



HISTORY

- Founded in 1974 by the YWCA of Metropolitan Denver, in cooperation with Gart Brothers Sporting Goods Co., Sportswomen of Colorado is recognized as the first community-based organization in the nation to honor athletes at the state level.
- Twenty-eight awards, plus a surprise "Sportswoman of the Year" award, were presented at the inaugural 1975 banquet drawing 225 persons to the YWCA Cultural Center.
- Masters Sports awards were launched in 1979, the SWOC Hall of Fame made its debut at the 1982 banquet and the first athlete with a disability sports award was given at the 1983 banquet.
- In 1984, following the 10th anniversary banquet attended by a capacity Marriott Southeast Grand Ballroom crowd of 450, the SWOC organization became independent with the support of corporate and individual sponsors.
- Through last year's 45th awards banquet, more than 1,700 women have been spotlighted for sports achievement with over 500 in attendance at our annual awards celebration.
- A SWOC girls' scholarship program, funding sports camp experiences for deserving girls continues after being initiated in the summer of 2001.

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Annual Awards Celebration

Honoring Colorado's Outstanding Female Athletes Since 1974

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— Mission Statement —

*To promote, honor and empower
Colorado girls and women in sport.*

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SPORTSWOMEN OF COLORADO SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Sportswomen of Colorado is committed to promoting educational opportunities for girls in sports. The Girls Camp program was launched in 2001 thanks to seed money donated by the Pepsi Bottling Group of Denver. Summer sports camp scholarship opportunities have been awarded to girls residing in Colorado who are at least 9 years of age through 13 years of age. In the program's inaugural year, 22 girls enjoyed the opportunity to attend a summer sports camp. Over the years the Sportswomen of Colorado Camp Scholarship Program has sent over 850 young female athletes to the sports camp of their choice.

In 2001, Helen M. McLoraine made a pace setting endowment gift of \$100,000 to support the Girls Camp Scholarship Program. As a result of this gift, the program continues to enjoy a strong financial base annually. Additional funding is supported through generous donations by individuals and corporate sponsors.

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Colorado Sports Hall of Fame



Sportswomen of Colorado is pleased to have developed a partnership with the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame and to be featured in a display at the CSHOF Museum celebrating Colorado girls and women in sports. Despite their different formats, the two organizations both honor individuals who merit recognition for their accomplishments and leadership in sports. Both also provide programs supporting youth participation in sports.

It is open to visitors free of charge from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day, between Labor Day and Memorial Day it is open Thursday - Saturday and the museum is open on Mondays after a Sunday Bronco game.

For information about the CSHOF Museum and its exhibits, or to arrange a stadium tour, call 720-258-3888. Museum parking is in West Lot C.

Forms for nominating award winners are distributed to schools and sports organizations and appear on *The Sportswomen of Colorado* web page: www.sportswomenofcolorado.org.

Welcome to the

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Sunday, March 15, 2020
Hyatt Regency Tech Center
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Special Guest: Sarah Thomas
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7:00 p.m. Awards Presentation

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Award Winners

BASKETBALL

Jana Van Gytenbeek – Cherry Creek High School
5A Colorado and Joint Effort Player of the Year, led team to State Championship with winning final shot, won national title with club team

Jaelynn Smith – Metropolitan State University of Denver
Only player in NCAA Div II to average at least 15.6 pts, 6.8 rebounds, 6.2 assist and 2.1 steals, All-RMAC 1st Team, set MSU-D single season assist record

CLIMBING

Brooke Raboutou – Boulder, Colorado
Member 1st ever US National Sports Climbing Team, 1st person to be named to the US Olympic Sports Climbing Team. 4X Youth World Climbing Champion

CROSS COUNTRY

Sierra Bower – Basalt High School
Class 3A State Cross Country Champion; first State Cross Country Champion in Basalt High School history. Set 3A state course record by 20 seconds; fastest overall regardless of classification

Stephanie Cotter – Adams State University
Part of NCAA National Championship team, broke meet record, going under 20 minutes, Div II Scholar Athlete of the Year

DIVING

Franny Cable – Arapahoe High School
5A State Champion and Diver of the Year, Centennial League Champion and School Record Holder, Broke League and Pool Records previously set in 1997

Brittany Dixon – Colorado Mesa University
NCAA Div II All-American 1 & 3 meter, RMAC Championship Diver of Meet, RMAC Champion – 1-meter and 1st Team All-RMAC (1 & 3-meter)

