



## 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 46th 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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# 2021



# 47<sup>TH</sup>

## Annual Awards Celebration

Honoring Colorado's Outstanding Female Athletes Since 1974

## *Sportswomen of Colorado*



### *— Mission Statement —*

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

### *Sponsors*

*Sponsors are invaluable to the continued success of Sportswomen of Colorado in helping girls and women learn about and benefit from the mental and physical benefits of athletics throughout their lives. If you, your organization or corporation would like to be a Sportswomen of Colorado sponsor, please contact Annie Taylor Hoskinson at 303.331.0376.*



## **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.

For more information, visit our website at [www.sportswomenofcolorado.org](http://www.sportswomenofcolorado.org)

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*Welcome to the*

**47<sup>TH</sup>**

## *Annual Awards Celebration*

*Honoring Colorado's Outstanding Female Athletes  
for their performance in 2020*

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Awards Presentation 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Recorded at Metropolitan State University of Denver

**Emcees: Marcia Neville and Susie Wargin**

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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 honorees are available on the Sportswomen of Colorado website ([www.sportswomenofcolorado.org](http://www.sportswomenofcolorado.org).) under "Nominations" year-around. Honorees are recognized for the calendar year (January 1 - December 31).*

# Award Winners

## BASKETBALL - HIGH SCHOOL

**Jana Van Gytenbeek** – Cherry Creek High School  
Colorado's Gatorade Player of the Year, 5A Player of the Year, Centennial Player of the Year, Set All-Time Colorado Assist record

## BASKETBALL - COLLEGE

**Denali Pinto** – Colorado School of Mines  
D2CCA First-Team All-Region; RMAC Conference Player of the Year; First Team All-RMAC; RMAC Academic Player of the Year; #1 RMAC Scoring

## CROSS COUNTRY - HIGH SCHOOL

**Riley Stewart** – Cherry Creek High School  
As a sophomore named Colorado's Gatorade Cross Country Runner of the Year, won the Class 5A title and named 5A Girls Runner of the Year

## GOLF - HIGH SCHOOL

**Aubri Braecklein** – Jefferson Academy  
Youngest known winner of Colorado Golf Association (CGA) Women's Stroke play; won JGAC Aurora Junior Championship; never finished out of the top-3 in any JGAC tournament

## GYMNASTICS - COLLEGE

**Maddie Karr** – University of Denver  
Finalist for AAI Award, four WCGA All-American honors and Scholastic All-American honors; ranked #4 in all-round nationally, team captain

## SKIING - COLLEGE

**Mikaela Tommy** – University of Colorado  
National Alpine Skier of the Year by USCSCA, All-American Team, Alpine MVP for RMISA, podiumed in 9 of 10 races she finished

## SOCCER - COLLEGE

**Jaelin Howell** – Florida State University  
ACC All-Tournament Team, Midfielder of the Year, All-ACC First Team; USWNT Camp Invite; started all 11 FSU games

## SOFTBALL - HIGH SCHOOL - SMALL SCHOOL

**Sadie Ross** – Eaton High School  
Helped lead Eaton High School to their first ever State Championship; throughout the season allowed no earned runs and only scattered hits

## Nominations Committee



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## Award Winners

### SOFTBALL - HIGH SCHOOL - BIG SCHOOL

**Nikki McGaffin** – Fossil Ridge High School  
Back surgery prior to the season did not slow McGaffin down; considered the top prep pitcher in 2020; 17 wins with a sub -2.00 ERA

### SWIMMING - HIGH SCHOOL

**Lindsey Immel** – Rampart High School  
Won 50 and 100 freestyle and anchored 200 Medley Team; Relay Team claimed its 4A State Championship; added 3 State Gold Medals

### TRACK AND FIELD - FIELD

**Tarynn Sieg** – Colorado State University  
USTFCCCA Indoor All-American in shot put. Won shot put and weight throw at Mountain West Conference Championships; ranked 12th nationally

### TRACK AND FIELD - TRACK

**Maria Mettler** – Air Force Academy  
All-American in cross country, won the 3000-meter at the Mountain West Conference, top collegiate finisher at Iowa State Classic in the 5000-meter

