities and has since focused on major gifts for athletics.

He was born June 26, 1945 in Casper, Wyo., and grew up in Billings, Mont., where he graduated from West High School; he lettered in football, basketball and track. He is married to the former Ann Miller, who holds two degrees from CU and a senior director of development with CU's College of Engineering. He is the father of two adult children, Kari Hillis (also a CU grad) and Lance Scott, and is the grandfather of six.



## **CURTIS SNYDER**Director of Digital Strategy

Curtis Snyder is in his 19th year as a member of the University of Colorado athletic department, his third as the director of digital strategy. He rejoined the Buffalo staff on December 1, 2008 after a five-and-a-half year absence.

He spent the previous seven-plus years (2008-15) as the associate sports information director, in addition to managing special projects and digital media. He was the secondary sports information contact for football for six seasons (2009-14) and was the primary SID for CU's renowned national championship ski program for eight years (2009-16). In August 2012, he was given the additional duties of overseeing overall strategy and execution of CUBuffs.com and social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

Snyder, 42, was the championship director for the 2016 NCAA Skiing Championships that CU hosted in Steamboat Springs, and has served as the webmaster for the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Ski Association (RMISA) since 2008, a role he has continued despite transitioning completely out of sports information.

He returned to CU from Duke University, where he served as the director of Internet operations from 2003-08, managing the day-to-day operations of GoDuke.com and had various SID duties for the football and men's basketball programs. He accompanied the basketball team during the postseason, during which time the Blue Devils captured two ACC Championships and a berth in the 2004 Final Four in San Antonio. He also traveled with the women's basketball team to the 2006 Final Four in Boston.

He previously served four years as a student assistant in CU's athletic media relations office (it's then name) from 1994-98 and then five years as a full-time assistant SID and as well as the Internet managing editor from 1998-2003. As a student, Snyder worked with the volleyball and men's basketball programs and was presented with the Athletic Director's medal for service to the department.

In his first stint at CU, he worked at various times as the primary contact for the men's basketball, volleyball and men's and women's tennis programs while also being named the Internet coordinator and eventually Internet managing editor, overseeing the official website, CUBuffs.com.

He also currently serves as a back-up statistician for the NBA's Denver Nuggets and has worked with the AVP (professional beach volleyball tour). He has been an active member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and served on the technology committee for five years (2007-11).

Born Sept. 2, 1975, in Boulder, he graduated from Boulder High School in 1994, where he was a fourth-generation student and lettered three times in basketball. His grandmother graduated from CU in 1929, his grandfather was recruited to CU by Frank Potts to be a decathlete and also to play basketball and football and his father, mother and sister all attended CU. He is married to the former Kami Carmann, a four-time letterwinner and two-time captain of the women's basketball team at CU who is currently a sports anchor and reporter for Fox 31 (KDVR-TV) in Denver. The couple resides in Erie and has three children, twins Lucy and Samuel (7) and Cooper (4).



### DERIC SWANSON Executive Director of BuffVision

Deric Swanson is in his 19th 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. He is the only director the

area has ever had since it was created in 1999.

Swanson, 43, is easily 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 is 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. His hobbies include hiking and biking; he has now competed in 15 IronMan events (through August 2017), including a personal best of 11 hours and 29 minutes in Tempe, Ariz., in 2009.

He is the father of two sons, Gavin (9) and Dane (6).



### ATHLETIC STAFF



#### (Football related; does not include others who have not taken a portrait)



Mackenzie Altman Buff Club



Troy Andre Associate SID



Christina Beck Executive Assistant



Michele Brannigan Learning Specialist



**Kevin Brennan** Academic Mentor



Cindy Brumfiel
Director of
Development



**Dave Callan** *Leadership Development* 



Josi Carlson Special Events



**Chip** Costumed Mascot



**Lisa Christiansen** Learning Specialist



Ashtin Crawford Assistant Ticket Manager



Chris DeCarlo Assistant Athletic Trainer



**Brent DePaepe** Graphic Designer



Matt Eberhardt IT Technician



Lindsey Edwards Cheer Coach



Leslie Elgin Buff Club



Bart Emery Operations



Lauren Fowler Associate Director of Development



John Galvin Game Day Operations



Lance Gerlach BSP General Manager



Kaitlyn Goble Buff Club



**Dan Goldstein** Assistant Ticket Manager



**Jennifer Green** *Game Operations* 



Brett Gullicksrud Special Events



Krista Hansen Director of Tutoring



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Alyssa Lenz Special Events



Katharine Lindauer Tutor Coordinator



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**Kristin Masker** *Business Office* 



**Ryan Megay** Graduate Assistant SID



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Director of Grounds



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Andrew Schlichting Assistant SID



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