



# ATHLETICS NEWS

Fall 2019

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Chase  
Carlson '20



Jordan  
Baer '19



Stephanie  
Day '20



Faith  
Kilgore '22



Mandee  
Middleton  
'19

Colorado Christian University athletes strive to compete with excellence, glorify God, and impact the lives of those with whom they interact. In 2018-2019 these goals were realized through the efforts of individual athletes and teams alike. CCU was awarded the **RMAC Sportsmanship Cup** by coaches and athletes for the third consecutive year and the seventh time in the 13-year-history of the cup.

Four teams in particular excelled last season, achieving historical program-best finishes. **Women's Softball** finished second in the league standings, **Women's Golf** posted a third-place finish in the RMAC Tournament, and the **Men's and Women's Cross Country** teams finished eighth and ninth respectively in the NCAA Division II Regional meet.

Individually, **Chase Carlson** '20 finished as the No. 3 overall individual golfer in the NCAA

Division II National Tournament, the best finish ever by a CCU golfer, and was named an All-American.

On the women's side, **Jordan Baer** '19, was named to the NCAA South Central All-Region Basketball Team. Baer concluded her season as the RMAC's second leading scorer. **Stephanie Day** '20 was named a NCAA All-American for a second consecutive year for her outstanding work on the softball diamond. **Faith Kilgore** '22 was tabbed RMAC Freshman of the Year for her excellent work on the golf course, while **Mandee Middleton** '19 became the first CCU Woman's XC runner to qualify for NCAA Nationals since 2013.

CCU athletes also represented Christ well off the court and field. **Men's Soccer, Basketball, and Women's Softball** partnered with **Team IMPACT** to sign three children with debilitating medical conditions to become part of their

respective teams. Team IMPACT connects young people who have severe medical conditions with collegiate teams. CCU athletes adopted these youngsters and provided loving and supportive communities for them, while granting the children's wish to personally experience collegiate athletics. Teams also spent an afternoon each month serving at a community food bank hosted by a local United Methodist Church. Additionally, **Women's Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, and Soccer** will represent Jesus through **cross-cultural mission trips** in 2019-2020.

Finally, 60 CCU student-athletes were recognized on their respective **RMAC academic all-conference teams**. Women's Softball and Golf tied for the inaugural **CCU Athletics Academic Cup Award** — honoring the team who posted the highest cumulative GPA and the largest GPA improvement from the previous season — and split the \$2,500 prize money.

Heading into 2019-2020, CCU athletes will be competing on several upgraded facilities. A brand new volleyball/basketball court was installed in the Event Center (pictured on the front). This new floor, combined with new paint, banners, protective pads, refurbished locker room facilities and a new video streaming system equipped with artificial intelligence, will significantly enhance the fan and athlete experience at volleyball and basketball games.

Join us for a game on **Alumni and Parent Weekend, September 27-28**, to see our new facilities.



Brian Wall  
Director of Athletics





# COACH SPOTLIGHT

## Brad Camp Brings Fire to Cougars' Coaching Ranks

Walk into the men's soccer office at Colorado Christian University and one thing becomes evident very quickly — head coach Brad Camp has a huge passion for the game.

"Coming to Colorado Christian joins my two passions — talking about Jesus and coaching competitive soccer. It is such a thrill," Camp said. "CCU is a great location, plays in a good conference, and has potential to grow leaps and bounds."

Nearly burned out in high school, Camp's excitement for soccer was re-engaged during his collegiate playing days at Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.). That fire continues as he enters his first season at the helm of the Cougar program. Camp joins CCU after spending two seasons at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn., where he helped capture a Southern Conference regular season title in 2017 and a runner-up finish in 2018.

"I have a unique history with soccer. I was a good high school player, and got a little burned out," Camp said. "I stepped away for a while and tried other endeavors. However, I never found anything I love like soccer."

Camp has thrown himself into improving the Cougar program. Anyone who follows the team will notice a distinct change as the 2019 campaign begins.

"We want to be a team that takes pride in being hard to beat — a team that doesn't give up chances while creating chances of our own," Camp said.

He added that a solid foundation requires strong recruiting.

"The No. 1 thing that will help put this program on a good trajectory is recruiting — and to recruit the world. In our first recruiting class we have guys who have lived in New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland, Mexico, and a variety of places in the United States," Camp said. "We are placing an emphasis on bringing in quality recruits."

A committed follower of Christ, Camp wants to be a leader of men aiming to serve God all while putting the men's soccer program in a place of sustained growth.

"We want to be competitive and held to a high standard. We take care of each other spiritually while taking a professional approach in all we do as a team."





### A PEEK AT WHAT'S NEW

Just as CCU's main campus continues to evolve, highlighted by the August dedication of the 330-bed **Rockmont Hall** residential building, Cougar athletic facilities are continually being improved. Recent upgrades have included a **new court in the Event Center** and a **new turf playing surface at All Star Park**. The new court integrates mountain and city imagery with CCU branding to provide a unique environment for volleyball and men's and women's basketball. The new turf at All Star Park brings CCU branding and a safer playing surface to the home of Cougar baseball.





# ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

## Stephanie Day '20: A Leader On Campus, In the Classroom, and On the Diamond

Stephanie Day is someone that everyone at Colorado Christian should know, she has been a two-time All American with the softball team, was the president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and in her senior year will be serving as the student body president.

Raised in Las Vegas by parents who are both educators, Day prioritized education and involvement from a young age. At CCU, Day knew she wanted to be involved in student government and started as an athletic senator. During her junior year, Day was elected SAAC president. She credits her attendance at the RMAC SAAC conference representing CCU with inspiring new events, including her "Amazing Race" event last year.

"A lot of times we focus on creating events for incoming freshman. I wanted to focus on making an event that appealed to a variety of groups on campus," Day said. "Both athletes and non-athletes loved the event and I felt like it was a good way to involve everyone. It was a good first step for me to understand how to appeal to wide audiences."

Day is double majoring in business administration and accounting. One of the big draws to the business school for her was that over 95 percent of undergrad students receive job offers by the end of junior year. She is currently an intern at Spicer Jeffries Accounting Firm and hopes to receive a full-time offer after graduation.

On the field, Day shows the same drive and willingness to go above and beyond that she does in the classroom and on the political scene. As a junior in high school, Day noticed several players from the Las Vegas area playing softball at CCU. She emailed the CCU coach, and after watching her play, he offered her a scholarship on the spot. Since joining the team, Day has been named to the All-American team twice, hit 30 home runs, and drove in 161 runs.

Going into her senior season, Day is excited about the team. "We have a lot of really talented freshman coming in who can play multiple positions, and play them all well. There is a lot of motivation to try and get that starting spot, we always want to be pushing each other to be our best."





# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

## Regan Mullen '13, Cross Country

Although she only competed in a Cougar uniform for two seasons, Regan Mullen left quite a mark on the program.

Mullen earned All-American status after the 2012 season. She finished 22nd at the NCAA Division II National Championships to earn the accolade. At the time, Mullen was just the third NCAA All-American in school history.

The native of Colorado Springs was named the RMAC Freshman of the Year as well that season. She finish seventh at the conference championship; still the best finish by a Colorado Christian runner at the event. Mullen bettered her effort at the NCAA South Central Region Championships by placing fifth.

She earned all-conference and all-region honors in each of the two seasons she competed.

In 2013 she was selected to compete for Team USA at the 2013 NACAC Cross Country Championship in Jamaica.

Currently she is working towards her Ph.D. in sports administration at the University of Northern Colorado.



## 2007-08 Men's Basketball Team

The 2007-08 Men's Basketball team was the first in school history to earn a berth to the NCAA Division II postseason. It compiled an 18-win season with a 13-6 mark in RMAC contests and a tie for the league's East Division championship, eventually falling in the RMAC tournament championship game. The Cougars earned an at-large spot in the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

Individually, Brian Stamer '08 B.S., '15 MBA was named the conference's Player of the Year while David Daniels was recognized as the league's Coach of the Year. In addition to his RMAC accolades, Stamer was selected as an all-region player. Stamer has already earned individual induction into the school's athletic Hall of Fame.

Rory Morgan '08, Justin Neuhaus '10, and Nate Caulk '08 also earned all-conference honors. Neuhaus is also an individual member of the Hall of Fame.

*"This team and individual worked extremely hard to gain the success they earned and it is incumbent upon us to recognize them," Brian Wall, CCU athletic director, said.*

# ALUMNI & PARENT WEEKEND

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Make your plans now to join us as we reconnect with old friends, teammates, and professors; root on current athletes; honor past accomplishments; and rekindle our Cougar spirit.

## FRIDAY, SEPT 27

### Women's Soccer vs. New Mexico Highlands University

10:00 a.m., Trailblazer Stadium

### Men's Soccer vs. Fort Lewis College

12:30 p.m., Trailblazer Stadium

### Classes of 2004-2019 Reunion at the Colorado Rockies

5:00 – 10:00 p.m. (game at 6:10 p.m.)  
Coors Field, Rooftop Deck  
\$20 per person



Join graduates of the last 15 years for a night of networking, baseball, food, and fireworks! Your ticket includes game admission and a \$20 food/beverage voucher for use anywhere in the park; limit 2 tickets per household.

### Women's Volleyball vs. Chadron State

7:00 p.m., CCU Event Center

## SATURDAY, SEPT 28

### Parent Brunch with President Sweeting

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
Anschutz Student Center Great Room  
\$10 per adult; \$5 for CCU students and kids 17 and under

Join other CCU parents and their student(s) for a delicious breakfast, musical entertainment featuring students from our School of Music, and a chance to hear from President Don Sweeting.

### Alumni Athletics Games – Volleyball and Softball

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Volleyball at the CCU Event Center  
Softball at Lakewood Park

### Athletic Alumni Golf Outing

9:30 a.m. Check-In, Fox Hollow  
\$50 per person

### Athletics Mentorship Brunch

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., CCU Event Center  
Free event

Athletics alumni who are interested in mentoring a current student should contact Cassidy Burke, [cburke@ccu.edu](mailto:cburke@ccu.edu).

### Women's Volleyball vs. MSU Denver

3:00 p.m., CCU Event Center

### Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner

5:00 p.m. – Networking reception  
5:30 p.m. – Doors open  
6:00 p.m. – Dinner and program  
Anschutz Student Center Great Room

Alumni, parents, and families are invited to enjoy a delicious dinner and celebrate the 2019 inductees into CCU's Athletics Hall of Fame.

### The Greatest Show Carnival and Balloon Glow

6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Leprino Hall  
Dinner buffet is \$10 for adults; \$5 for CCU students and kids 17 and under

### Balloon Glow and Games

Leprino Hall lawn  
Free admission

A CCU tradition! Balloons, live music, and carnival games — fun for the whole family! Opportunities for tethered rides will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

**Join us! Register at**  
**[CCU.EDU/ALUMNI](http://CCU.EDU/ALUMNI)**



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