## Special Awards

**JOAN BIRKLAND LEADERSHIP AWARD** – Mary Kvamme

**COACH OF THE YEAR/HIGH SCHOOL** – Julia Fuller

**COMEBACK - HIGH SCHOOL** – Kindyll Wetta

**COMEBACK - COLLEGE** – Erin Norton

**MOST PROMISING** – Bethany Michalak

**PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR** – Jennifer Kupcho

**SWEDEN JOHNSON SPIRIT AWARD** – Christina Maccarrone

**TRAILBLAZER** – Becky Hammon



- 1981 **Jayne Gibson**, Volleyball  
**Sharon Powers**, Bowling
- 1982 **Elaine Cheris**, Fencing  
**Dana Howe**, Golf  
**Patricia Jo Martinez**, Swimming
- 1983 **Karen Beer**, Gymnastics  
**Tanya Haave**, Basketball  
**Chrissy Lewis**, Nordic Skiing
- 1984 **Connie Carpenter Phinney**, Cycling  
**April Heinrichs**, Soccer  
**Lo Hunter**, Coach of the Year  
**Bette Poppers**, Road Racing
- 1985 **Rhonda Blanford**, Track  
**Maureen Custy**, Road Racing
- 1986 **Yolanda Johnson**, Track
- 1987 **Insook Bhushan**, Table Tennis  
**Wendy Lucero**, Diving  
**Jeanette Paddock**, Tennis
- 1988 **Kirsten Hanssen**, Triathlon  
**Prudy Hilger**, Running  
**Lynda McGehee**, Skiing
- 1989 **Alice Barron**, Special Awards  
**Amy Brookover**, Swimming  
**Jill Jakowich**, Soccer  
**Debbie McMullen**, Bowling  
**Bridget Turner**, Basketball
- 1990 **Carol Baily**, Tennis  
**Erica Jude**, Swimming  
**Jill Trenary**, Figure Skating  
**Kathleen Winegardner**, Tennis
- 1991 **Miko Ando**, Tennis  
**Melody Fairchild**, Running  
**Stephanie Hagan**, Tennis  
**Viisha Sedlak**, Race Walking
- 1992 **Essie Garrett**, Special Awards  
**Kathy Zimmerman**, Badminton
- 1993 **Ceal Barry**, Coach of the Year  
**Kitty Fowler**, Masters Skiing  
**Cynthia Newsome**, Track  
**Amy Van Dyken**, Swimming  
**Deborah Van Orden**, Race Walking
- 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
- 1995 **Pearl Mehl**, Running  
**Diane Palmason**, Running
- 1996 **Elva Martinez-Dryer**, Running
- 1997 **Evie Dennis**, Special Awards  
**Sue Latshaw**, Triathlon  
**Kristie Peterson**, Rodeo  
**Becky Varnum**, Tennis
- 1998 **Diane Wendt**, Special Awards
- 1999 **Judy Barnett**, Special Awards  
**Dominique Calloway**, Track  
**Alison Dunlap**, Cycling  
**Libbie Hickman**, Running  
**Brianna Loecher**, Swimming  
**Sally Richards**, Masters Race Walking
- 2000 **Sarah Castle**, Swimming  
**Aleisha Cramer**, Soccer  
**Alexis Joyce**, Track  
**Nancy Smalley**, Masters Running
- 2001 **Linda Delk**, Special Awards  
**Brittany Hochevar**, Volleyball  
**Megan Kaltenbach**, Running
- 2002 **Audrey Duboc**, Squash  
**Nicole Leimbach**, Tennis  
**Joan Powell**, Special Awards  
**Sarah Will**, Skiing
- 2003 **Karen Gallagher**, Tennis  
**Kami Keiter**, Softball  
**Olivia Sandham**, Bowling
- 2004 **Betsy Kalmeyer**, Ultra-Running  
**Ann Lantz**, Triathlon  
**Fran Munnelly**, Soccer
- 2005 **Danelle Ballengee**, Adventure Racing  
**Susan Jennings**, Golf/Coach  
**Alicia Salas**, Tennis  
**Courtney Zablocki**, Luge
- 2006 **Adams State College**, Cross-Country  
**Ashley Nu'u**, Volleyball  
**Dana Pounds**, Track and Field
- 2007 **Sara Anundsen**, Tennis  
**Hannah Bower**, Gymnastics  
**Christie Zinanti**, Softball
- 2008 **Jenny Barringer**, Track and Field  
**Carol Callan**, Special Awards  
**Nikki Marshall**, Soccer  
**Lucie Zikova**, Alpine Skiing
- 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
- 2010 **Jessica Andrus**, Diving  
**Judyann Cummings**, Triathlon  
**Tricia Downing**, Paratriathlon  
**Missy Franklin**, Swimming  
**Marge Hickman**, Endurance Running
- 2011 **Michal Bower**, Diving  
**Marianne Martino**, Race Walking  
**Taylor Ritzel**, Rowing
- 2012 **Bonnie Brandon**, Swimming  
**Emma Coburn**, Track and Field  
**Adeline Gray**, Wrestling  
**Annie Kunz**, All-Around
- 2013 **Taylor Fogg**, Triathlon
- 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
- 2015 **Kathy Alfino** – Triathlon  
**Nicole Hensley** – Ice Hockey  
**Haleigh Washington** – Volleyball
- 2016 **Katie Rainsberger** – Cross Country, Running  
**Jennifer Kupcho** – Golf  
**Kendall Chase** – Rowing  
**Janine Beckie** – Soccer  
**Mallory Pugh** – Soccer  
**Danielle Mack** – Triathlon
- 2017 **Maya Evans** – Track and Field  
**Lindsey Horan** – Soccer  
**Samantha Martinelli** – Tennis  
**Michaela Onyenwere** – Basketball  
**Carson Saaybe** – Shooting  
**Bridget Sutter** – Lacrosse
- 2018 **Zoe Bartel** – Swimming  
**Katie Compton** – Cyclocross  
**Courtney Dauwalter** – Ultra-Distance Running  
**Arria Minor** – Track-Sprints
- 2019 **Dani Jones** – Running  
**Sydney Kennett** – Indoor Skydiving  
**Hailey Schalk** – Golf  
**Sarah Thomas** – Open Water Swimming

## SPORTSWOMEN OF THE YEAR



- 1974 **Cindy Hill**, Golf
- 1975 **Dorothy Hamill**, Figure Skating
- 1976 **Debbie Willcox**, Gymnastics
- 1977 **Jayne Gibson**, Volleyball
- 1978 **Mary Decker**, Track
- 1979 **Lou Piel**, Softball
- 1980 **Tanya Haave**, