



FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



LANCE CARL
Director of Player Development
& Alumni Relations

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 associate athletic director for business develop-

ment and the sports supervisor for the football program on November 5, 2013.

In the summer of 2021, he shifted into the newly created role of director of player development and alumni relations for the football program, two years after he transitioned into the associate AD for football, where he had daily interactions with head coaches Mel Tucker and Karl Dorrell, the assistant coaches, support personnel and the student-athletes.

Carl, 55, remains CU's liaison to the National Football League and its member teams with scouts and personnel staff, having worked as a scout in the late 1990s himself. In addition, he has long been active and on the board of directors with Buffs4Life, an organization of former CU athletes that help former Buffs in need. Thus his new title fits perfectly with some of what he has been coordinating since he rejoined the program in 2013.

In his new role, he immediately created the S2S (shoulder-to-shoulder) mentoring program, matching freshmen and redshirt freshmen student-athletes with local and national local football alumni. This unique undertaking has been developed, among several reasons, but most notably to provide guidance, direction, support and increased access to opportunities beyond the playing field, to improve the transition experience for the younger Buffs and introduces and establishes a deeper connection to the tradition and history of CU football.

He spent five years in his initial role, one that largely encompassed business development, community partnerships and served as the coordinator for non-game day events. His duties included working to 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 who has since returned for three additional shows).

In 2015, Carl implemented Training Day with the Buffs, a partnership between the CU football team and the Boulder and CU police departments. The program's goal is to break down barriers, improve communication and build bonds between the two groups. He also serves as the athletic department representative on the board of directors for the YMCA of Northern Colorado, as well as serving on the board of "A Precious Child," a non-profit based in Broomfield (the organization provides sports equipment, educational materials and backpacks for youth in the Boulder-Denver metro area).

He returned to CU after spending the six years (2007-13) 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 very 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 touchdown put CU back up by two scores (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 is 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 graduate assistant. The couple has three children, grown sons Savoy and Jackson, and a pre-teen daughter Alana.



BRYAN MCGINNIS
Director of Football Operations

Bryan McGinnis is in his ninth year as the director of football operations at the University of Colorado, originally joining then-head coach Mike MacIntyre's new Buffalo staff on January 2, 2013. When Mel Tucker and Karl Dorrell retained him in the same role following MacIntyre, he became the first to serve two head coaches (and now three) as their operations director at CU since the position was created in 1988.

In his position, in which he has now served the longest-ever at Colorado (by some three years), he coordinates many facets for the football program, including team travel arrangements, itineraries and scheduling.

McGinnis, 40, had 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, his time in Colorado has marked the 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 its Harbor High School where he lettered 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 (7) and Maddalene Grace (4) and one son, Jacob Thomas (2).



BOB LOPEZ
General Manager

Bob Lopez, a veteran sports administrator and football coach, joined the Colorado football staff as the director of player personnel on February 28, 2020, one of the first hires by new CU head coach Karl Dorrell which reunited the pair from their time together at UCLA. On July 1, 2021, he was promoted to the newly created position of general manager.

In this relatively new position in college football, the role includes supporting the head coach and program overall in areas of strategic planning, hiring, oversight, management and relationship building. It also encompasses supervision of the player personnel and creative services staff while overseeing recruiting functions, including scouting, communications and on-campus recruiting.

Lopez, 66, has enjoyed a professional career that has spanned over 40 years and includes significant football coaching experience. On the administrative side, he has been an athletic director, a head coach, a director of football operations, coordinated student-athlete services, enrollment and admissions, and has worked on several levels of college administration with 16 different sports overall during his career.

He was the director of football operations for five-plus years at UCLA (2003-08), where Dorrell had hired him to be on his first staff as a head coach. The two also were together on the Northern Arizona staff in 1990-91.

Lopez came to CU from the University of Delaware, where he was the associate athletic director for sport administration and student services since November 2017. He was heavily involved in all sports throughout the



Blue Hens athletic department, including team planning and operations, student-athlete engagement, as well as working closely with the school's fledgling BLUE initiative (Building Leaders Utilizing Education), a four-year educational leadership program that focused on student health & wellness, personal success, community engagement, diversity and inclusion and career preparation.

He spent the previous six-plus years at the University of Michigan, joining the Wolverines' staff in January 2011 as the director of football operations. He then served as the assistant athletic director for football from May 2013 through December 2014, which overlapped with sports administrator duties from June 2014 until he accepted the Delaware position. In his final role at UM, he worked directly with several sports, including men's and women's cross country and track & field, men's basketball, women's field hockey, men's gymnastics, and men's and women's tennis. Prior to working at Michigan, he was the director of football operations at San Diego State for three years (2008-11).

Lopez has crossed paths with CU a few times in his career, last while he was at Michigan when the Wolverines rallied for a 45-28 win over the Buffaloes in 2016. His first game as the ops director at UCLA in 2003 was in Boulder, a game CU rallied to win, 16-14. He has been involved in bowl game preparations for nine games, five at UCLA (2003 Silicon Valley, 2004 Las Vegas, 2005 Sun, 2006 Emerald, 2007 Las Vegas), one at San Diego State (2010 Poinsettia) and three at Michigan (2012 Sugar, 2013 Outback, 2013 Buffalo Wild Wings).

He spent 12 years coaching football at the college and high school levels, including stops as the head coach at Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College (1983-87) and assistant roles at Arizona Western College (1981-83) and Northern Arizona University (1987-91). He also served as Fort Scott's athletic director almost the entire time he was also the football coach for the Greyhounds, and was also NAU's recruiting coordinator during his time in Flagstaff.

His first job in coaching was a football assistant at the Loyola Academy (Wilmette, Ill.) a private school just north of Chicago's downtown. He was also a language arts teacher at the school, where he worked two for two years (1979-81). At various times, he also worked in the admissions fields at Northern Arizona, Peru State College and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire before permanently staying in the field of athletics.

Lopez lettered four years at quarterback at Illinois State University (1973-76), where he was team's most valuable player as a senior under coach Gerry Hart. A team captain as a junior and senior, he set the school record at the time for season passing yards his senior year. The Redbirds competed on the Division I-AA level, now known as the FCS.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education from Illinois State in 1977, where he also received his Master's in Educational Administration in 1979.

Lopez was born March 19, 1955 in Tacoma, Wash., but his family moved to Illinois when he was a youngster; he graduated from Mendel Catholic Prep (Chicago, Ill.), where he lettered in football and basketball. One of his favorite hobbies is playing golf. He is married to the former Nancy Leek (a retired teacher) and is father of two adult sons, Tyler and Daniel; they have five grandchildren.

over 15 NFL football players to the pooling platform and assisted in the company's growth through Series A funding. He is certified in Operational Excellence (LEAN)/Six Sigma.

Dorrell graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Economics. He lettered three years at wide receiver playing for coach Derek Mason, and was the team's fifth-leading receiver as a sophomore (10 catches for 118 yards). He began his collegiate career at Stanford University, where as a true freshman, he was a member of the Cardinal team that played Michigan State in the 100th Rose Bowl game (January 1, 2014).

The fall after he graduated from Vanderbilt, he was a volunteer video and operations assistant for the Commodores, as he assisted in logistics surrounding summer prospect camps, helped make video cutups alongside the graduate assistants for the position coaches.

He was born March 26, 1995 in Louisville, Colo., and graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), where he lettered in football (his position coach was Pro Football Hall of Famer Cris Carter, and he was teammates with the Bosa brothers (Joey and Nick) among numerous teammates who eventually made it to the NFL). His hobbies include playing golf (an accomplished player with a 6 handicap), basketball, snowboarding and anything outdoors. His father, Karl, is the head coach of the Buffaloes, his third tour of duty with the school; he had a long career as an NFL assistant; his younger sister, Lauren was a member of CU's volleyball team for three years. In high school, he was selected as the Junior Orange Bowl Scholar Athlete of the Year as a senior (presented to the player with the highest grade point average of each of the Florida state football championship teams).



ANDY WANG

Assistant Director of Player Personnel

Andy Wang is in his third year on the University of Colorado football staff, his first as the assistant director of player personnel as he was promoted to the position on July 1, 2021. In his new role, he will continue to oversee defensive recruiting while coordinating overall recruiting strategies as well as roster management.

Wang, 27, joined the staff as a recruiting assistant full-time on July 1, 2020, where his primary duties were assisting the defensive coaches in recruiting, as well as assisting in managing graphics and social media. He was an intern in the football office for the 2019 season.

He came to Colorado from Miami (Ohio) University, where he was an intern with the RedHawks' football program through May 2019, simultaneous when he was in graduate school at nearby Xavier University. He also spent a year as a financial advisor.

He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2017 with bachelor degrees in Business Administration and Business & Economics, as his fields of study included Economics, Business Management, Marketing and International Business. He earned his Master's of Education in Sports Administration from Xavier University in 2019.

He was born August 29, 1994 in Dalian, China, and graduated from duPont Manual High School in Louisville, Ky. His hobbies include spending time with his dogs, Kilo (an American Bulldog) and Clementine (a Doberman) and loves all animals. He has lived on three different continents (Asia, Europe and North America) and speaks three languages (English, Mandarin and Portuguese).



SCOTT UNREIN

Assistant Director of Operations

Scott Unrein is in his 10th year on the University of Colorado football staff as the assistant director of operations, named to the position in July 2012. His previous duties included assisting in 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.

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.

Unrein, now 33, 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



CHANDLER DORRELL

Director of Player Personnel

Chandler Dorrell is in his first year as the director of player personnel, having been promoted to the position on July 1, 2021. He had joined his father's inaugural staff as the assistant director on February 27, 2020.

In his role, he coordinates and leads all aspects of football recruiting, including the hiring and development of the player personnel staff, prospect discovery and evaluation, as well as driving the creative approach to the on-campus and off-campus recruitment of football prospects. He also works closely with the general manager and director of operations with all administrative aspects of recruiting.

Dorrell, 26, returned to the state in which he was born from the Miami Dolphins, where he spent the 2019 season as a volunteer assistant. In that role, he was involved in roster organization and internal team matters, assisted in practice with the wide receivers, along with handling any administrative matters needed for coaches with team, staff, and position meetings.

He was also a volunteer assistant with the New York Jets for the 2018 season, where he learned basics of contract negotiations in the NFL with the team's business office. He also assisted with the receivers in practice and handled several administrative matters for the coaches and staff.

Over the course of 2018-19, he was a football consultant with Pando Pooling, based in San Francisco. Pando is a financial services startup focused on helping athletes mitigate the risk of their careers by partnering with other athletes through income pooling. He joined the company after Seed Round, signed



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. He is married to the former Lauren Fowler, who is CU's Associate Athletic Director of Student-Athlete Leadership and Career Development.



MATT BUTTERFIELD

Quality Control/Offense

Matt Butterfield is in his third year at Colorado and first year as quality control with the offense, as he returned to his alma mater on February 15, 2019. He works primarily with CU's quarterbacks and assists the rest of the offensive skill positions.

He had eight stops, including one twice, in-between graduating from CU and coming back to Boulder. He had been an offense and special team assistant at the University of California-Berkeley in 2018-19, which followed as tight ends coach at Bucknell University (2018).

Butterfield's first full-time position was at Arizona State University (2010-12), where he was in quality control at one time or another for the offense (wide receivers), defense (linebackers) and special teams under Hall of Fame coach Dennis Erickson. He then moved on to UCLA, where he was an offensive graduate assistant the 2012 and 2013 seasons, working particularly with the inside wide receivers. The Bruins won the Pac-12 South Division under first-year head coach Jim Mora and were nipped by Stanford in the league's title game. He returned to ASU for the 2014-15 seasons as the senior associate offensive analyst with the quarterbacks under head coach Todd Graham.

In 2015, he found himself at Boise State University as a graduate assistant on offense, where he worked with the running backs under head coach Bryan Harsin. From there, he headed west to the University of Oregon, where in 2016 he was the Ducks' senior offense (tight ends) and special teams analyst. UO's tight ends led the nation in receptions and were second in receiving yards that year. For the 2017 season, he was an offensive assistant at Oklahoma State University, working with Coach Gundy and the Cowboys' quarterbacks and tight ends. Helping the Cowboys have the most-explosive offense in the country.

In his career, he has worked nine bowl games: 2007 Independence (with the Buffaloes), 2011 Las Vegas, 2012 Holiday, 2013 Sun, 2014 Sun, 2015 Poinsettia, 2017 Camping World, 2018 Cheez-It and 2020 Alamo (also with CU); four of those teams were bowl champions.

Butterfield earned his bachelor's degree in History from CU in 2010, and earned a Masters of Education in Education from UCLA in 2013. As an undergraduate at CU, he got his first taste of the coaching profession as he was a student coach assisting CU Hall of Fame assistant coach Brian Cabral with the Buff linebackers.

He was born in Scottsdale, Ariz., and graduated from Brophy College Prep in Phoenix, where he lettered in football. Brophy was a four-time Desert Valley Conference champion and a one-time AIA state titlist during his prep career. His hobbies include sports, music, the outdoors and traveling.



REGGIE MOORE

Quality Control/Offense

Reggie Moore is in his second year in quality control for the offense at Colorado, having joined new head coach Karl Dorrell's staff on March 9, 2020. Moore and Dorrell were teammates at UCLA in 1986, his true freshman year there when Dorrell was a senior.

Moore, 53, came to Colorado after spending most of the last decade in his native state of Texas. He was the running backs coach and run game coordinator at Cypress Christian High School in Houston for the 2018-19 seasons, which followed three years as the receivers coach and performance liaison at Prairie View A&M (2015-17). He had also worked as a coach for CES Performance Sports, a premier physical fitness center in the Houston area. He was the receivers coach at Westbury Christian High School in 2011; its head coach was Charlie Ward, the 1993 Heisman Trophy winner from Florida State.

He spent three seasons (2008-10) as the wide receivers' coach at his collegiate alma mater, UCLA, where he coached current CU tight ends coach

Taylor Embree for the first three years of his career. He was also reunited with head coach Rick Neuheisel, who had given him his first collegiate coaching position in 2003 when he hired him as a graduate assistant and the team's pro liaison at the University of Washington (though he would coach there under Keith Gilbertson after Neuheisel was dismissed in the summer).

Moore returned home to UCLA after spending four years (2004-07) coaching the wide receivers at North Dakota State University under head coach Craig Bohl, where he also was the pro liaison. During his time there, NDSU made its move from Division II to I-AA (now the Football Championship Subdivision, or FCS), with the Bison posting an overall record of 35-9 during his tenure, including a 20-2 mark his last two seasons which included a 14-game winning streak. NDSU notched its first wins ever over FBS opponents, all on the road, defeating Ball State in 2006 and then Central Michigan and Minnesota in 2007 on its way to earning a No. 9 final national ranking in the final FCS polls. While on the Bison staff, in the summer of 2004, Moore was awarded the prestigious Bill Walsh Minority Scholarship and served an offensive internship with the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars (he also was the recipient of the same on two other occasions, spending it with the Seattle Seahawks in the summer of 2010 and again with the Green Bay Packers in 2016).

He graduated in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in History from UCLA, where he lettered four years (1986-90; a three-year starter his sophomore through senior seasons) at receiver under coach Terry Donahue. He led the team in receptions as a senior, with 40 catches for 643 yards and three touchdowns, averaging 16.1 yards per, which was also his career average for 92 receptions (which totaled 1,483 yards along with scoring 10 TDs). He had three 100-yard career games, including a 105-yard effort at Washington in 1988 when he caught a 48-yard touchdown pass from Troy Aikman with 1:22 remaining to beat the Huskies, 24-17.