FIELD HOCKEY

Katharine Merrifield – Colorado Academy
1st in points – 59, 1st in goals 25, most goals in the last 10 years; #5 in assists with 9; CHSSA/Max Preps All-State First Team

GOLF

Hailey Schalk – Holy Family High School
3x State Title winner (2 in 3A, 1 in 4A); 3rd in age group at the Joanne Winter Arizona Silver Bells Championship

Nominations Committee



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Susie Wargin, 103.5 The Fox and iHeart Radio
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Award Winners

GOLF

Kirsty Hodgkins – University of Colorado
Qualified for 2019 East Lansing Regional placing 14th, 2019 3rd straight Regional Championship, placed 7th in Colorado Women's Open and was top amateur

GYMNASTICS

Kaylie Berens – Pomona High School
Led Pomona High School to 5th consecutive 5A State Title; won the Individual All-Round for the second time; At States placed 1st on beam and vault
Lynzee Brown – University of Denver
Led DU to 4th place in NCAA Championships; co-Champion on Floor Exercise at Championship; 8 All-American honors combined in regular and post season

HEPTATHLON

Anna Hall – Valor Christian High School
Won her second straight U20 USA Title in the Outdoor Heptathlon qualifying for Team USA Pan American Games where she won the U20 Title – setting national and meet record

HIGHLAND GAMES

Cindy "CJ" Johnson – Englewood, Colorado
Masters World Champion, 55-59 age group, 1st Place, Women's Masters at Pikes Peak Celtic Festival and Scoffest, Broken Arrow, OK

ICE HOCKEY

Milan Haberl – Air Academy High School
High School, Club and Austrian National Team player, played and started on boys' team in High School

INDOOR SKYDIVING

Sydney Kennett – Parker, Colorado
US National Freestyle Champion – 2nd year in a row, qualified to represent US Indoor Skydiving Team at World Championships, winning a bronze medal

KAYAKING

Katherine Fankhouser – Lyons High School
Earned Bronze medal at ICF Freestyle Whitewater Kayaking Championships in Spain. Nominated for 2019 U21 Female Paddler of the Year by Kayak Session Magazine, 2019 Junior Women's Freestyle Kayak National Champion

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Award Winners

LACROSSE

Sloane Murphy – Colorado Academy
57 goals; 88 shots on goal; 4 games shot 100%; total 76 points for the year;
In 18 games averaged 3 goals per game

Miranda Stinson – University of Colorado
Led Pac-12 in goals, goals per game, free-position goals per game,
points per game, shots per game and shots on goal per game.
Named Attacker of the Year

RUNNING

Sage Alexandra Hurta – University of Colorado
Set school record in women's 800, ran 4th fastest 1,500 in CU history,
2nd female in school history to earn All-American status, CU's top finisher
in every race at NCAA's

Dani Jones – University of Colorado
NCAA 5,000-Meter Champion, 6th ever 4-time National Champion for CU,
PAC-12 5,000-Meter Champion

SHOOTING SPORTS

Morgan Kreb – Academy Online High School – The Village
In competitive Rifle Shooting 1st Place individual and team .22 for High
School Nationals, 2nd Place with air rifle team. Junior Olympics state and national

SKIING

Mikaela Tommy – University of Colorado
2-time All-American, 2 time 1st Team All-American and All-RMISA performer;
#32 GS Skier in world; won 3 straight GS races – 1st CU Alpine skier to do so

SOCCER

Lisa Long – Cheyenne Mountain High School
Led her high school to the 4A Championship, scoring both goals in the
State Championship. Was Gazette and CHSAA 4A Player of the Year

Taylor Kornieck – University of Colorado
1st CU player to surpass 100 career points, averaged 1.36 points per
game; 1st Team All-Region and All-Conference; career best 30 points – 12
goals 6 assists

Award Winners

WRESTLING

Angel Rios – Valley High School
One of two female wrestlers to make the podium in the CHSAA Wrestling
Championships. Placed 4th in the 3A 103-pound bracket

Jaslynn Gallegos – Skyview High School
3 varsity letters in boys wrestling; 1st female to place at CHSAA Boys
Wrestling Championships; placed 5th in the 3A 103-pound bracket

Special Awards

ALL-ROUND – Remington Ross

JOAN BIRKLAND LEADERSHIP AWARD – Lisa Johnson

COACH OF THE YEAR/HIGH SCHOOL – Sara Crawford

COACH OF THE YEAR/COLLEGE – Melissa Kutcher-Rinehart

COACH OF THE YEAR/MASTERS – Gail Klock

DOROTHY MAUK PIONEER AWARD – Karen Johnson

INSPIRATIONAL – Jennifer Schubert-Akin

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – Jennifer Kupcho

SWEDE JOHNSON SPIRIT AWARD – Mountain Vista Poms Team

TEAM OF THE YEAR/COLLEGE – University of Denver Gymnastics Team

TEAM OF THE YEAR/HIGH SCHOOL – Colorado Academy Lacrosse Team

TRAILBLAZER – Francesca Belibi

2019 Hall of Fame

Dani Jones – Running
Hailey Schalk – Golf

Sydney Kennett – Indoor Skydiving
Sarah Thomas – Open Water Swimming

Award Winners

TRACK AND FIELD

Taylor James – Niwot High School
4A State Champion and All-State in 200m, 800m, 4x400 Relay, State Track Northern Conference and Boulder County Track Athlete of the Year.

Christel Donley – Colorado Springs
Outdoor Masters Nationals (80+ age group) - 5 sport National Champion, Indoor Masters Nationals – 3 sport National Champion and 2 sports 2nd place, NCCWMA Champion 3 sports, 2nd place 3 sports, 3rd place 2 sports

TRIATHLON

Judith Laney – Denver, Colorado
In 65-69 age group - 2nd Place – ITU World Championships-Olympic Distance, 1st Place in all triathlons entered, ranked 2nd in USA Triathlon National Rankings

ULTRA-DISTANCE RUNNING

Maggie Guterl – Durango, Colorado
Ran 250 miles in 60 hours – 53- minute 4-mile laps – last person standing wins the Big’s Backyard Ultra in Bell Buckle, TN. She was last person standing!

ULTRA-IRONMAN TRIATHLON

Laura Knoblach – Boulder, Colorado
World record holder for a Double-Deca Ultra Triathlon – 48 mile swim in a pool, 2,240 miles on the bike in 4.3 mile laps, 524 mile run in 1.5 mile laps – 26 days

VOLLEYBALL

Gianna Bartalo – Lewis-Palmer High School
2019 4A CHSSA Player of Year and 1st Team, led 4A with 7.3 digs per set, CCGS 4A All-State Team, CHSCA and The Show All-State Games, Broke career dig record by several hundred

Katie Oleksak – Colorado State University
Mountain West pre-season and regular season (3rd time) Player of the Year; CSU All-Time assist leader; earned AVCA All-American Honorable Mention

VOLLEYBALL-BEACH

Emily Stockman – Colorado Springs, Colorado
End of season rankings – 2nd on Team USA, 9th in World Rankings (FIVB), in running for 2020 Olympic Team, AVP Championship Title in Seattle

Award Winners

SOFTBALL

Katherine Sackett – Erie High School
4A State Champions, All-Conference, All-Conference Player of the Year, BOCO Preps All-Region Team and Player of the Year, CHSAA 4A Player of the Year

Ann Marie Torres – Colorado Mesa University
1st Team All-American (NFCA & D2CCA), RMAC Player of the Year and led in batting avg, on-base percentage, walks and RBIs

SWIMMING

Coleen Gillilan – Fossil Ridge High School
5A Swimmer of the Year; State Champion in 200 yd and 500 yd freestyle, winning by over 2 seconds in both; State Champion in 400 yd relay with sister

Maddie Ward – Colorado State University
Set records in 100m and 200m breaststroke; won Mountain West Conference in 200m breaststroke; made NCAA B cut in 100m and 200m, All-Academic honors

SWIMMING - OPEN WATER

Sarah Thomas – Conifer, Colorado
Swam Cook Strait-14 miles/14:09:00, Aquatic Park/Angel Island-10 miles/6:09:05, Blue Mesa Reservoir 32 miles/15:26, English Channel 4X-130 miles/54:10:00

SWIMMING - PARALYMPIAN

Sophia Herzog – Poncha Springs, Colorado
2-time National Champion in 200m IM and 50 butterfly, named to National Team for 5th time. World Championships 4th in 100 breaststroke and 8th 200 IM