At UCLA, Moore was a member of three bowl champion teams for the Bruins: the 1986 Freedom (def. BYU, 31-10, when he redshirted), the 1987 Aloha (def. Florida, 20-16) and the 1989 Cotton (def. Arkansas, 17-3). He was a Sporting News Sophomore All-America team member in 1988 and a preseason All-Pac 10 selection ahead of his junior year ('89). An honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic Team member as a senior, when he was UCLA's Kenneth S. Washington Outstanding Senior Award recipient. He received an invitation to and played in the 1990 Blue-Gray All-Star Game as a senior in 1990, playing for the Blue squad that won, 17-14.

He signed as a free agent wide receiver/kick returner with the New York Jets and was with the club for the 1991 and 1992 seasons; he was with the Los Angeles Rams in 1993 and before suffering a severe hamstring injury, wrapped up his pro career in 1995 with the San Antonio Texans of the Canadian Football League (during the time the CFL expanded into the U.S.). After ending his playing career, he returned to his native Houston where he served as a fire fighter and paramedic with the Houston Fire Department from '96 to '03 (where he participated in two calendars to benefit the Houston Burned Children's Fund in both 1999 and 2000). He simultaneously began his coaching career at his high school alma mater, James Madison, where he was an assistant for four years (1999-2002) tutoring the wide receivers and working with the offense, which included quarterback Vince Young. He then went on to join the collegiate coaching ranks by accepting a grad assistant position at Washington.

Moore was born March 23, 1968 in Houston, Texas and graduated from James Madison where he lettered in football and baseball. He was a Parade All-American as a senior in 1986 (among a host of national honors), selected to play in the Texas State High School All-Star game and was an adidas Scholastic All-American; he graduated ninth in his class. A talented infielder (shortstop), he was drafted in the 44th round by the Texas Rangers in the 1990 amateur draft. His father, Zeke, spent 12 seasons with the Houston Oilers (AFL 1967-69, NFL 1970-78) and played in two Pro Bowls; a brother, Trey, played basketball at Mississippi State and in Europe (he still does shows with the Harlem Globetrotters organization). He is longtime friends with CU's "H-Boys" from 1986-90, who prepped at rival high schools: All-American and College Football Hall of Famer Alfred Williams (Jesse Jones), Kanavis McGhee (Wheatley) and Arthur Walker (B.T. Washington).



JEFF SMART

Quality Control/Defense

Jeff Smart has returned to his alma mater as a quality control specialist for the defense, as he is in his first year in the role after being hired on June 14, 2021.

Smart, 34, joined the Colorado staff from the University of Missouri, where he was a quality control analyst for the defense for the 2020 season when the Tigers posted

a 5-5 record but had their Music City Bowl date against Iowa canceled due to the COVID pandemic. He was an defensive coaching assistant for Boise State in 2019, his first full-time position in the Football Bowl Subdivision. The Broncos were the



Mountain West champions, defeating Hawai'i in the league's title game, and finished 12-2 after a loss to Washington in the Las Vegas Bowl.

He served the four previous seasons (2015-18) at the University of Pennsylvania, coaching the Quaker outside linebackers and was part of two Ivy League champion teams (tri-champs in '15 and co-titlists in '16). In 2016, he coached freshman Connor Jangro to All-Ivy League honors, Penn's first freshman to earn All-Ivy distinction since 2009.

In his first season with the Quakers, he helped coach a defense which was second in the Ivy League and No. 8 among FCS programs in turnover margin in 2015 (+1.0), while the Red and Blue also led the league and were 13th nationally in quarterback sacks per game (2.9).

Smart's outside linebackers were a big part of the championship, as they were led by Tyler Drake, the 2015 Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year and third-team All-American. Penn was 2-8 the year before he arrived there, but the Quaker had four winning seasons in as many years Smart was on staff, as Columbia was 26-14 during his career there.

Prior to Penn, Smart served as Columbia University's assistant director of strength and conditioning (July 2013 to January 2014), before being promoted to inside linebackers coach for the 2014 season. He got his start at CU, as he was the defensive graduate assistant for his college position coach, Brian Cabral. He assisted Cabral with the linebackers along with general overall duties with the defense.

Smart graduated from CU in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Sociology, and earned his Masters of Education from the school in 2013. He joined the football team as a walk-on inside linebacker in August of 2005, was awarded a scholarship three weeks into the 2007 season and was named a team captain as a senior, when he was coming off second-team All-Big 12 honors his junior season (he would be named honorable mention his senior year). He won the Dave Jones Award his senior year, as his peers selected him as the most valuable defensive player in 2009.

A first-team NFF All-Colorado performer his junior and senior seasons, he finished his career ranked 18th all-time in overall tackles (291) and 13th in solo stops (188). In starting 33 of 39 career games and playing 2,003 snaps from scrimmage, he also had 12 tackles for loss (including three-and-a-half quarterback sacks), 24 third down stops, 12 passes broken up, five fumble recoveries and an interception. In 2008, he became just the third former walk-on in school history to lead the team in tackles (the first since Ryan Sutter in 1997), racking up 118 total (80 solo).

He was born November 22, 1986 in Boulder, and graduated from Boulder High School where he lettered in football and track. His hobbies include cycling, hiking and backpacking.

helped pave the way for another prolific running back, Trent Richardson, who rushed for 1,679 yards and 23 touchdowns and finished third in the race for the Heisman. He ended his career starting 40 consecutive games and played in 48 games overall.

Alabama was 55-12 when he was a player, and 64-7 when he was on its staff for a combined record of 119-19; he was named to Alabama's second-team All-Decade (2010-19) squad. He signed as an undrafted free agent with the Tennessee Titans and was with the club through the preseason in 2012.

Vlachos earned two degrees from Alabama, his bachelor's in Consumer Economics in 2011 and his Masters in Sport Management in 2012.

He was born May 26, 1988 in Athens, Greece; his family moved to the United States when he was a year old. He graduated from Mountain Brook High School in Birmingham, Ala., where he lettered in football. His hobbies include hunting and fishing. His maternal grandfather, Bill Nichols, was a Democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives from the state of Alabama for 22 years (1967-88). **(Last name is pronounced vlay-hoas, as in dose.)**



CHRIS REINERT

Quality Control/Special Teams

Christopher Reinert is in his second year in quality control for the special teams on the Colorado staff, having joined new head coach Karl Dorrell's team on March 9, 2020. Originally a quality control analyst, his title was changed to director of quality control for special teams in February 2021.

Reinert, 35, came to Colorado from Arizona State University, where he served as the special teams analyst for head coach Herm Edwards and coordinator Shawn Slocum for the 2019 season. Three ASU special teams performers, receiver/returner Brandon Aiyuk, punter Michael Turk and contributor Case Hatch, earned postseason honors. Aiyuk, a first round selection by the San Francisco 49ers in the 2020 National Football League draft, finished third in the nation in both kickoff and punt return averages and was a second-team All-American (first-team All-Pac-12). ASU defeated Florida State in the Sun Bowl to cap an 8-5 season.

Prior to joining the Arizona State staff, he was the wide receivers coach and special teams coordinator for the Arizona Hotshots in the inaugural season of the AAF (Alliance of American Football League). He joined coach Rick Neuheisel's staff in 2018 in preparation for the 2019 season; he had coached with Neuheisel at UCLA seven years earlier. The Hotshots opened with a 5-3 record and was leading the Western Conference when the league suspended operations in early April.

In 2016, Reinert had a second stint at UCLA, working as a special teams analyst for the 2016 and 2017 seasons, and toward the end of 2017, was promoted to the Bruins' special teams coordinator. That year, the Bruins earned a bid to the Cactus Bowl against Kansas State. That followed two seasons as a defensive graduate assistant at Washington State University under head coach Mike Leach, where he was on the defensive staff working with the defensive backs and special teams in 2014 and then switched to the offensive side of the ball for 2015, where he worked with the quarterbacks and helped tutor All-Pac-12 quarterback Luke Falk. He also assisted Leach in game planning as he gained additional responsibilities as the special assistant to the head coach, with the Cougars leading the nation in passing and red zone offense and would go on to beat Miami (Fla.) in the Sun Bowl.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Economics in 2009 from Vanderbilt University. He lettered four times at wide receiver for the Commodores (2005-09) under coach Bobby Johnson. He was a five-time member of the Academic All-Southeastern Conference team, and was Vanderbilt's Football Dedication Award winner as a senior (the school's most prestigious honor), when he was the SEC's special teams player of the week against Georgia. He was the team's holder that season, returning from a leg fracture that cut his junior season short after two games. He was a member of Vanderbilt's Music City Bowl champion team (a 16-14 win over Boston College), the school's first bowl game since 1982.

Reinert returned to where he grew up in southern California for his first job after graduation, serving as the defensive backs coach at Harvard-Westlake High School in Studio City for the 2010 season. He then joined Neuheisel's staff at UCLA for the 2011 season, working that year as a defensive intern for the Bruins, who would win the first Pac-12 Conference South Division title after the league expanded. Jim Mora, Jr., was named head coach ahead of the 2012 season, and retained Reinert as a graduate assistant for the defense for the 2012-13 seasons. In 2013, he was part of a Bruin staff that produced a defense that finished among the top three in the Pac-12 in pass defense, passing touchdowns allowed and third down defense. As a member of the UCLA staff, he coached in three bowl games: 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger (vs. Illinois), 2012 Holiday (vs. Baylor) and 2013 Sun (vs. Virginia Tech).



WILLIAM VLACHOS

Quality Control/ Blitz & Front Specialist

William Vlachos in his second year on the Colorado Staff, his first as the quality control/defensive blitz and offensive front specialist. He originally joined Karl's Dorrell's inaugural staff in quality control for the defense in March 2020.

Vlachos, 33, came to Colorado from the Buffalo Bills, where he was an offensive assistant for the 2018 season. He previously worked in quality control for the offense for the University of Alabama, his alma mater, for three seasons (2015-17). He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant for the Crimson Tide, working for the offense in 2013 and 2014.

He was a first-team All-American center at Alabama as a senior in 2011, when the Crimson Tide won their second BCS national title when he was a starter, defeating LSU, 21-0 in the Sugar Bowl; as a sophomore, Alabama defeated Texas, 37-21, in the Rose Bowl which completed a perfect 14-0 season. He earned a third national championship ring with the Tide as an offensive graduate assistant for their 2014 team, when Alabama defeated Clemson, 45-40, in the first College Football Playoff championship game in Glendale, Ariz. He then won a fourth ring for the 2016 season after he was promoted to the quality control position with the Crimson Tide, who rallied to defeat Georgia in overtime, 26-23, in Atlanta. (He actually missed out on a fifth title with 'Bama, when Clemson scored with one second remaining to win the 2016 CFP title game, 35-31, in Tampa).

Also a two-time, first-team All-Southeastern Conference performer, he redshirted as a freshman at Alabama in 2007, but was on the sidelines when the Tide held off a furious Colorado rally to defeat the Buffaloes, 30-24, in the Independence Bowl. After seeing limited action in 2008, as a sophomore he started every game in 2009, blocking for Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram, who rushed for 1,658 yards and 17 touchdowns; he also helped Greg McElroy throw for 2,508 yards and 17 TDs en route to winning both the SEC and BCS titles. He started every game as a junior, that season ending with a 49-7 victory over Michigan State in the Capital One Bowl. And as a senior, he once again



He was born November 9, 1985 in Sarasota, Fla., and graduated from Servite High School (Anaheim, Calif.) where he lettered in football and track and field. His hobbies include golf, skiing and fishing. He is married to the former Emily Tyson, an instructor, trainer and development Jazzercise specialist. An older brother, Matthew, was a wide receiver at the University of Pennsylvania; a younger sister, Rachel Reinert, is a country music artist; a former member of the band Gloriana, in March 2020 she released her first solo album, *Into The Blue*.



JOHN SNELSON

Creative Services Manager

John Snelson returned to his alma mater for a second stint in the athletic department, as he began his new role as creative services manager for the football program on July 20, 2021.

Snelson, 32, left CU in 2017 to start his own company, Snelson Films, where he served as a director, cinematographer, editor and producer for multiple projects and series, including features and documentaries. In 2019, he was named creative director for Second Wind Creative, which is based in Lawrence, Kan., but he was able to work out of Denver. He was the director of photography, post-production manager, editor, and producer on multiple television and web projects ranging from feature-length documentary to short TV features. He worked directly with television network clients focusing on development, production, post-production of non-fiction documentaries, series, features and branded content.

He returned to CU from Second Wind Creative, where some of his projects appeared on ESPN, FOX and the NFL Network and well as working with the UFC.

He had previously worked six years as the assistant director of sports video for CU athletics (2011-14) and then as football's video production manager (2014-17). In his first time employed full-time by the department, he worked on video projects for the athletic department, including several award-winning productions that earned national acclaim, the most prominent being "The Rise," a documentary on CU's football resurgence in 2016. It aired nationally on the Pac-12 Network.

He originally joined the Colorado staff in 2010 as a student assistant in video and football operations, and he held the position until he graduated from the university in 2011. He has a bachelor's degree in Economics with a business emphasis from CU.

Along with his supervisor, Jamie Guy, the two were honored twice with Heartland Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATA) Emmy awards, the 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, which was an all-encompassing look at what it means to be a Colorado Buffalo, on and off the field. "Forever" did win the 2015 FootballScoop FBS Video of the Year honor.

Prior to being hired full-time by CU, he was in coach support in Lincoln, Neb., for a technology company known as Hudl, a computer program the Buffs and many college use for video and in recruiting.

Born January 21, 1989 in Dallas, Texas, he graduated from Chatfield Senior High School in Littleton, Colo., in 2007, where he lettered in cross country and track. His hobbies include golf and photography.



CONNOR BOYD

Defensive Graduate Assistant

Connor Boyd is in his first year as graduate assistant for the defense, as he joined the Colorado staff on February 1, 2021.

Boyd, 26, came to CU from the University of Tennessee, where he was a volunteer defensive assistant for the 2020 season. He assisted with the outside linebackers, worked on weekly scouting reports and offensive breakdowns while also assisting with the scout team among his overall responsibilities.

He previously was a graduate assistant at Jacksonville State University for two seasons (2018-19). He assisted offensive line coach Kevin Revis, as he had a variety of responsibilities that included defensive breakdowns, weekly scouting reports, coordinating scout team meetings and assisting the defensive scout team in practice and helped identify future offensive line prospects. He helped coach a first-team All-American in B.J. Autry and three first-team All-OVC performers. JSU won the Ohio Valley Conference in 2018

with a 7-1 league record, and reached the second round of the FCS playoffs, finishing with a 9-4 mark while averaging 40.0 points per game.

Boyd earned his bachelor's degree in Physical Education from the University of Alabama in 2018, making the Dean's List as a senior. He received his Master's in Sports Management from Jacksonville State in 2020.

As an undergrad at Alabama, he spent three years (May 2015-May 2018) working as a student assistant in the football office. He was involved in a variety of duties, which included assisting offensive line coach Brent Key, charting assignments for the linemen, breaking down opponent video for scouting reports, and assisting coaches and analysts with daily on-field assignments. He also helped with recruiting, editing prospect videos, planning road itineraries and had responsibilities for events such as official visits and junior days (two of the recruiting classes he helped with were ranked No. 1 in the nation by 247sports.com).

He was born on April 14, 1995 in LaGrange, Ga., and graduated from Handley High School in Roanoke, Ala., where he lettered in football and baseball (he was a member of the 3A state champion football team as a junior in 2011). Out of high school he attended Southern Union State Community College for two years and coached baseball at Handley High School for the 2014 and 2015 seasons.



JASON GROSSMAN

Offensive Graduate Assistant

Jason Grossman is in his second year as graduate assistant for the offense, as he joined the Colorado staff in April 2020.

Grossman, 24, came to CU from his alma mater, the University of Akron, where he was a graduate assistant coach working with the wide receivers starting

in March 2019.

He also worked as the assistant speed-strength conditioning coach for a time in 2019 at St. Vincent-St. Mary's High School in Akron, and also staffed the 2017 UCLA Skills Camp as the wide receivers coach. After his Culver City high school playing days (2011-14), he served as the school's wide receivers coach in 2015, one of the youngest varsity assistant coaches in the country at the time (barely 18). He also coached there throughout the spring and summers from 2016 through 2018.

He graduated from Akron in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Sports Studies-Coaching Education. A wide receiver on the football team, he was named to the 2017-18 Mid-American Conference Honor Roll and was the MAC Commissioner's Award recipient. He was on the Dean's List and graduated cum laude.

Grossman is working toward his Master's in Organizational Leadership at Colorado; he did the same while serving as a graduate assistant at Akron, also studying to complete his Master's in Sports Administration. He was also an academic advisor at Akron.

He was born June 4, 1997 in Culver City, Calif., and graduated from Culver City High School, where he lettered in football (2013 Ocean League championships) and track and field (jumps). His hobbies include traveling, kayaking and barbecuing. His father (Jay) was a high school teammate of Warren Moon. On May 13, 2018, he ran down a purse snatcher in Las Vegas while taking in a basketball game with his father. He chased the suspect, tackled him, and then subdued him until police arrived.



KYRE HAWKINS

Defensive Graduate Assistant

Kyre Hawkins is in his first year as graduate assistant for the defense, as he joined the Colorado staff on August 5, 2021 just in time for preseason practices.

Hawkins, 26, came to Colorado after a summer coaching internship with the NFL's Los Angeles Chargers, where he was a recipient of the Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship. He previously was at Emery & Henry (Va.) College, where he coached the defensive line from June 2020 until he arrived in Boulder. He helped coach an E&H defense in the spring of 2021 (the delayed 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic) that allowed just 40 points total while compiling a 3-1 record in an abbreviated schedule. The Wasps led the country in sacks with 26 sacks (or 6.5 per game) and under his tutelage, boasted the conference defensive player of the year with three all-conference linemen (two earning first-team honors).



Prior to his time at E & H, he spent five months as the inside linebackers coach and run game coordinator at Alderson Broaddus (Va.) University (January to May, 2020). That followed a year at East Carolina University where he assisted the Pirates' defensive line coach and defensive coordinator in several areas, while also leading the scout team meetings among his other duties.

Hawkins graduated with a bachelor's degree in Sports and Recreation Management from James Madison University in 2017 (also earning a minor in General Business). He lettered four years as a linebacker for the Dukes, appearing in 55 games (46 starts) which included the FCS national title his junior year (and as the runner-up his senior season). JMU was 46-9 during his career, qualifying for the FCS playoffs all four seasons, with a 28-4 mark in Colonial Athletic Association play, winning two league titles his junior and senior seasons and sharing a third when he was a sophomore.

He recorded 340 career tackles at JMU (156 solo, including 23 tackles for loss of which 11 were quarterback sacks). He also had 14 passes broken up, five fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and an interception. He earned first-team all-CAA honors and second-team All-American recognition as a senior, when he was also the Duke's defensive most valuable player and one of the team's captains.

Hawkins also took courses toward a master's degree in Sport and Recreation Leadership at JMU, when he was a graduate assistant for the 2018 season. He aided the full-time coaches in film breakdown and playbook installation, as well as running scout team meetings and coordinating the scout team in practice.

He was born on January 5, 1995 in Baltimore, Md., and graduated from its Dunbar High School, where he lettered in football, wrestling, track (sprints) and basketball. He led Dunbar to the state's 1A championship his senior year and compiled an impressive 44-3 record in his weight division as a prep wrestler.

Bryant, 32, joined the CU program from Townson (Md.) University, where he had been the defensive quality control assistant since September 2018. At Towson, he worked with the full-time coaching staff with game scouting reports, videotape and other materials to develop schematic game strategies on upcoming opponents, along with a significant role in helping to coach the defensive ends.

He also was in defensive quality control for his alma mater, James Madison University, from September 2017 through July 2018. JMU was ranked No. 1 most of the '17 season, finishing 14-1 overall and No. 2 after a 17-13 setback to North Dakota State in the FCS Championship game. He was on the staff at Furman University for the 2015 and 2016 seasons, first as an intern working with the defensive line and in quality control, and then coaching the defensive ends in his second year.

He graduated from James Madison in December 2011 with a bachelor degree in Health & Physical Education and Recreation. He lettered four times for the Dukes at defensive end, making 123 career tackles (60 solo), recording 29 tackles for loss that included 13½ quarterback sacks. As a senior, when JMU lost in the second round of the FCS playoffs to eventual champion North Dakota State, he earned second-team All-America honors at end, along with first-team All-Colonial Athletic Association recognition and was the Dukes' most valuable player on defense.

Bryant signed as an undrafted free agent with the National Football League's Houston Texans and participated in the team's 2012 preseason training camp, playing the outside linebacker position. He then went on to be on the practice squads for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Indianapolis Colts and the New York Jets that same season, before signing in December with the Baltimore Ravens and remaining with the team into 2014 until knee injuries cut short his career. He was a member of the Ravens' Super Bowl champion team that defeated San Francisco, 34-31, to cap the 2013 season. He did remain in football, spending the fall of 2014 as the defensive backs coach at Milford Mill High School (Windsor Mill, Md.).

He was born March 3, 1989 in Baltimore, Md., and graduated from Randallstown (Md.) High School, where he lettered in football and basketball (forward; he was member of a 3-time state champion and his teams lost just five games in three years). His hobbies include playing basketball, Xbox and spending time with family. He is engaged to be married to Annell Barrimond; he has two sons Camryn (7), and Bryce Kobe (born last Feb).



DONOVAN WILLIAMS

Offensive Graduate Assistant

Donovan Williams is in his second year as graduate assistant for the offense, as he joined the Colorado staff in March 2020.

Williams, 27, came to Colorado from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (Belton, Texas), where he was a graduate assistant coach for the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

He worked with the offensive line in 2019 and with the running backs and the A-backs the previous year. He was a member of the Crusaders Division III national championship staff in 2018, when the team went 15-0 and defeated Mt. Union, 24-16, in the title game.

His began his coaching career in the summer of 2017 as a student assistant at his alma mater, Louisiana-Lafayette, where he lettered twice as an offensive lineman (guard) for the 2014-15 seasons. He started all 25 games over the two seasons, and helped spark a rushing attack that finished 23rd in the NCAA in 2014 and produced the school's fourth 1,000-yard rusher in ULL's history (Elijah McGuire, who also gain over 1,000 in 2015). The Ragin Cajuns' won the 2014 New Orleans Bowl, besting Nevada, 16-3.

At Louisiana, he played for head coach Mark Hudspeth and offensive line coach Mitch Rodrigue, who also joined the CU staff ahead of the 2020 season. He was a first-team All-Southwest Junior College Football Conference performer at Blinn College, which reached the SWJFCF semifinals his sophomore season (2013).

He was invited to and played in the 2016 NFLPA Bowl and signed as an undrafted free agent with the Chicago Bears and then with the Indianapolis Colts. He also played with the Green Bay Blizzard in the Indoor Football League.

Williams earned his bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Louisiana-Lafayette in 2017, and received his master's in Administrative Education from Mary Hardin-Baylor in 2020.

He was born September 21, 1993 in San Antonio, Texas and graduated from its Madison High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and track; he earned first-team all-district and all-area honors and was also an academic all-district team member.



D.J. BRYANT

Lead Recruiting Assistant

D.J. Bryant is in his second year on the University of Colorado staff, his first as the lead recruiting assistant as he was promoted to the position on July 1 2021. He had joined the staff full-time on October 19, 2020 as an assistant in recruiting. His primary duties are overseeing the scouting on the offensive and defensive sides of the football.



EMILY GIUSTI

Recruiting Assistant

Emily Giusti is in her first year on the University of Colorado staff as a football recruiting assistant, as she joined the staff full-time on March 15, 2021. She had previously worked as a volunteer since September 2020.

Giusti, 23, graduated with a bachelor's degree in Economics from The Ohio State University in 2020. She worked as student operations and recruiting assistant for the Buckeyes' football team from 2017-2020. She was a part of the three Big Ten Conference title teams (2017-2019), and worked three bowl games for the school: the 2018 Cotton (a win over Southern California), the 2019 Rose (a victory over Washington) and the 2020 Fiesta (a loss to Clemson), the latter of which was also a College Football Playoff semifinal game.

She was born January 22, 1998 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and graduated from its St. Thomas Aquinas High School, where she lettered in softball (she was a member of a two-time state champion team). Her hobbies include taking her dog hiking, listening to podcasts and exploring all the food Colorado has to offer.

She has a video on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbvzvIG-VA>) where she tells a story about being involved in a tragic boat accident as a teenager in high school where she lost a close friend and overcame severe injuries.



HARDING HARPER III

Recruiting Assistant (Scouting)

Harding Harper III is in his first year on the University of Colorado staff as a football recruiting assistant (scouting), as he joined the staff on June 28, 2021.

Harper, 27, came to Colorado from Lycoming College, where he was the linebacker coach for the 2020 season. He was a graduate assistant for the 2019-20 academic year at the University of Missouri.



He began his career in coaching at Centennial High School in Atlanta, Ga., where he served as linebacker coach, assistant defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator in 2018-19. He also was a visiting intern at Penn State University, afforded the opportunity to explore different areas of a major college football program.

Harper graduated from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science in 2016. A three-year letterman at linebacker (and briefly at fullback late in his redshirt frosh season) for the Commodores under head coach James Franklin, he contributed to winningest period in Vanderbilt football history. A two-time captain, he helped Vandy to consecutive 9-4 seasons and back-to-back bowl victories over North Carolina State (2012 Music City) and Houston (2013 BBVA Compass).

It was at Vanderbilt where Harper first met CU head coach Karl Dorrell, as Dorrell was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Commodores for the 2014 season.

He was born Sept. 28, 1993 in Birmingham, Ala., and graduated from Carver Montgomery (Ala.) High School where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track (he was an all-state performer on the gridiron and had over 40 scholarship offers as one of the top 25 players in the state his senior year). His hobbies include working out and playing video games. Hails from a football family: his father (Harding Jr.) and an uncle (Ronald Harper Sr.) were record holders at Alabama State, and his brother (Montaurius Smith) did the same at Alabama A&M and for the SWAC. A cousin, Roman Harper, played collegiately with Alabama and 11 seasons in the NFL with the New Orleans Saints (safety); he is now an SEC Network host. Another cousin, Ronald Harper, was a safety at Troy University.



BRANDON KRONETHAL

Recruiting Assistant (Scouting)

Brandon Kronethal is in his first year on the University of Colorado staff as a football recruiting assistant (scouting), as he joined the staff full-time on June 7, 2021. He had previously worked as a volunteer for the previous three months.

Kronethal, 22, came to Colorado from Wake Forest University, where he was a recruiting intern in the football office. He had several responsibilities, among them evaluating prospects' video for the director of player personnel and his assistants; assisting the coaching staff in on-field duties on game days and in practice; managed and updated recruiting boards; and assorted data entry to track seasons of top prospects and commits and entering other pertinent information on team members and recruits.

A 2020 graduate of Penn State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Public Relations, as an undergrad he was a football recruiting intern for the Nittany Lions for just under two years, covering the 2018 and 2019 seasons. He reported directly to the recruiting coordinator (and the running backs coach) and among his many duties, helped identify and evaluate high school prospects. A few other responsibilities included assisting with visit and game day operations and monitoring the NCAA transfer portal.

During his senior year at Penn State, he was a scouting intern for Optimum Scouting/XFL, where he was tasked with creating 223 player biographies and college scouting reports for XFL Showcases and NFL roster cuts. He also worked with the director of analytics breaking down video and inputted prospect information for almost 2,000 players over the 10 FBS conferences for the league's database.

He was born September 17, 1998 in Stamford, Conn., and graduated from Briarcliff High School (Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.).



JESSICA JEFFERSON

Recruiting Assistant (On-Campus)

Jessica Jefferson is in her first year on the University of Colorado staff as the football recruiting assistant overseeing on-campus visits, as she joined the staff on August 13, 2021. She has quickly built an extensive resume through the experience of working with both collegiate and professional football organizations.

Jefferson, came to Colorado from Marshall University, where she was the director of recruiting operations for the previous six months (February-July 2021). Among her many duties for the Thundering Herd, she was responsible for all logistics associated with official and unofficial visits, recruiting events on game days, camps, banquets and daily football creative media needs.

She had gone to Marshall from Colorado State University, where she was the director of recruiting from April 2019 to January 2020.

In her role with the Rams, she was responsible for handling all visits by prospective student-athletes – official and unofficial – and organizing the coaching staff's communication with recruits.

Jefferson spent the 2018 season at the University of Arkansas as the director of football recruiting operations. She was responsible for assisting the Razorback's coaching staff in all logistics associated with official and unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes and their guests, and directing and organizing all game day recruiting efforts. She also established and built relationships with a wide range of UA alumni, including many who went on to play in the National Football League.

Prior to her moving on to Arkansas, Jefferson served one year at Baylor University as executive assistant to head football coach Matt Rhule for the 2017 season. Her previous football experience also included two seasonal assistant roles in the NFL, with the New York Jets for the 2015 season, where she first crossed paths with CU head coach Karl Dorrell when was coaching the team's wide receivers, and then with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during the 2016 offseason.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in History and Communication Studies from Clemson University in 2015. For the Tigers, she worked as a student assistant in digital media recruiting and as an administrative recruiting assistant during her undergraduate years. She also interned with the NBA's Charlotte Hornets in the communications department for the 2014-15 season.

She was born in Charleston, S.C., and graduated from Wando High School in Mount Pleasant, S.C., where she lettered on the girls' varsity tennis team. Her hobbies include fishing, cooking, shopping, spending time with her nieces and nephews, and as she puts it, "all things Beyoncé."



DARIUS REESE

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach

Darius Reese is in his first year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach, joining the department on February 10, 2021. He works primarily with Colorado's football program. He has been reunited with CU's director of football sports performance, Shannon Turley, as he worked under him for four years at Stanford.

Reese, 31, came to CU from Stanford University, where he spent six seasons in the football sports performance area with the Cardinal, the last two years (2019, 2020) as the assistant director. He ascended through the ranks, beginning as an intern in 2015, then working as a graduate assistant and then as a full-time assistant coach.

As a full-time coach, he was an associate football sports performance coach for football, in addition to designing and implementing training programs for wrestling and men's gymnastics. As a graduate assistant, Reese oversaw the annual program for men's gymnastics and the women's lightweight rowing team, the latter of whom were national champions in 2015-16. As an intern, he worked with several sports, assisting the training programs for baseball, softball, men's and women's water polo, women's rowing and women's gymnastics.

At Stanford, he coached several top players, including two runner-ups for the Heisman Trophy, Christian McCaffrey and Bryce Love, John Mackey Award finalist, Kaden Smith, and two other first round NFL draft picks in addition to McCaffrey, Joshua Garnett and Solomon Thomas. The Cardinal went to four bowl games during his time on their staff, the 2016 Rose, 2016 Sun, 2017 Alamo and 2018 Sun.

Reese was also an intern for strength and conditioning at Portland State University, where he assisted with all aspects of the strength, speed, and agility for football and women's tennis programs. He also served as a volunteer strength and conditioning intern at Bellarmine Preparatory (Calif.).

He graduated from San Jose State with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology, with an emphasis in Exercise and Fitness in 2014, and was an honor roll member for five semesters. He joined the Spartans as a walk-on cornerback under the late head coach Dick Tomey. In 2017, he earned his master's degree in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Exercise Physiology, also from SJSU.

He was born June 22, 1990 in Duarte, Calif., and graduated from Duarte High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and track and field (sprints and relays). His hobbies include exercising, hiking, gaming and being outdoors. He is engaged to Ruth Lorimer, and the couple is expecting their



first child this July. A high school teammate of his was Michael Harris, an offensive lineman at UCLA who went on to play with the San Diego Chargers and Minnesota Vikings. He is C.S.C.S., RSCC, USAW Level 1, FMS, Mobility-WOD Specialist, CPR, AED and First Aid certified.



SCOTT SACUSKIE **Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach**

Scott Sacuskie is in his first year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Colorado, as he joined the program on July 27, 2021.

Sacuskie, 41, came to CU from Johansen High School in his native Modesto, Calif., where for nearly 10 years (2012-21) he was the school's athletic director, overseeing some 22 varsity sports, as well as the head football coach and weight lifting instructor.

He was a sports performance coach at Stanford University for almost four years (2009-12), where he first worked with CU's current strength, conditioning and performance head coach, Shannon Turley. He started as a volunteer and was eventually hired full-time; he assisted with the football program and oversaw wrestling. He previously was a teacher (primary health and physical education) and assistant varsity football coach at East Union High School in Manteca, Calif., from 2005-11.

Sacuskie graduated from Portland State University with a bachelor's degree in School Health Education in 2003. At PSU, he lettered as a tight end for head coach Tim Walsh. He earned his master's in Kinesiology from Fresno Pacific University in 2010.

He was born Dec. 7, 1979 in Modesto, Calif., where graduated from Thomas Downey High School and was a letterman in football and baseball. He is married to the former Becky Mayer, and the couple has three boys, Noah (14), Owen (12) and Jonah (10).



EMILY FUNKE **Assistant to the Head Coach**

Emily Funke is in her second year as the assistant to head coach Karl Dorrell, assuming the role on March 2, 2020.

Funke, 24, transferred over to the football department from CU's athletic events and facilities department, where she was working for assistant athletic director Orville Jennings since August 26, 2019.

She graduated from Texas A&M University (College Station) in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Business (Marketing), with an emphasis in Professional Sales, along with earning a minor in Sports Management. As a student, she worked in the athletic department in facilities and operations for a year with

Kyle Field/Football as her main area of focus; she also helped manage the daily upkeep and operations of each athletic venue.

She also served on two organization committees at A&M, President of the 12th Man Student Foundation and Vice President of External Operations for Sport Management Society. She also was an intern for the Texas Bowl for its 2017 and 2018 games.

Funke was born December 18, 1996 in Corpus Christi, Texas, and graduated from Sinton (Texas) High School, where was a three-sport athlete in volleyball, basketball and tennis. She is bi-lingual, as she is well-versed in American Sign Language. Her hobbies include watching college sports and the NFL, taking long runs throughout the Colorado mountain sides, going to the beach and traveling around the United States. She also studies famous quotations, her favorite being the anonymously penned, "Don't count the minutes, just the laughs. Enjoy the little things and make them last."



JEAN ONAGA **Administrative Assistant**

Jean Onaga is in her 37th 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, while also assisting the director of football operations. Now the sixth-longest tenured employee

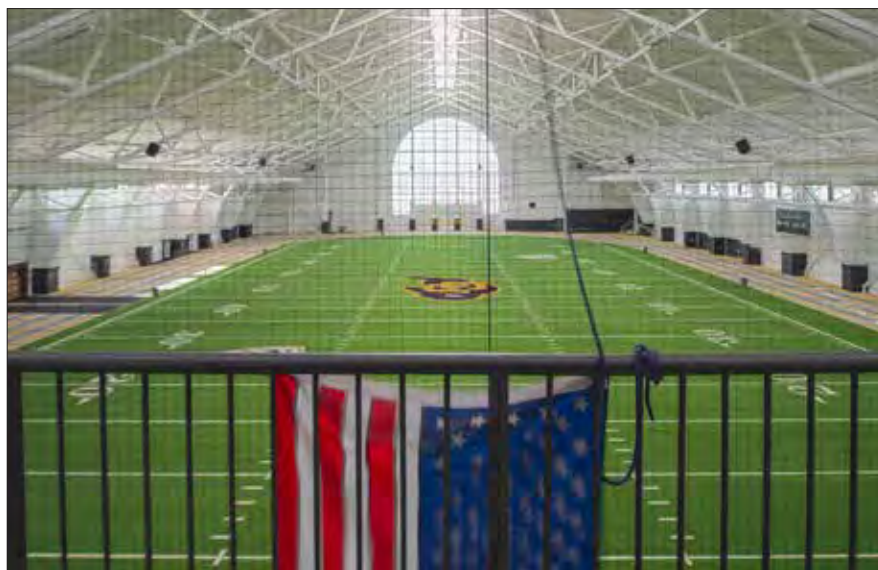
in CU athletic department history, she has previously also assisted the director of recruiting in administrative duties.

Onaga, who is currently the second-longest tenured employee in all of the athletic department, 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 assists with the coaches' clinic as well as 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 under eight CU head coaches: Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett, Dan Hawkins, Jon Embree, Mike McIntyre, Mel Tucker and now Karl Dorrell.

For her years of service, Jean was recognized with an "Honorary C" award by 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. Her hobbies include collecting college and NFL sports collectibles, visiting airplane, car and railroad museums, watching college and NFL football games and major league baseball games. She also enjoys traveling; she has traveled to 24 U.S. states and Japan, and one day would like to travel to Canada.



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LAURA ANDERSON Associate AD/Performance Nutrition Sports Dietitian

Laura Anderson is in her eighth year as a member of the University of Colorado athletic staff, having first joined the program in August 2014 as the department's first-ever dietitian. She was promoted to the associate athletic director for performance nutrition on August 1, 2018.

In her role, she oversees all of the nutritional needs for all of Colorado's 380-plus student-athletes, in addition to coordinating the kitchen staff in CU's Champion Center.

Anderson, 42, came to CU from the 10th Group Special Forces in Colorado Springs, where she was the performance dietitian for the Tactical Human Optimization, Rapid Rehabilitation & 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).



DaWON BAKER Associate AD/Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

DaWon Baker is in his first year on the CU athletic staff, as he began his role as the department's first-ever Associate Athletic Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) on May 1, 2021.

Baker joined the Colorado staff from the University of Nebraska, where he had served in a similar role as the Huskers' Diversity & Inclusion Director in Life Skills and Enrichment since September 2018.

At Nebraska, he was responsible for diversity and inclusion initiatives for all staff, coaches and student-athletes. He provided oversight and direction on the annual Diversity and Inclusion Summit, Next Steps outreach, N-Vest Mentoring Program, direction of the campus-wide Husker Athletics Diversity & Inclusion Committee (HADIC) and Husker Inclusion Council (HIC). He also served as a Life Skills coach for three varsity programs (football, rifle and men's).

Though only at Nebraska for two-and-a-half years, he was heavily involved from practically the start in representing the athletic department in numerous campus partnerships, including the Diversity Engagement Team, comprised of a group of administrative professionals whose primary responsibilities are keenly focused on promoting diversity, equity, and/or inclusion across the UNL campus.

In August 2019, Baker co-founded the Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Council of Excellence (DIECE), a membership organization that provides support and resources for diversity officers who work in athletics. He is also an advisory board member for Return On Inclusion (ROI) and an advisory committee member for the Winning Edge Leadership Academy.

Baker is a 2015 graduate of the University of Missouri, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism and also participated in track and field (long jump). It is also where he received his first experience working in intercollegiate athletics as a marketing intern for the volleyball team and as a student customer service representative for the ticket office. His passion for DEI started while he was attending Missouri; born and raised in St. Louis, the tragic death of Michael Brown nearby his hometown of St. Louis, an event that drew national attention, prompted his initial interest.

Baker earned his Master's degree in Business Administration and a Master's in Sport Business Management from the University of Central Florida in 2016. While attending UCF, he served as an academic mentor and game day intern in the athletic department, as well as a student assistant in the Office of Student-Athlete Welfare and Development. In addition, he was also a graduate research assistant for The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TIDES), where he was under the tutelage of Dr. Richard Lapchick, the well-respected national expert in diversity management, race relations, academics, sports and social issues.

After he earned his graduate degrees, he worked at the NCAA as a postgraduate intern in the Leadership Development department from June 2017 through June 2018. In that role, he worked on career, professional and personal development programs, which was designed to help student-athletes, coaches and administrators enhance their skills. He also worked closely with administrators to coordinate programs for minority administrators throughout the NCAA membership, and served as a member of the project team for the NCAA Inclusion Forum.

He is also an accomplished writer, as he spent three years as a contributor to FrontOfficeSports.com, writing features and contributing content about professional development opportunities and specific business professions in the world of sports.

A native of St. Louis, he graduated from Hazelwood East High School, where he lettered in football and track and field. His hobbies include podcasts, playing pickup basketball and flag football, and is passionate about advocating for social change. He is married to the former Brandy Leggins.



MICHELE BRANNIGAN Director of Academic Learning, Resources & Support

Michele Brannigan is in her 15th year as a member of the CU athletic department, her first as the director of academic learning, resources and support, having been promoted to the position on July 1, 2021.

She originally joined CU's Herbst Academic Center staff on Sept. 3, 2008 as a senior learning specialist, and was promoted to an associate director of academics in 2017. Her qualifications now include over 20 years of teaching experience and in-depth academic administrative knowledge, and extensive work with CU's football student-athletes in her time in Boulder.

Brannigan's daily responsibilities consist of providing academic services to high risk/high need student-athletes who are diagnosed with learning disabilities (e.g., dyslexia), ADHD or require additional support services for their academic endeavors. She works with and meets one-on-one with student-athletes across all of CU's 17 intercollegiate sports to develop strategic plans for improving academic performances. This is done in a focused learning



environment in which the athletes gain awareness of their individual learning styles and strengths, organization and time management strategies, test taking and various other critical thinking skills.

Brannigan also identifies potential educational, emotional, focus and attention concerns and works closely with university resources and makes any necessary referrals.

Brannigan earned obtained her bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education from Boston College, where she graduated cum laude in 1986, also earning a minor in English. At BC, she played on the school's club rugby team for three years. She earned her master's degree in Educational Administration, Supervision and Curriculum Development from the University of Colorado at Denver in 1990.

She was a special education teacher/coordinator in public school systems for six years (1999-2005) at the Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School in Orleans, Mass., as well as after she then relocated to Colorado at the Jefferson Academy in Broomfield.

Born the former Michele Rogers in Camillus, N.Y., where she graduated from West Genesee High School; her hobbies include Cooking and traveling. Her and husband Mark have two grown sons, Dylan and Keaton.

consensus All-American who was also the league defensive player of the year for 2007. He also recruited tailback Rashaan Salaam, the 1994 Heisman trophy winner, and Chris Naeole, a 1996 All-American guard.

His 2001 punt return team led the nation with a 17.4 average, and also boasted the nation's top individual return man in Roman Hollowell, who averaged 18.0 per return and scored two touchdowns. In 2002, Jeremy Bloom averaged 15.0 yards per return and was 13th in the nation as a freshman (ranking 21st as a sophomore in '03). Cabral prided himself on the team being composed largely of non-starters, drawing comparison to his roots when he was special teams captain of the Chicago Bears.

He is a 1978 CU graduate, as he earned a B.S. degree in therapeutic recreation. He lettered three seasons for the Buffs at linebacker from 1975 to 1977 under Coach Bill Mallory, as he was a captain and played a big role on CU's Big Eight champion team in 1976. He led CU with 13 tackles (12 solo) in the 1977 Orange Bowl against Ohio State. As a senior, he was honored as the Big Eight Conference's player of the week for a monster 25 tackles in a CU 27-21 win over Stanford and shared the team's Sure Tackler Award with Mark Haynes. That 25-tackle game included 13 solo stops and is still tied for the fourth most in a single game in CU history.

Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career (120 solo, 177 assisted), a number that still has him tied for 16th on Colorado's all-time list. A unique fact is that he has coached 10 of the other 19 players in CU's all-time top 20, including eight players on the list ahead of him: Matt Russell, Greg Biekert, Ted Johnson, Chad Brown, Michael Jones, Jashon Sykes, Thaddaeus Washington and Jordon Dizon (seven rank in the top nine). His players through the years have registered over 6,000 tackles wearing the Black & Gold he once wore.

He was a nine-year NFL veteran, as Atlanta drafted him in the fourth round in 1978. He played two seasons with Atlanta, one with Green Bay and six with Chicago. As the captain of the Bears' special teams, he was a member of Chicago's Super Bowl XX champion team in 1985. He was selected as the Frito-Lay Unsung Hero in the Bears' win over New England, as he had two solo and two assisted tackles on special teams.

He was born June 23, 1956, in Fort Benning, Ga., but grew up in Kailua, Hawaii. He is married to the former Becky Lucas, and they have three grown children, son Kyle and daughters Maile and Mele. He is an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has authored a book ("Second String Champion"), and his hobbies include surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding.

RECORD—He coached in 352 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 154-124-4 at Colorado (165-125-4 including his graduate assistant year); Purdue was 7-14-1 when he was on the Boilermaker staff and Indiana State was 18-30. He coached in 14 bowl games (six New Year's Day).



BRIAN CABRAL

Character Coach

Brian Cabral, a Colorado Buffalo to the core, came out of retirement in May 2019 to become the school's character coach. Brought back to the program by then-head coach Mel Tucker, new head coach Karl Dorrell maintained his presence on the staff. He works primarily with football, though he has worked with the

basketball programs and is available to all 17 of CU's varsity programs.

Cabral, 65, was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in its 2018 class, as he spent 24 years on the sidelines as an assistant coach (1989 through 2012) – the last 23 full-time in assorted capacities including interim head coach, associate head coach, assistant head coach and defensive run game coordinator. Those 23 years as a full-time assistant rank as the most in CU history, not only for football but for all sports, as he passed the previous record holders (two legendary "Franks," Potts and Prentup, both of whom assisted Buff head football coaches for 18 seasons).

From 2013-16, he was the defensive coordinator at Indiana State University, where he also coached the inside linebackers. The Sycamores were 1-11 in his first season there, but went 8-6 in year two, advancing to the second round of the FCS playoffs. The six-game improvement was the best in the FCS ranks that season.

He first joined the Buffalo staff as graduate assistant in 1989, and has always coached the inside linebackers, and occasionally had the outside 'backers under his direction. From 1999 through 2005, he also coached the punt return unit on special teams, and served as the director of CU's summer football camps from 1995 through 2005 and for a brief time as recruiting coordinator. He had returned to Colorado, his alma mater, from Purdue, where he coached the inside linebackers for two seasons (1987-88).

Cabral worked under five head coaches during his coaching tenure: Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett, Dan Hawkins and Jon Embree. For all seven seasons under Barnett, Cabral also was the assistant head coach, which included a three-month period in 2004 as interim head coach when Barnett was on paid administrative leave. In that role, he continued to coach his position players but also took care of day-to-day operational details of the program.

Hawkins promoted him to associate head coach in February 2008, citing his leadership in noting that "no one person has had more influence in the success of Colorado football than Brian Cabral." When Hawkins was relieved of his duties as head coach on November 8, 2010, Cabral was once again named interim head coach, this time having to finish out the season and pilot the Buffs in game situations. He led Colorado to a 2-1 record, with wins over Iowa State (34-14) and Kansas State (44-36) before a 45-17 loss at Nebraska ended CU's hopes for a bowl invitation as the Buffs finished the year with a 5-7 record.

You could also call him an ambassador for his native Hawai'i, as he has worked youth camps in the state as well as all-Polynesian camps in the states. He is a founding board member of the Polynesian Coaches Association, formed ahead of the 2007 season.

In the summer of 2002, he was one of 500 nationwide recipients of the AFLAC National Assistant Coach-of-the-Year Award. Coaches on all levels were honored, from youth to professional, and he was one of 10 selected regionally to receive the award. In 2008, CBSSportsline.com selected him to its "All-Coach" team at the linebacker position.

Known as one of the top linebacker coaches in the nation, his students have included Matt Russell, the 1996 Butkus Award winner, all-Big Eight performers Greg Biekert, Chad Brown and Ted Johnson, all of whom went on to stardom in the National Football League, and all-Big 12 linebacker Jordon Dizon, a



NICK CROMIDAS

Assistant Athletic Trainer

Nick Cromidas is in his first year as an assistant athletic trainer at Colorado, as he was hired on April 1, 2021. He works primarily with CU's football team and the Ralphie Handlers.

Cromidas, 25, joined the CU staff from the National Football League's New England Patriots, where he was a seasonal athletic trainer for the 2021 season. Previously, he spent two years (2018-20) as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at the University of Minnesota. While with the Gophers, he worked two bowl games, the 2018 Quick Lane Bowl against Georgia Tech and the 2020 Outback Bowl versus Auburn (both won by Minnesota).

He is a 2018 graduate of Washington State University, earning his bachelor's degree in Athletic Training; he was a student trainer in the athletic department for three years. He received his Masters of Education in Sports and Exercise Science from Minnesota in 2020.

He was born January 16, 1996 in Rogers, Ark., and graduated from Valencia (Calif.) High School, where he lettered in basketball. His hobbies include hiking, playing ultimate Frisbee, attending sporting events and being a craft beer aficionado, he enjoys exploring new breweries and beers.



JASON DePAEPE

Deputy AD/Internal Operations

Jason DePaepe is in his second year as CU's deputy athletic director, and is now in his third year overseeing the department's internal operations, having been promoted to a senior associate AD for that position on August 1, 2018. He is in his 21st year overall at the University of Colorado.



DePaepe, 47, who is also a member of athletic director Rick George's executive team and the sports administrator for the men's basketball program, had served over four years (2013-18) as the associate athletic director for facilities and game day operations (promoted to that post in February 2013). He coordinated game day management and operations, specifically for football and CU's other outside sport programs. He was the recipient of the Alumni C Club's "Honorary C" award in 2017 for his dedication to the department.

In addition to overseeing all staff members who coordinate the facility and maintenance needs for Folsom Field, the Dal Ward Athletic Center, the Champions Center, Balch Fieldhouse, Prentup Field, Potts Field, the Indoor Practice Facility (IPF), Kittredge Lacrosse Field, and the South Campus Tennis Facility, he now oversees human resources and the stadium's concessionaire, Levy.

DePaepe's responsibilities also include managing capital projects and he oversaw the recent Champions Center Complex facility expansion project from 2014-16 – working as the Athletic Department liaison with Mortenson Construction and the Populous design firm on the \$166 million project that added over 326,000 new square feet to the athletic department and renovated another 38,000 sq. ft. The six-story Champions Center and the Dal Ward renovations were completed in late 2015. The indoor practice facility (IPF) was completed in early 2016 and includes an artificial turf football field as well as a 300-meter, 8-lane track. The IPF is the only net-zero energy facility of its kind and boasts 850kW of solar panels that create more electricity than the facility uses on an annual basis. The entire expansion project is the largest capital project in CU Boulder history and is a LEED Platinum facility.

DePaepe had worked as the athletic turf manager for 12 years prior to his first 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 was considered by many to be one of the best in his field, and he still oversees all of CU's field operations.

He came to CU from the Baltimore Ravens and prior to that, he was employed by the Iowa State Athletic Department as a student and graduated from there in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science.

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 camping. He is married to the former Kristen Sorensen, one-time CU's director of special events, and the couple has two daughters, Brielle (8) and Evelyn (6).



AMBER EDWARDS

Assistant Athletic Trainer

Amber Edwards is in her first year as an assistant athletic trainer at Colorado, as she was hired on July 19, 2021. She works exclusively with CU's football team.

Edwards, 29, joined the CU sports medicine team from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, where she was an assistant athletic trainer for the football team for the 2019 and 2020 seasons. She had previously served as an assistant trainer for the football and men's and women's golf teams from 2017-19 at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., and was on the Thundering Herd's staff for two bowl victories (against Colorado State in the 2017 New Mexico Bowl and versus South Florida in the 2018 Gasparilla Bowl).

She graduated from Troy University in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in Athletic Training, where she was a student athletic trainer, and earned her masters of science in Exercise Science from Louisiana-Monroe in 2016 and was a graduate assistant trainer for the Warhawks. She began her professional career as an intern for the football program at the University of Texas at Austin from 2016-17.

She was born November 29, 1991 in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and graduated from Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa where she lettered in soccer. Her hobbies include watching sports and spending time with her dog Wyatt, a miniature dachshund.



JAMIE GUY

Director of Sports Video

Jamie Guy is in his 18th year as CU's director of sports video and his 20th 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, 46, 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 all-encompassing 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. In 2020, another production, "The Light Shines On," was one of five nominations for a Heartland Emmy.

Guy 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. He was the recipient of the Alumni C Club's "Honorary C" award in 2019 for his dedication to the department.



CHRISTOPHER DOUNTAS

Director of Football Equipment

Christopher Dountas is in his third year as the director of football equipment, as he joined the department on July 22, 2019.

Dountas, 42, came to Colorado from Stanford University, where he was an assistant athletic director and equipment manager since 2016, overseeing the day-to-day equipment operation for all 36 Cardinal varsity sport programs. He was a member of the athletic department's executive staff for one of the nation's most successful athletic programs and perennial Learfield Director's Cup champions. He was responsible for maintaining the school's overall contract with Nike and worked daily with Stanford's equipment vendors and suppliers.

Dountas moved west from the University of Pittsburgh, where he had spent 10 years in the Panthers' equipment operations department as the assistant director. He handled contract negotiations, supervised a staff of six assistants that handled the needs of Pitt's 19 varsity sports and helped to streamline inventory control and operations among his several duties he handled during his decade at the school.

He began his career in the sports equipment profession in 2004, serving a year-long internship at the University of Central Florida (UCF). His first full-time in the business followed at the University of Connecticut, working as the assistant director of equipment services in 2005. At UConn, he helped manage the school's contracts with both adidas (soccer teams) and Nike (school-wide) in addition to handling many of the logistics for the Huskies' Olympic sports.

Dountas graduated from California University (Pa.) in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in science and sport management.



CECIL HAIRSTON II

Associate AD/Ticket Operations

Cecil Hairston II is in his third year as the associate athletic director for ticket operations, sales and services, joining the department on May 1, 2019.

Hairston, 42, is a veteran in the ticketing profession, as he brings 15 years of on-campus experience with previous stops at Bowling Green State University, Oregon State, Cincinnati and most recently Boise State. He has focused on revenue generation while fostering customer service driven cultures, having led ticketing teams that achieved the highest attended home football and men's basketball games in Cincinnati history as well as the top 10 attended football games in Oregon State history, where he also led the unit that was responsible for the highest number of season ticket sales in school annals.

At his previous schools, he has coordinated ticket sales for eight football bowl games: Hawai'i (two), Sun (two), GMAC, Emerald, Las Vegas and Alamo, and while at Oregon State, handled the College World Series ticket distribution for the Beavers' back-to-back national champion baseball teams in 2006 and 2007.

Hairston began his professional career at his alma mater, serving as the assistant director of ticket operations at BGSU in 2004-05; he then moved on in a similar capacity at Oregon State (2005-08), before being named director of ticket ops from 2008-10. He was promoted to assistant AD at OSU in 2010, where he oversaw ticket operations, concessions and merchandising. He returned to his home state (Ohio) in 2015, where he would serve three years as the assistant athletic director for ticket operations at the University of Cincinnati.

He moved back to the Pacific Northwest for a year (2018), working as the general manager for IMG College/Learfield and Boise State University.

Hairston graduated from Bowling Green State University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in the school's Sport Management program. At BGSU, he made the Dean's List on several occasions.

He was born November 7, 1978 in Columbus, Ohio (he has four sisters), and graduated from Columbus' Beechcroft High School, where he lettered in football. His hobbies include travel and cooking; he also takes pride in being a "third-generation left-hander," following his dad and grandfather as southpaws. He is married to the former LaTisha "Tish" Swann, and the couple has three children, Jordyn (22), Rashawn (19), and Rahman (14).



ANDREW HAMSTRA

Associate Athletic Trainer/Football

Andrew Hamstra is in his third year as the associate athletic trainer overseeing the football program, as he was hired on August 6, 2019, one week into CU's fall training camp.

Hamstra, 32, joined the Colorado staff from Washington State University, where he had served as the school's head football athletic trainer from June 2018 through July 2019; before he was named WSU's full-time athletic trainer, he was first the interim head athletic trainer for the 2018 spring practices and the initial summer workouts, a position he was promoted into from his assistant athletic trainer role in which he had performed dating back to 2014.

He has played a vital role in the department in his second year, working with CU's sports medicine team in developing an extremely organized procedure for the testing of over 120 players and staff daily during the coronavirus pandemic that hit the nation in the spring of 2020.

He is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification (NATABOC), the National Academy of Sports Medicine (corrective exercise specialist) and is also certified in CPR and First Aid.

He was selected as the 2019 Northwest Athletic Trainers Association (NWATA) New Horizons Award recipient, which is awarded to a young professional who has made a unique or immediate impact within the NWATA and athletic training profession.

Hamstra earned bachelor degrees in Athletic Training and Kinesiology in 2011 from Whitworth University (Spokane, Wash.), and earned his master's degree in Exercise & Sports Studies from Boise State University in 2013. While at Boise State, he was a graduate assistant athletic trainer working primarily with the football and track and field programs (he was designated as the "leader graduate assistant" his second year there, the 2012-13 athletic season).

As an undergrad at Whitworth, he played football and was also a student athletic trainer; in 2010, he had an athletic training internship with the Spokane Chiefs on the Western Hockey League.

Following his graduation from Boise State, he was a seasonal athletic trainer for the National Football League's Atlanta Falcons for the 2013 season.

He assisted the athletic performance and sports medicine staff with the daily care of the professional athletes. While in Atlanta, he also worked as an athletic trainer for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta,

where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. His hobbies include fishing, movies and playing with his two sons. He is married to the former Danielle Van Eps, and the couple has two sons, Holden (6) and Brock (2).



CHRIS HOWLETT

Assistant AD/Academic Services

Chris Howlett is in his first year as an assistant athletic director for academic services and student development, as he was promoted to the position on July 1, 2021. He is in his 10th year overall in CU's Herbst Academic Center, he joined the staff on July 23, 2012. He was promoted from an assistant director

to associate status in August 2019. He works exclusively with the football (linebackers and defensive backs) and women's soccer programs.

In his current role, most of his time and energy is focused on developing programs and supporting initiatives designed to improve the recruitment, retention, academic success and graduation of a diverse population of Colorado's student-athletes. Howlett directly supports students during their academic journey at the university through transitional coaching, exposure to educational opportunities, course and program exploration, and appropriate referral to on-campus resources. He also represents the Herbst Academic Center on several leadership committees within athletics.

Howlett was an academic coordinator when first hired, working with the women's basketball, men's golf and men's and women's skiing programs and eventually with volleyball. He was promoted to an assistant director in July 2016. While serving as an assistant director, he was responsible for the direct oversight of the student-athlete academic mentor program. The mentors are charged with helping students enhance the fundamental academic skills needed to achieve and sustain success at the university. The mentor "team," then coordinated by Howlett, supports on average 85-100 students each semester, or approximately a fourth of all CU student-athletes.

He also serves as a member of the First Year Program Committee, which is comprised of several athletic department staff members whose goal is to create programming to aid in first-year students transition to college. By participating in this program, first-year student-athletes become more informed about campus resources, meet members of their new community and participate in academic skill building sessions to become more efficient in the classroom.

Howlett came to Colorado from Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton), where he was as an athletic academic counselor and admissions coordinator for the better part of four years (2008-12). His responsibilities at FAU included the academic oversight of the men's soccer, women's softball, women's golf, and women's volleyball teams. In addition, Howlett served as the department's admissions liaison, textbook coordinator, and Life Skills coordinator.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration (major in management, minor in accounting) from Florida Atlantic in 2008. He completed a graduate certificate in Leadership and Management from the Lockheed Martin Engineering Management Program at CU Boulder in 2015.

Howlett is a native of Northampton, England, and his family moved to the United States (south Florida) when he was five. He graduated from Western High School in Davie, Fla., where he lettered in baseball and hockey. During his down time, he enjoys exercising, spending time with his family, attending concerts and sporting events, and playing recreational softball. He is married to the former Rachel Gartner and the couple has two children, a daughter, Elina (5) and son, Landon (2).



DE'RON JASPER

Assistant AD/Academic Services & Operations

De'Ron Jasper is in his third year as a member of the CU athletic department, his first as the assistant athletic director for academic services and operations, having been promoted to the position on July 1, 2021.

He had previously been promoted to an associate director of academics in the Herbst Academic Center on July 1, 2020. He had joined the Colorado staff as an assistant director on July 16, 2019.

Prior to his arriving at CU, Jasper served as Academic Coordinator of Student-Athletes at Mercer University (Macon, Ga.). His responsibilities



at Mercer included academic oversight of football, women's basketball, women's golf, women's lacrosse, men's golf, men's lacrosse and men's soccer. Also, he assisted in the study hall and tutoring programs and was the textbook coordinator. While at Mercer, he helped the school win three consecutive Barrett-Bonner awards (given to the Southern Conference University with the highest percentage of student-athletes over a 3.0 GPA).

Jasper previously served as an adjunct instructor at Old Dominion University in the Darden College of Education. He simultaneously served as the director of Project Launch through the Virginia Modeling Analysis Simulation Center. Project Launch is a program designed to assist at-risk students in their pursuit of post-secondary education enrollment and job acquisition while enrolled as a junior or senior in high school.

Jasper graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) with a bachelor's degree in management and a minor in psychology. While pursuing his bachelor's degree, he was a scholarship student-athlete (football) and three-time letterman. He then attended Old Dominion as a graduate student-athlete and lettered an additional year in football. Jasper graduated from there with a master's in Science in Education.

He is an active member in the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A), National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS), National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Education from Old Dominion.

He was born in Richmond, Va., and graduated from Dunwoody High School in Atlanta, Ga., where he lettered in football, basketball, track and field and in band (saxophone). (*first name is pronounced day-ron*)

of 2019, Johnson added benefit and charity auctioneering to his resume, as he graduated from the World Wide College of Auctioneering.

He earned a bachelor's degree in communications from North Dakota in 1992.

A native of Hillsboro, N.D., he graduated from Grand Forks (N.D.) Central High School, where he was an All-State basketball player. His hobbies include spending time with his family, riding his horses, playing with his two dogs, hunting and fly-fishing. He is married to the former Susan Jacobson, who was Miss North Dakota for 1989 and competed in the Miss America pageant. The couple has three children, sons Nicolas and Jake, and daughter Halle (who is married to a former Navy Corpsman, John Mathues); they are the grandfather of one (Yuley, born this past August). In 2016, he was the recipient of the Alumni C Club's "Honorary C" award for his dedication to the department.



KRIS LIVINGSTON

Executive Senior Associate AD/Academics

Kris Livingston is in her 25th year at the University of Colorado, her second as the executive senior associate athletic director. A member of athletic director Rick George's executive team, she also manages CU's nine sports supervisors. She was promoted to senior associate AD status on August 1, 2018 and had held the similar position as an associate AD since 2014 after being promoted to an assistant athletic director in 2010.

Her main priority is overseeing all of CU's academic support services for her 15th year, as well as CU's leadership and career development program. Located in the Herbst Academic Center, her area provides year-round academic support to all of CU's approximately 380 student-athletes; she was an assistant director for the unit until being named its director on May 24, 2007. She also serves as the sport supervisor for women's basketball and in the past performed similar supervisory duties for CU's lacrosse, soccer and skiing programs, and previously supervised the department's diversity and inclusion programs.

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 the three head coaches that followed Hawkins, football has continued to set record GPA figures and graduation rates, as have several others among CU's 17 intercollegiate programs and the entire athletic program overall.

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. In 2013, she was awarded the "Honorary C" for her longtime dedication to the department, and in particular, the student-athlete.



HALEY MAJOR

Academic Coordinator

Haley Major is in her second year as an academic coordinator in the Herbst Academic Center, having joined the athletic department staff on July 1, 2020. Her main sport responsibilities are with the football (quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers and specialists) and the women's tennis teams.



MARK JOHNSON

Director of Audio Broadcasting

Mark Johnson is in his fifth year as CU's first-ever director of audio broadcasting for the athletic department, as he was named to the position on July 1, 2017. He is also in his 18th season as the play-by-play announcer for CU's football and men's basketball teams, as he assumed the role of "Voice of the Buffaloes" ahead of the 2004-05 athletic year.

In his role and in addition to his announcing duties, he hosts various television and radio shows, podcasts, makes personal appearances and does voiceover work for the university. He also does television and radio work for various national and regional networks in the Rocky Mountain Region and across the country and has become known for his distinctive, booming tenor voice.

Johnson, 54, was named sports director at KOA-Radio in Denver in the spring of 2004, replacing the retiring Larry Zimmer, who had held the position for over two decades. Zimmer, the long-time "Voice of the Buffaloes, had handled the play-by-play chores for CU dating back to 1971, but shifted over to the analyst position when Johnson was hired. When Zimmer retired from announcing after the 2015 season, the mantra of "Voice of the Buffs" fully shifted to "M.J."

Prior to coming to Colorado, Johnson spent three years as the "Voice of the Orange" for Syracuse University football and men's basketball. He was at the microphone when former Denver Nugget, Carmelo Anthony, led the Orange to the 2003 NCAA championship. He also hosted weekly call-in shows for basketball coach Jim Boeheim and football coach Paul Pasqualoni, the Syracuse Sidelines television show and served as the ISP-SU Radio Network affiliate liaison. He also was a frequent speaker and emcee for numerous local charitable, civic group and Rotary Club functions.

His entire professional career has been spent in broadcasting. Before his time in Syracuse, he was the sports director for WJBC-Radio in Bloomington, Ill., and was the play-by-play announcer for four years at Illinois State University, where he earned three Silver Dome Awards for best play-by-play broadcast in the state of Illinois. Johnson also worked two years announcing football and basketball games his alma mater, the University of North Dakota, and was a talk show host and play-by-play announcer for three years at WASK-AM and WKOA-FM in Lafayette, Ind.

Although his vocation as sportscaster reflects a life-long love of sports, for the past 20 years, Johnson has been called to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to various churches, men's groups and conferences throughout the region. His message has been to encourage men to live lives of integrity, commitment, and responsibility. He is heavily involved in numerous charity and community organizations serving as an emcee and guest speaker. In recent years he has been a guest-host on numerous Christian television shows on the Daystar and Trinity Broadcasting networks and frequently serves as guest speaker at various men's groups and churches.

In 2015 Johnson became the President of the Evergreen Rodeo Association in Evergreen (Colo.), serving a one-year term. His involvement in rodeo continues a life-long love of horses and the Western way-of-life. In the summer



Major, 27, joined the Colorado staff from Penn State University, where for the previous academic year (2019-20) she was an academic support assistant for the Nittany Lions' football program. Among her many duties at PSU, she developed and utilized materials to enhance programs and services for the athletic department and the football student-athletes, while assisting them with developing and implementing individualized academic success plans. She also co-taught the school's first-year seminar and bridge programs to help athletes with the transition from high school to college.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Texas A & M University-Commerce in 2016 in Interdisciplinary Studies (Concentration on Kindergarten through 6th Grade). A letter winner on the Lions' volleyball team (outside hitter and defensive specialist), during her time there she was on the Dean's List and a member of the Lone Star Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll. In 2015, she was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS). She also was active on the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), served a one-year student teaching internship (second and sixth grades) and was an assistant club volleyball coach for the Net Force Club in nearby Greenville.

Major received her master's degree in Christian Ministry (concentration in Sports Ministry) from Baylor University in 2018. While earning her graduate degree, she worked as a grad assistant in BU's Student-Athlete Center for Excellence and was also an assistant volleyball coach for the Waco Juniors Club team.

Her passion to serve student-athletes was born after overcoming the adversity of tearing both her anterior cruciate ligaments (ACLs) while playing volleyball in college; she made a commitment to determine her identity other than being an athlete and has since devoted her life to inspiring current and future student-athletes in numerous areas.

Following her graduation, she was an athletic academic services intern at Texas Christian University for the 2018-19 school year before she moved on to Penn State. At TCU, she executed academic plans for 70 student-athletes on the men's basketball, golf and track and field teams as well as the women's soccer program. That included mentoring 11 at-risk student-athletes using differentiated learning tools to develop their time management skills.

She was born April 13, 1994 in Irving, Texas, and graduated from Euless (Texas) Trinity High School where she lettered in volleyball (awarded numerous athletic and academic honors). Her hobbies include traveling, eating, working out and watching and attending sporting events. Her father (Willie Major) was a high school basketball teammate of former NBA player and coach, Larry Drew, in Kansas City and was an accomplished track star: a member of the 1977 Adidas High School All-American Track team, he ran track (sprints and relays) at Kansas State University and was a member of the world's top 10 ranked 4x400 relay squad.



RYAN NEWMAN
Director of Athletic Grounds

Ryan Newman is in his 20th year as a member of the University of Colorado athletic staff, as he joined the department on May 22, 2002. He is in ninth year as the director of athletic grounds after working as an assistant for the facility and grounds staff for 11 years.

Under his direction, CU has some of the finest athletic fields in the nation, no small task considering the challenges that Colorado's wacky weather can provide. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he led a staff that was often faced with managing facilities on days where CU was hosting as many as six home events.

Newman, 42, came to the Buffaloes from Iowa State, where he had worked as a student assistant for the Cyclones' facilities department. In his first year on the CU staff, Folsom Field was recognized by the Sports Turf Managers Association as the college football field of the year. Prior to enrolling at Iowa State, he was the heads groundskeeper for the Sioux City Explorers, an independent member of baseball's Northern League, in 2000 after serving as an assistant in 1999.

He graduated from Iowa State with a bachelor's degree in Horticulture with an emphasis in turf management. He first attended Morningside (Iowa) College for three years (1997-99).

He was born March 11, 1979 in Sioux City, Iowa, and graduated from Sioux City East High School, where he lettered in football and baseball. His hobbies playing golf and spending time with family. He is married to the former Kate Morris, and the couple has one son, Grayson (4). He was the recipient of the Alumni C Club's "Honorary C" award in 2019 for his dedication to the department.



KIMBIRLY ORR
Executive Director/Alumni C Club

Kimbirly Orr is in her third year as the executive director of the Alumni C Club, the University of Colorado's organization for past letterwinners. She was named to the position on July 10, 2019.

Orr is also heavily involved with Buffs4Life, an alumni group that coordinates events and raises money for Buffs in need. She joined the Colorado staff from Knock Out Performance, a marketing communications agency she personally formed in 2012.

Much of her career has been predicated on the relationship business, as she has two Fortune 500 award-winning positions with Colgate Palmolive and A.C. Nielsen. She spent 17 years in the entertainment industry working in event production and public relations to two entrepreneurial jaunts, including serving as the first female sport agent for the Women's Professional Volleyball Association (WPVA) on the team which brought beach volleyball to the Olympics.

Orr graduated from the CU Leeds School of Business in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in Marketing. She has served the University of Colorado for over 35 years, working predominantly in alumni relations and engagement. Most recently, she served as the vice chair of the CU Boulder Alumni Association in 2019 and currently sits on the CU Foundation Trustee Board. She is also the board chair for the CU Advocates in the Office of the President, and vice chair of the CU Boulder Alumni Association. She was named the CU Advocate of the Year in 2016.

She was born in Warren, Ohio, and graduated from Pomona High School (Arvada, Colo.) where she participated in volleyball and track and field; she was also captain of the pom pom team her senior year. Her hobbies include attending and watching sporting events, hiking, dancing, reading, spending time with family and friends in addition to attending live concerts, in particular those performed by U2 (she's been to over 50 all over the world, including Dublin, and attended their first-ever show in Colorado at Red Rocks and the next night at the CU Events Center). She is also very active in non-profit and fundraising work.



ERIC PELLONI
Assistant Director/BufVision

Eric Pelloni is in his 16th year as the assistant director of BufVision, although he has been involved in CU Athletics for the better part of two decades. He was hired full-time on August 1, 2006 after working on a contractual basis since August 2001.

Pelloni, 48, assists with the video packages for CU's video display boards and has been on the BufVision game day crew for 17 seasons. He 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 assistant athletic director for Olympic sports operations; the couple has a son, E.J. (Edwin James, 7) and a daughter (Sophia, 5).



DAVID PLATI

Associate AD/Sports Information

David Plati is in his 38th year as the athletic department's director of sports information, and his 44th 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. He also serves

as the department's historian.

Plati, 61, 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.

In June 2019, he was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame, the fourth Buffalo SID to be honored as he joined Fred Casotti (inducted in 1996), Mike Moran (2002) and Steve Hatchell (2018).

Overall, only longtime cross country and track coach Frank Potts (41 years, 1927-68) has been employed full-time by CU athletics longer than Plati, who was hired full-time on Jan. 9, 1983. He is fourth-longest active SID in the country, behind Claude Felton (Georgia), Lawrence Fan (San Jose State) and Tim Tessalone (USC).

His primary responsibilities are with the football 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 2,200 CU events; of those, 468 football games have been in-person, including a string of 410 in a row that ended in 2017 due to an injured leg, at the time 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 addition, over 100 of CU's former student assistants during his tenure have gone on to work full-time in sports information or media relations for a college or professional team (including all "big four" in Denver: Avalanche, Broncos, Nuggets and Rockies).

The Football Writers Association of America has recognized CU's sports information office 10 times during his tenure, three times for an outstanding press box operation (1987, 1992, 1997; schools were eligible only every five years), and now eight times with the FWAA's Super 11 award (2010-13-14-16-17-18-19-20) for all-encompassing efforts with the nation's football media.

In January 2019, Plati was presented with the FWAA's Lifetime Achievement Award, just the sixth person to be honored with the relatively young award. The organization also named him as one of two SID's nationally to its 22-member "Access/Press Relations Committee" to oversee press relations with FBS Conferences ahead of the 2019 season. He chaired a panel of SID's and national sportswriters to discuss how to approach the changing landscape for the media ahead of the 2020 season and implications from the coronavirus.

In the spring of 2001, Plati became an adjunct instructor in CU's College of Media, Communication and Information (CMCI), teaching a sports media relations class every year since. In April 2001, was named 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 (and was named the board's secretary in 2020).

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. In 2005, the Denver Buff Club recognized him as its "MVB" choice (Most Valuable Buff). In 2009, celebrating his 30th year covering CU golf, the team instituted a "David Plati Mr. Buffalo Award" honoring the player for his dedication and commitment to the program. The NFF/Colorado chapter presented him with the 2018 Keith Jensen Award for service to the organization.

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 was a member of the Denver Broncos statistics crew for 40 seasons (1980-2019), where he created and maintained miscellaneous statistics (he received game balls from the NFL team for their back-to-back Super Bowl wins in the 90s). He worked 408 Bronco games as a member of the crew, 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 still occasionally works freelance in a similar capacity, most notably as the talent statistician for home Bronco games on KOA-Radio. In 2004, he was appointed by major league baseball to serve as one of the official scorers for the Colorado Rockies baseball team, and scored 335 games – the second most in the franchise's history – before retiring after the 2020 season.

Plati was the Hula Bowl's director of game week communications for four years (1995-98). He also worked five BCS National Championship games (2002-06-09-10-13 seasons), along with all seven College Football Playoff title games (2014-15-16-17-18-19-20 seasons), 10 Rose and two Fiesta bowls for a grand total of 47 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 December 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 380-plus in his lifetime (led by 39 Jimmy Buffett performances), with memorizing song lyrics as one of his hobbies. 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

Senior Associate AD/Health & Performance

Miguel Rueda is in 16th year in the CU athletic department, his fourth as the senior associate athletic director for health and performance; he had been the associate AD over the same area since being promoted to the position in February 2015. He previously had served nine-plus years as the head athletic trainer

for football after he was hired on August 1, 2006, just days ahead of CU's preseason camp.

A member of athletic director Rick George's executive team, he is also the chair of the Pac-12 Student Athlete Health and Well-Being Initiative (SAHWBI), the conference's medical board (he previously served as the vice-chair). In 2020, he was heavily involved in developing the Pac-12's regulations, policies and protocols concerning the coronavirus pandemic. He has been CU's institutional representative for the Pac-12's student health conference since shortly after CU joined the league in 2011, and in that role, he organizes the annual meeting for all sports medicine officials from each league school.

In his 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 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.

Rueda, 49, was the second-longest tenured trainer in CU's athletic history, serving 13 years 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.

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 J. Eugene McAtteer High School where he lettered in cross country and track. He and his wife, Andrea, have two sons, Gabriel (who earned an appointment at West Point, where he is a sophomore) and Christopher, and a daughter, Isabella.



CHRIS SCHOEN

Director of Marketing & Fan Experience

Chris Schoen is in his first year as the director of marketing and fan experience, as he joined the University of Colorado staff on July 21, 2021.

Schoen, 27, came to Colorado from the University of Oklahoma, where he was the assistant director of marketing from 2018-21. He was the primary contact

for the baseball, volleyball and women's basketball teams as well as the student internship program. At OU, one of his marketing strategies earned a Bronze Award in the 2021 "Best Of" category by the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators (NACMA); it was in the area of a fan giveaway promotion.

He previously was a graduate assistant in athletic marketing at Auburn, where he handled the duties for volleyball, swimming and diving and men's and women's tennis. He was a member of the Tigers' 2018 staff that finished as the runner-up for the National Marketing Team of the Year (given by NACMA, it recognized Auburn as the second best in all of college sports).

Between Oklahoma and Auburn, his sports he was directly responsible for set three single game and five season attendance records.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Communications from Purdue University in 2016, and earned his masters of education in Higher Education Administration (with a concentration in Sports Management) from Auburn University in 2018.

He was born on March 12, 1994 in Oshkosh, Wis., and graduated from Marian Catholic High School in Mishawaka, Ind., where he lettered four years as a varsity swimmer (team captain his junior and senior seasons). His hobbies include reading, cooking, hiking and swimming.



CURTIS SNYDER

Assistant AD/Sports Information

Curtis Snyder is in his 23rd year as a member of the University of Colorado athletic department, his third as an assistant athletic director in the sports information office, his third stint in the SID area; he was promoted to an assistant AD in August 2018.

He had worked the previous three years as CU's director of digital strategy after rejoining the Buffalo staff on December 1, 2008 after a five-and-a-half-year absence. He shares the duties for football with the associate AD and once again heads up the SID responsibilities for CU's ski team.

Snyder, 46, 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.), and still has some responsibilities in this area.

Snyder was the championships director for the 2016 and 2018 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. He was awarded an "Honorary C" in 2014 for his dedication to the department.

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 was a sports anchor and reporter for Fox 31 (KDVR-TV) in Denver for several years. The couple resides in Erie and has three children, twins Lucy and Sam (11) and Cooper (8).



TAYLOR STRATTON

Ralphie Program Manager

Taylor Stratton, a former Ralphie Handler, was named the manager of CU's Ralphie Live Mascot Program, assuming the role on April 1, 2020 after serving as the assistant coach for the program for the previous four years (2016-19).

Stratton, 30, replaced John Graves, who had served in the role for five years (2015-19); she becomes the second woman to head the program, joining Gail Pederson in the prestigious role; Pederson coordinated the program from 2006-14.

Stratton joined the athletic department full-time after working on the Boulder campus since January 2014, when she started in the admissions office. She moved over to the Alumni Association as the program manager for Student and Young Alumni Outreach in October 2017. She coordinated all aspects of training for CU's latest live buffalo mascot, Ralphie VI, who made her debut in the 2021 football season.

She graduated from CU in 2013 with a triple major in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Environmental Studies and Geography. As an undergraduate, she lettered three times as a Ralphie Handler her sophomore through senior years under coaches Graves and Ben Frei, and was interviewed by Bryant Gumbel for HBO's Real Sports. She is currently working toward her master's in Business Administration from the University of Illinois, with a target date of spring 2022 to finish the degree.

Though born in Florida, she grew up in Southern Colorado on her family's multi-generational working ranch. There, her family raised Register of Merit AQHA race and performance horses and had a commercial herd of Herefords (beef cows) with bloodlines dating back to her great grandfather's herd.

She was born March 26, 1991 in Orlando, Fla., and graduated from Cheyenne Mountain High School in Colorado Springs, where she had extensive involvement in Ag focused groups, including the Pikes Peak Rangerettes, Interscholastic Equestrian Association, 4-H, and horse shows for both the Palomino Horse Breeders of America and American Quarter Horse Association (she was an officer for both the Rangerettes and 4-H). Her hobbies include playing soccer and golf, watching the Colorado Avalanche,



country swing dancing, hiking with her dog and traveling. She has also studied abroad in Tanzania, and her love for travel has some of her favorite destinations including Montana, Wyoming, Morocco, South Africa, Australia, Italy, Austria, Greece, Spain, Costa Rica, Utah, South Carolina, California, Texas, New Orleans. Nicknamed "T-Stratt."



DERIC SWANSON

Executive Director of BuffVision

Deric Swanson is in his 23rd year as the executive director of BuffVision, coordinating all aspects of production involving the video display boards at Folsom Field and the CU Events Center, both upgraded last decade to a near \$10 million operation for both facilities combined.

The only director the area has ever had since it was created in 1999, which includes hiring game day staff to showcase CU's home events on the BuffVision boards, he also coordinates several video projects for the university in general and works closely with students interested in the profession that are enrolled in CU's CMCI school (College of Media, Communication and Information).

Swanson, 46, 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. In 2013, BuffVision earned another Telly for a production involving CU's men's basketball team and the Navy Seals and in all have earned eight bronze Telly Awards. In 2019, it won its first silver Telly, again for the Buffalo Stampede and in particular for its season finale.

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 23 Ironman triathlons (through August 2019); his personal best was a time of 11 hours and 29 minutes in Tempe, Ariz., in 2009.

He is the father of two sons, Gavin (13) and Dane (10). He was the recipient of an "Honorary C" award in 2014 for his dedication to the department.

day sideline support and worked the 2019 Cheez-It Bowl, where Air Force defeated Washington State, 31-21, to finish 11-2 for the season.

He was an intern for the National Wheelchair Basketball Association for 2017-18, where he assisted and created webpages that managed memberships and global events; planned, setup, and ran an international basketball tournament with foreign countries including USA, Great Britain, Amsterdam, Canada, and Australia; designed and managed apparel for a new online store as well as the Men's and Women's National Teams' and assisted coaches with practices, running shot clocks, managing equipment and setting up facilities. He also planned, set up, and worked on the largest organized Para sport tournament in history.

In the summer of 2017, Westall was an intern with the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb (PPIHC), where among several duties, he assisted with creating and dispersing promotional material throughout Colorado Springs, managed the media room for the event at the summit house of Pikes Peak, planned and fulfilled sponsorship agreements throughout the course and race week and supervised the closings of multiple roads in downtown Colorado Springs. He also was able to assist I helped Hoonigan Media with the filming of Ken Block's Climbkhana. He continues to work as a volunteer race official for the PPIHC, something he began doing back in 2012.

Westall earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Sport Management in 2018 from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. He is working toward finishing his Athletic Equipment Managers Association Certification this summer.

He was born March 3, 1994 in Canon City, Colo., and after spending much of his youth in St. Augustine, Fla., he returned to the Centennial State in 2009 and graduated from Woodland Park (Colo.) High School where he lettered in football. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, mountain biking, snowboarding, basketball and auto racing. He also owns an impressive collection of ... sneakers.



CECE YEH

Football Video Analysis Manager

Cece Yeh is in her first year as the video analysis manager for football, joining the staff on April 1, 2021.

A 2021 graduate from the University of California-Berkeley, she majored in Cognitive Science and Legal Studies, along with a minor in Computer Science. At Cal, she was a student video assistant all four years as an undergrad, and worked two bowl games for the Golden Bears, the 2018 Cheez-It and 2019 Redbox. In 2019, she was a video intern with the Los Angeles Rams.

Yeh, 21, was born on November 21, 1999 in Tainan, Taiwan, and graduated from Long Beach Poly (Calif.) High School, where she worked on the film team as a junior and senior, shooting video of several of her school's varsity programs. Her family moved to the United States (Stillwater, Okla.) when she was a few months old, and then to California when she was four. Her hobbies include lifting, reading and yoga, and her favorite animal is the llama. She speaks four languages: English, Taiwanese, Chinese Mandarin and some Japanese, and can also code (computer programming) in seven different languages.



LUKE WESTALL

Assistant Equipment Manager

Luke Westall is in his second year as the assistant equipment manager for the football program, having joined the department on July 1, 2020.

Westall, 27, joined CU from the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he was the head equipment manager for the cross country and track teams and the assistant for the football program for a year-and-a-half (2019-20, until being hired by CU). At AFA, he managed the ordering and creation of apparel and competition gear for the 2019 and 2020 seasons, managed and implemented a detailed inventory system to track apparel and planned and implemented a structured weekly routine for athletes concerning equipment with repairs, laundry, and issuing. He also assisted and managed special events, including the NHL Stadium Series game (Avalanche-Kings) and Los Angeles Chargers practices during the 2019 and 2020 season from an equipment standpoint. He assisted with the 2019 Cheese-It Bowl in all day to day tasks along with game



ADMINISTRATION



SERENA ARCHER Director of Digital Content

Serena Archer is in her first year as the director of digital content for the University of Colorado athletic department, as she joined the staff on August 1, 2021.

Archer, 24, came to Colorado from the University of Kentucky, where she was the Creative Content Editor/Producer and the main point of contact for all

Kentucky football video related content. As the lead creative video producer, she assisted in mentoring and overseeing student staff, developed weekly and year-long video content plans that served the department, team and individual student-athletes.

She was the primary producer on several videos at UK that were finalists for the College Sports Media Awards (CSMA). The videos that were nominated include "Pre-Louisville Promo" (2020 Short Form Fan Engagement), "For the Team" (2021 Program Series) and "Back to Work" (2021 Short Form Fan Engagement). She worked two bowls for the Wildcats, wins over Virginia Tech in the 2019 Belk Bowl and over North Carolina State in the 2020 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl.

Archer earned her bachelor's degree in Sport & Event Management from Elon University in 2019, also earning minors in Communications/Cinema and Business Administration (academically, she was an Elon Honors Fellow). She worked in Elon's athletic department for all four years as an undergraduate, serving as the assistant video coordinator for football. She created a pair of documentary series ("The Spark" and "The Commitment") which followed the football and basketball programs while assisting to lead a student staff that numbered a dozen. She earned two awards as a senior in 2018-19, as the Sport Management "Major of the Year" and for Elon Athletics' MVP Student Service, and was also a finalist for several videos in the CSMA's Collegiate Student category (Short Form Fan Engagement, Program Series, and Special Feature).

At the 2018 World Equestrian Games, she served as an intern in the press relations department and a volunteer coordinator assisting over 200 members of the media covering the event. She also spent a semester in 2018 as the creative content producer for Florentina Basket (a Series B professional Italian men's basketball team), and in the summer of 2017, interned with Duke football's video office and assisted in creative video pursuits.

She was born March 16, 1997 in Minneapolis, Minn., and graduated from the city's Southwest High School, where she lettered in lacrosse and Nordic skiing. Her hobbies include riding horses, cooking, biking, hiking and tending to what she refers to as her "excessively large collection of indoor plants." In her free time, she also trains horses and service dogs and volunteers at therapeutic riding centers. A great uncle, Chris Daniels, is a member of the Colorado Music Hall of Fame and performed with his popular local band, Chris Daniels and the Kings. First name is Martha, but goes by her middle name as she is the sixth "Martha" in her family.

This September, she will have a major research project published in the Journal of Higher Education Athletics and Innovation: "A Qualitative Analysis of the Intersectional Socialization of NCAA Division I Student-Athletes Across Diverse Identities."



CHANDLER BARONE Director of Special Events

Chandler Barone is finishing her second year as the director of special events and premium venues for the University of Colorado Athletic Department, as she was named to the position on October 28, 2019.

Barone, 28, brought a wealth of experience in event management when she joined CU from the Front Range Catering, where she was the sales and event manager for one of the top catering companies in Boulder. She started there in March 2018 and in 18 months, she managed and catered well over 100 events, which included managing proposals and event contracts in food and beverage sales. She hired and supervised the kitchen, serving and bartender staffs and increased the company's business sales by building strong relationships with its client base.

Prior to joining Front Range Catering, she was a senior event manager for Ansley Event Design in Denver for a year-and-a-half beginning in April 2016. She coordinated and executed details such as rehearsals, menu planning,

floor plan design, logistics and on-site management for over 50 weddings that ranged in size from 25 to 300 attendees.

Barone earned her bachelor's degree from CU's Leeds School of Business with an emphasis in Human Resource Management in 2015. She worked her entire time as an undergraduate for the CU Boulder Student Alumni Association, where she coordinated events, sold memberships and solicited sponsors.

Before she entered the event planning business, her first full-time job after college was as a technical recruiter at Stephen James Associates in Denver.

She was born Chandler Nicolls in San Diego, Calif., and graduated from Corona Del Mar (Calif.) High School where she was a member of the club team for crew (rowing). Her hobbies include hiking, snowboarding, trying new restaurants and walking her dog. In high school, she was president of the Performing Arts & Multimedia Academy, where she first dabbled in event planning; in fact, she planned multiple events for a national competition for the Hurley Clothing Brand and won \$25,000 for her high school's program. She is married to Dawn Barone, CU's associate director of Forever Buffs Outreach for the school's Alumni Association (she is also a CU graduate).



LANCE GERLACH Senior Associate AD/Buf Club

Lance Gerlach is in his second year as CU's assistant vice chancellor of advancement and senior associate athletic director, as he was promoted to the position on May 29, 2020.

Gerlach, 43, oversees all aspects of the Buff Club, the athletic department's fundraising arm, and is also a member of athletic director Rick George's executive team. Along with overseeing the Buff Club, he will continue to oversee the venue and premium area naming rights, along with outside revenue generation (concerts, corporate cup, etc.). He had been an associate AD and CU's chief revenue officer for the past year after heading up Buffalo Sports Properties (BSP).

He has been associated with the university and the athletic department since 2005, when he became the general manager for BSP, serving as the main liaison with the school. He was a two-time Chairman's Cup Award recipient (2016-17, 2018-19), which was presented to the top sales executives each year. In 2016-17, under his leadership BSP was the recipient of the Learfield Sports Property of the Year Award, an elite honor given to the collegiate property that grew their year-over-year revenue the most. He worked alongside with the Buff Club and the CU Boulder Alumni Association on several projects during his time at BSP.

For four years (2008-12), Gerlach simultaneously was the general manager for Fresno State University's Bulldog Sports Properties, where he helped surpass and exceed new sales numbers and grew property advertising sales over that time.

Gerlach graduated with a bachelor's degree in Arts, Sports Management and Fitness in 2001 from Doane College, where he was a Presidential Academic Scholar. He attended to Doane on a dual football and basketball scholarship, but decided to play football only after his freshman year. A wide receiver, he earned either second-team or honorable mention honors his sophomore through senior years, as Doane made the national playoffs his freshman and junior years, losing to the eventual national champions in 1997 and to the reigning national champions in 1999 (to Findlay, Ohio in the '97 semifinals and to Azusa Pacific in the '99 first round).

He was born August 11, 1978 in Grand Island, Neb., and graduated from Central City (Neb.) High School, where he earned a combined 11 letters in football, basketball and track. His hobbies include spending time with his family, playing golf, skiing and going fishing with his son. He is married to the former Meghan Stewart (a pharmacist at Boulder Community Health), and the couple has three children, son Lucas (11) and daughters Emery (10) and Lauren (3). His wife's great, great uncle was Walter Franklin, who was the school's athletics manager in the early 1920s before the position of athletic director was created (Franklin Field east of Folsom Field is named for him).

An accomplished prep athlete, he earned assorted multiple all-state and all-conference honors in football and basketball and was a state track qualifier on two occasions. He earned an invitation to play in the '97 Nebraska Shrine Bowl in Lincoln (started at wide receiver; 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch was on the other team).



LEXI HARTMANN

Digital Content Manager

Lexi Hartmann is in her first year as the digital content manager for the athletic department, as she was promoted into the full-time position on March 15, 2021.

Hartman, 23, joined the Colorado staff from Fresno State University, where she was a graphic designer in 2020.

She graduated in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in Strategic Communication from the University of Colorado. While a CU student, she played on the women's club ice hockey team all four years as an undergraduate.

She was born February 18, 1998 in Waconia, Minn., and graduated from Waconia High School where she lettered in hockey. Her hobbies include both playing and coaching hockey.



CORY HILLIARD

Associate AD/Business Operations & CFO

Cory Hilliard is in his 14th year with athletic department at the University of Colorado, his fourth as a senior associate athletic director, promoted to that position on August 1, 2018. That came after serving eight years as the associate athletic director for business operations after he originally joined the

department in March 2008 as assistant business manager.

On July 1, 2016, the chief athletic financial officer (CAFO) responsibilities were added to his title and duties. He is on athletic director Rick George's executive team and also serves as the sports administrator for CU's cross country and track programs.

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

Hilliard, 48, 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).

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 grown sons, Zach, who played tight end on the Missouri Baptist football team, and Jacob. 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).



ORVILLE JENNINGS

Assistant AD/Events Center & Game Day Ops

Orville Jennings is in his first year as the associate athletic director for facilities and game day operations, as he was promoted to the position on July 1, 2021. He previously was in the role of assistant athletic director for the CU Events Center (and its game day ops), joining the department on July 11, 2018. He also is in his first

year as the sports supervisor for the men's and women's golf teams.

He came to Colorado from Central Michigan University, where he was the associate athletic director for facilities and event operations. He was promoted

to that position on January 1, 2017, after serving as the assistant AD with the same responsibilities for the previous 16 months. After his promotion, his role was expanded to include working on capital projects undertaken by the Chippewas, which included a baseball performance development center, Kelly/Shorts Stadium and field hockey turf replacements and Title IX locker room and office renovations.

He had returned to CMU in September 2015, where he had earned his master's degree in sport administration in 2010. While in graduate school, he served as an intern in facilities, events and game management and was a sport camp assistant for the 2009-10 academic year.

After earning his master's, he moved on to Wake Forest University from 2011-15, where he started as the assistant director of event management and facilities before being promoted to the director in 2013.

Jennings earned his bachelor's degree in business administration, sports management from Tiffin (Ohio) University in 2008, where he lettered four times (2005 through 2008) as an offensive lineman for the Dragons. A member of Tiffin's 2007 Great Lakes Conference championship team, he was a semifinalist for the university's Student-Athlete of the Year Award. He earned Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) All-Academic honors as a senior in 2008 and earned academic all-conference honors when Tiffin was a member of the Great Lakes Football Conference in both 2006 and 2007.

He was born in Lima, Ohio, and graduated from Lima Senior High School where he lettered in football and track and field. He is married to the former Laura Hosler, and the couple has a daughter, Josi.



JILL KEEGAN

Senior Associate AD/Compliance & SWA

Jill Keegan is in her 12th year as a member of the University of Colorado athletic department, her second as the senior associate athletic director for compliance as she was promoted on July 1, 2020. On the same date, she assumed the role of CU's senior woman's administrator, and is also on athletic director

Rick George's executive team and has sports administrator duties for CU's volleyball program.

She replaced the retiring Ceal Barry as the school's SWA, becoming just the fourth to hold the position at Colorado since it was created in 1992.

Keegan previously had served two years as the associate athletic director for compliance, which had followed three years as an assistant A.D. in the same area, as she was promoted to that role on June 1, 2015. She was the associate compliance director for four years, hired on Oct. 1, 2010, initially serving as the rules education coordinator, as 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, she was the assistant director of compliance at Marshall University where she also completed her master's degree in Sport Administration in 2006. Keegan received her bachelor's degree in Sports Marketing and management from Indiana University in 2005 where she also served as an intern in the Hoosiers' 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. Her hobbies include attending sporting events, traveling, outdoor activities and gardening. She and her husband Brian are the parents of a 4-year old son, Nolan.



LINDSAY LEW

Assistant AD/Digital Marketing

Lindsay Lew is in her sixth year as the assistant athletic director for digital and database marketing, as she was promoted to the position on July 1, 2016, after serving since 2007 (nine years) as the director of strategic sales and communication. She is in her 24th year overall at Colorado, in the second of two stints

working for the school.

Lew is responsible for oversight of ecommerce operations and revenue management for the CU athletic department, as well as digital strategy and content, email marketing and the business analytics team. She is also the sport supervisor for the women's soccer program, a role she assumed in 2019.

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 athletic director 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 CU 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 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 youth recreational teams, 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. In her free time, she serves as president of her sorority alumni association foundation at Trinity University. She was the recipient of an "Honorary C" award in 2016 for her dedication to the department.

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 the University of Colorado, the head orthopedic team physician for the University of Denver, and the medical director and head team physician for the National Hockey League's Colorado Avalanche. 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 grown children, Madeleine, Eric Cleveland, Jr., Shannon and Torrance.



SCOTT McMICHAEL
Assistant AD/Development

Scott McMichael is in his 15th year as an assistant athletic director and the senior director of development at the University of Colorado. He works to support endowments, annual gifts, and capital projects by generating major gift revenue and also has worked with the school's Alumni C Club, supporting

alumni relations.

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



JO MARCHI
Director of Camps & Special Projects

Jo Marchi is in her second "tour of duty" with the CU athletic department, as she returned to the school in 2019 as the director of camps and special projects. She is in her 15th year overall working for the Buffaloes.

Marchi, 39, left the university in 2017 to teach yoga full-time, which still does in her spare time. In her position, she coordinates many aspects of the sports camps that most of CU's 17 intercollegiate sports conduct in the summer. She had previously served as the associate director of compliance/monitoring for athletics for 12 years; she was named to that position full-time in October 2005 after working as an intern in CU's compliance office for seven months.

In her previous role, she performed multiple duties on behalf of the student-athletes, including serving as the staff liaison with CU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for 10 years (2007-16), as well as the sport camp coordinator, also assuming the latter role in 2007. She coordinates the annual CUSPY (CU Sports Performers of the Year) banquet, also serving on the selection committee with the sports information staff and has been a regular member of search committees for department openings.

Marchi came to Colorado from Indiana University, where she worked as a compliance intern her senior year in college. She graduated from Indiana with Bachelor's degree in Sport Marketing and Management in 2004. She then moved west to Colorado and accepted an intern position with CU in February 2005.

She was born January 29, 1982 in Bloomington, Ill., and graduated Glenbard (Ill.) East High School, where she lettered in basketball and track and field. Her hobbies include traveling and baking.



DR. ERIC MCCARTY
Head Team Physician

Dr. Eric McCarty is in his 19th 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, 56, is 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



with his wife Marcia, his son Bryce, and his daughter Morgan. His hobbies include hiking, water skiing, golf and travel. He was the recipient of the Alumni C Club's "Honorary C" award in 2016 for his dedication to the department.



DR. SOURAV PODDAR

Medical Director/Team Physician

Dr. Sourav Poddar is his 22nd year working with the CU athletic program, his 20th with the football program as a team physician and his sixth as the athletic department's medical director, for which he was named on July 1, 2016; the Pac-12 Conference required someone from each member school to hold

the designation.

Poddar, 49, is an associate professor in the departments of Family Medicine and Orthopedics at the CU School of Medicine, and sees patients at the CU Sports Medicine Center. He also serves as the Director of the Primary Care Sports Medicine (PCSM) Program. He has served in leadership roles for the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the AMSSM Foundation. He has also served on the NCAA's Competitive Safeguards Committee and currently sits on the Pac-12's Brain Trauma Task Force, serving as the chair for the latter.

He is board certified in family practice, with a CAQ certificate in sports medicine. His specific areas of medical interest within the realm of sports medicine include heat illnesses, sports-related concussion and special expertise in the management of acute and chronic joint and soft tissue injury, including novel approaches using biologic therapies. 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, and in 2018, he was the recipient of the Alumni C Club's "Honorary C" award for his long-time dedication to the department. *(His name is pronounced shuh-rav poe-dar.)*



RACHEL RIPKEN

Director of Community Outreach

Rachel Ripken is in her 14th 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, on July 1, 2021 she was promoted to the assistant athletic director for community outreach. She had been

named director of community outreach on August 1, 2018, which entails most of her duties as Community Outreach Manager, which she has done since being promoted 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 Ralpie's Kids Roundup. She manages the Ralpie live mascot program and oversees CU's spirit groups, which include cheer, dance and the costumed mascot, Chip. She also coordinates coach and student-athlete appearances and Leadership Through Service opportunities in the community and is the staff advisor to CU's Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAC), and has an active role with the group in coordinating the annual CUSPY's (CU Sports Performers of the Year).

Ripken, 31, 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. Her younger brother, Ryan, is currently in the Orioles' minor league farm system (AAA ball with the Norfolk Tides of the International League).



ADAM RINGLER

Assistant Athletic Trainer & Head of Research

Adam Ringler is in his fifth year as a member of CU's athletic department, his first as an assistant athletic trainer after four years as an assistant director of strength and conditioning for volleyball and women's basketball. He also has attained the title of

head of research, as his major responsibilities have included the integration of sport-science for all sports, which involves the coordination and utilization of cutting-edge technologies and high-performance management principles within an innovative strength and conditioning program.

He joined the staff in the summer of 2017 after spending the better part of eight years (2010-17) at Wichita State University as an assistant strength and conditioning coach, where he worked directly with the women's basketball, volleyball, softball, women's tennis and women's golf teams.

Ringler earned his bachelor's ('08) and master's degrees ('10) in Kinesiology from Michigan State where he also served time as a volunteer and graduate assistant coach from 2006-10. He worked closely with the volleyball team and directly oversaw the strength and conditioning program for wrestling, helping the squad place six NCAA qualifiers and awarding one All-American. Ringler also assisted with the strength and conditioning programs for 17 Michigan State Olympic sports and assisted with the men's and women's basketball teams.

In high school Ringler earned all-state recognition in wrestling. His hobbies include hiking, sport science research, computer programming, and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. A native of Niles, Mich., Ringler and his wife, Brittney, have a daughter, Breslin, and a son, Bear.



ALEC ROUSSOS

Assistant Athletic Director/ Administration Operations

Alec Roussos is in his first year as the assistant athletic director for administration operations, as he was promoted to the position on July 1, 2021. He is in his third year overall as a full-time staff member, as he previously held the title of the director of

operations for the athletic director's office, as he was named to that position on July 1, 2019.

In his role, he oversees the day to day operations for athletic director Rick George, disseminates pertinent information to CU's athletic staff and serves as the first point of contact in addition to providing oversight of the research team. He also coordinates pulling together most aspects and updating CU's current strategic plan which runs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. He previously served three years as the graduate assistant for the AD's office, which followed working as a summer intern in 2014 and 2015 before assuming the grad assistant role in the summer of 2016.

Roussos graduated from the University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business in May 2019 with his master's degree in Business Administration. He earned his bachelor's degree in Environmental Biology in 2016 from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, where he was a member of the school's championship lacrosse team. Over his four years on the squad, McGill had a record of 52-4-1 which included two national championships and two national runner-up finishes. Roussos, a two-time team captain, was awarded the Evans Huber Most Dedicated Player during his senior year on the 15-0 national championship team.

He was born September 22 in Golden, Colo., but his family moved frequently during his youth and he eventually graduated from Park City (Utah) High School, where he lettered in lacrosse. His hobbies include golfing and spending time with his friends and family.



TRACY TRIPP

Senior Associate AD/Human Resources

Tracy Tripp is in her 14th year as a member of CU athletic department, as she was most recently promoted to senior associate athletic director for human resources on July 1, 2021; she was named associate AD over the same area on August 1, 2018. She is a member of athletic director Rick George's executive team and is entering her fifth season as the sport supervisor for the women's lacrosse program.

Tripp returned to her alma mater where starred on the women's basketball two decades earlier on August 1, 2008 as the director of operations for the program she helped lead to its first Big Eight title in 1989. After four years in that position, she transitioned out of coaching into a new role as Sustainability Manager and Athletic Facilities Assistant. On October 8, 2013, Tripp moved into the role as Coordinator of Human Resources & Payroll for Athletics.

Tripp spent 13 seasons (1995-08) as an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Denver, and was promoted to associate head coach for her final season there. She assisted the Pioneer's transition from NCAA Division II to Division I in 1998, and just four seasons later (2001), helped guide DU into its first NCAA Tournament. Considered an excellent teacher of the game, Tripp was responsible for the development of both guard and post play, scouting of opponents, in-game strategy, and served as the camp director for all summer camps. Tripp's other duties included recruiting, alumni relations and academic support. She was responsible for the development of DU's most notable center, Misa Pavlickova, the 2001 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, the 24th overall pick of the 2001 WNBA Draft and a member of the 2004 Czech Republic Olympic team, as well as other numerous all-conference players.

Prior to joining the staff at DU, Tripp spent one season as an assistant coach at San Diego State (1994-95), helping the Aztecs to the Western Athletic Conference title and earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament in working under head coach Beth Burns, who was a CU assistant while she was a player. She also spent one season (1993-94) as an assistant basketball and volleyball coach at Western State College in Gunnison. Before embarking on her collegiate coaching career, Tripp served as head girls basketball coach at Boulder's Fairview High from 1990-93, leading Knights to three-straight Class 5A state tournaments and an overall record of 54-18. Tripp also taught physical education, health and science during her tenure.

As a standout performer on Ceal Barry's early Colorado teams, she was a third-team Freshman All-American for the 1985-86 season, second-team All-Big Eight as a sophomore and honorable mention All-Conference as a junior. She also garnered second-team All-Big Eight Tournament honors as a senior in 1989, when the then-Lady Buffs defeated Oklahoma State in the title game, 98-92, in double overtime to complete the first undefeated run by any team in conference history, as CU was 14-0 in the regular season. She started 117 of 121 games in her career, averaging 13.0 points per game in not missing a single game in earning four letters; her 1,574 points were the fourth-most in program history at the time of her graduation, and still rank 11th on the list. To this day, she still co-holds the record for the most points scored in a game when she tallied 38 at Oklahoma State her sophomore season.

Tripp graduated from CU in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology, and earned her teaching certificate from CU the following year. She was a three-time Academic All-Big Eight team member.

A native of Fort Collins, Colo., she graduated from Fort Collins High School where she lettered in basketball and volleyball. Her hobbies include cycling, mountain biking, hiking, skiing, golf, snowshoeing and watching sports. She was twice recognized as a Colorado Sportswoman of the Year, first for her senior year at Fort Collins in 1985, and the second following her senior season at CU in 1989.



LAUREN UNREIN

Associate AD/Leadership & Career Development

Lauren Unrein is in her first year as the associate athletic director for CU's Scripps Leadership and Career Development program, promoted to the position on July 1, 2021. She previously had served as the assistant director in the area since March 2018.

Unrein, 31, has been the leader in the developing the "Buff's with a Brand" program, instituted in the summer of 2020 ahead of the long-awaited NCAA

allowing student-athletes to benefit from their name, image and likeness (NIL).

She originally joined the athletic department staff as a development assistant in the Buff Club in 2013. She eventually was promoted to an associate director of development and then the annual fund director for the Buff Club which included being responsible for the National Buff Club Cabinet Program. She then transitioned into working exclusively in leadership and career development, which in her roles with the Buff Club she had been supporting and focusing on student-athlete career readiness.

Unrein graduated from CU in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in English and Political Science. She was a member of CU's club swimming team (backstroke and individual medley), helping the team win three collegiate club championships and at one time set the individual record in the 200-meter backstroke. Also a member of the 200-meter free relay team that still holds the school record, she was selected as CU's Club Sports Athlete of the Year as a senior in 2011.

After CU, Unrein went on to earn her masters in Sport Administration from the University of Northern Colorado in 2012. While in graduate school, she worked as an Academic and Life Skills Coordinator for the UNC Athletic Department. She worked as an associate for Greenhouse Scholars in Boulder after graduating.

Born Lauren Fowler on November 20, 1989 in Colorado Springs, she graduated from the city's Wasson High School where she lettered in swimming (she often swam at the U.S. Olympic Training Center). Her hobbies include all things outdoors, including hiking, swimming, and fly-fishing. She is married to Scott Unrein, CU football's operations and recruiting assistant. Several family members have graduated from CU (she is a fourth generation Buff), including her very well-known second cousin to CU fans, ESPN's Chris Fowler.



ALEXIS WILLIAMS

Senior Associate AD/External Operations

Alexis Williams returned to CU as the senior associate athletic director for external operations, assuming the role on August 1, 2020. In her position, she oversees marketing, promotions, ticket operations and BuffVision. She is also a member of athletic director Rick George's executive team and is the sport supervisor for the women's tennis program.

Williams is in her second stint at CU, returning from her native city and the University of Houston, where she had served as the Cougars' associate athletics director for ticket sales and operations for the previous year-and-a-half after her first time with the Buffaloes. She also started the Houston's diversity and inclusion council.

She had first joined the Colorado staff as the associate AD for ticket operations, sales and services in March 2015, and was promoted to associate athletic director over the same areas on August 1, 2018. She was also an active member on the department's Diversity & Inclusion Excellence Council.

She originally 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.

Williams 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.

A native of Houston, Texas, she 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.



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