TENNIS

Valerie Negin – Smokey Hill High School
17-0 season; 5A State Champion; first appearance at State Tournament; Colorado Community Media South Metro Girls Tennis Player of the Year

Rebecca Weissmann – USC
Team Captain; 12-11 in singles; 16-13 overall in doubles; played in a variety of positions; ITA Scholar Athlete and PAC12 All-Academic First Team

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H A L L O F F A M E

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|------|--|------|--|------|---|------|--|
| 1981 | Jayne Gibson, Volleyball
Sharon Powers, Bowling | 1992 | Essie Garrett, Special Awards
Kathy Zimmerman, Badminton | 2002 | Audrey Duboc, Squash
Nicole Leimbach, Tennis
Joan Powell, Special Awards
Sarah Will, Skiing | 2011 | Michal Bower, Diving
Marianne Martino, Race Walking
Taylor Ritzel, Rowing |
| 1982 | Elaine Cheric, Fencing
Dana Howe, Golf
Patricia Jo Martinez, Swimming | 1993 | Ceal Barry, Coach of the Year
Kitty Fowler, Masters Skiing
Cynthia Newsome, Track
Amy Van Dyken, Swimming
Deborah Van Orden, Race Walking | 2003 | Karen Gallagher, Tennis
Kami Keiter, Softball
Olivia Sandham, Bowling | 2012 | Bonnie Brandon, Swimming
Emma Coburn, Track and Field
Adeline Gray, Wrestling
Annie Kunz, All-Around |
| 1983 | Karen Beer, Gymnastics
Tanya Haave, Basketball
Chrissy Lewis, Nordic Skiing | 1994 | Jennifer Armbruster, Goalball
Karen Burton, Swimming
Theresa Daus-Weber, Ultra-Running
Shelly Greathouse, All-Around
Rebekah McDowell, Running
Andrea Melde, Soccer
JoAnne Quiring, Judo
Shelley Sheetz, Basketball | 2004 | Betsy Kalmeyer, Ultra-Running
Ann Lantz, Triathlon
Fran Munnelly, Soccer | 2013 | Taylor Fogg, Triathlon |
| 1984 | Connie Carpenter Phinney, Cycling
April Heinrichs, Soccer
Lo Hunter, Coach of the Year
Bette Poppers, Road Racing | 1995 | Pearl Mehl, Running
Diane Palmason, Running | 2005 | Danelle Ballengee, Adventure Racing
Susan Jennings, Golf/Coach
Alicia Salas, Tennis
Courtney Zablocki, Luge | 2014 | Valarie Allman, Track and Field
Alexa Beckwith, Diving
Elise Cranny, Cross Country
Becky Hammon, Basketball
Ellen Hart, Triathlon
Shalaya Kipp, Track and Field
Mikaela Shiffrin, Skiing |
| 1985 | Rhonda Blanford, Track
Maureen Custy, Road Racing | 1996 | Elva Martinez-Dryer, Running | 2006 | Adams State College, Cross-Country
Ashley Nu'u, Volleyball
Dana Pounds, Track and Field | 2015 | Kathy Alfino – Triathlon
Nicole Hensley – Ice Hockey
Haleigh Washington – Volleyball |
| 1986 | Yolanda Johnson, Track | 1997 | Evie Dennis, Special Awards
Sue Latshaw, Triathlon
Kristie Peterson, Rodeo
Becky Varnum, Tennis | 2007 | Sara Anundsen, Tennis
Hannah Bower, Gymnastics
Christie Zinanti, Softball | 2016 | Katie Rainsberger – Cross Country, Running
Jennifer Kupcho – Golf
Kendall Chase – Rowing
Janine Beckie – Soccer
Mallory Pugh – Soccer
Danielle Mack – Triathlon |
| 1987 | Insook Bhushan, Table Tennis
Wendy Lucero, Diving
Jeanette Paddock, Tennis | 1998 | Diane Wendt, Special Awards | 2008 | Jenny Barringer, Track and Field
Carol Callan, Special Awards
Nikki Marshall, Soccer
Lucie Zikova, Alpine Skiing | 2017 | Maya Evans – Track and Field
Lindsey Horan – Soccer
Samantha Martinelli – Tennis
Michaela Onyenwere – Basketball
Carson Saaybe – Shooting
Bridget Sutter – Lacrosse |
| 1988 | Kirsten Hanssen, Triathlon
Prudy Hilger, Running
Lynda McGehee, Skiing | 1999 | Judy Barnett, Special Awards
Dominque Calloway, Track
Alison Dunlap, Cycling
Libbie Hickman, Running
Brianna Loecher, Swimming
Sally Richards, Masters Race Walking | 2009 | Christine Bullard, Special Awards
Gretchen Bleiler, Snowboarding
Caroline Cryer, Lacrosse
Kim Eaton, Golf
Danielle Foxhoven, Soccer
Jessica Lopez, Gymnastics
Diana Lopez, Basketball
Lauren Miller, Field Hockey
Cindi Toepel, Masters Triathlon
Lindsey Vonn, Skiing | 2018 | Zoe Bartel – Swimming
Katie Compton – Cyclocross
Courtney Dauwalter – Ultra-Distance Running
Arria Minor – Track-Sprints |
| 1989 | Alice Barron, Special Awards
Amy Brookover, Swimming
Jill Jakowich, Soccer
Debbie McMullen, Bowling
Bridget Turner, Basketball | 2000 | Sarah Castle, Swimming
Aleisha Cramer, Soccer
Alexis Joyce, Track
Nancy Smalley, Masters Running | 2010 | Jessica Andrus, Diving
Judyann Cummings, Triathlon
Tricia Downing, Paratriathlon
Missy Franklin, Swimming
Marge Hickman, Endurance Running | | |
| 1990 | Carol Baily, Tennis
Erica Jude, Swimming
Jill Trenary, Figure Skating
Kathleen Winegardner, Tennis | 2001 | Linda Delk, Special Awards
Brittany Hochevar, Volleyball
Megan Kaltenbach, Running | | | | |
| 1991 | Miko Ando, Tennis
Melody Fairchild, Running
Stephanie Hagan, Tennis
Viisha Sedlak, Race Walking | | | | | | |

SPORTSWOMEN OF THE YEAR



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| 1974 | Cindy Hill, Golf | 1985 | Rhonda Blanford, Track | 1996 | Amy Van Dyken, Swimming | 2008 | Erin Popovich, Paralympic Games |
| 1975 | Dorothy Hamill, Figure Skating | 1986 | Yolanda Johnson, Track | 1997 | Libbie Hickman, Running | 2009 | Jenny Barringer, Track and Field |
| 1976 | Debbie Willcox, Gymnastics | 1987 | Priscilla Welch, Running | 1998 | Becky Hammon, Basketball | 2010 | Alana Nichols, Mono-Skiing |
| 1977 | Jayne Gibson, Volleyball | 1988 | Kirsten Hanssen, Triathlon | 1999 | Ann Battelle, Skiing | 2011 | Missy Franklin, Swimming |
| 1978 | Mary Decker, Track | 1989 | Ceal Barry and University of Colorado Lady Buffs, Basketball | 2000 | Kara Grgas-Wheeler, Running | 2012 | Missy Franklin, Swimming |
| 1979 | Lou Piel, Softball | 1990 | Jill Trenary, Figure Skating | 2001 | Alison Dunlap, Mountain Biking | 2013 | Mikaela Shiffrin, Skiing |
| 1980 | Tanya Haave, Basketball | 1991 | April Heinrichs, Soccer | 2002 | Ellen Miller, Mountaineering | 2014 | Mikaela Shiffrin, Skiing |
| 1981 | Evergreen High School Girls' Volleyball Team | 1992 | Gigi Fernandez, Tennis | 2003 | Katelyn Kaltenbach, Cross Country | 2015 | Mikaela Shiffrin, Skiing |
| 1982 | Connie Carpenter, Cycling | 1993 | Jill McGill, Golf | 2004 | April Heinrichs, Soccer Coach/Player | 2016 | Emma Coburn, Track and Field
Jenny Simpson, Track and Field |
| 1983 | Karen Beer, Gymnastics | 1994 | Amy Van Dyken, Swimming | 2005 | Abby Waner, Basketball | 2017 | Mikaela Shiffrin, Skiing |
| 1984 | Connie Carpenter Phinney, Cycling | 1995 | Amy Van Dyken, Swimming | 2006 | Melanie Troxel, Motor Sports | 2018 | Mikaela Shiffrin, Skiing |
| | | | | 2007 | Katie Uhlaender, Sledding/Skeleton | | |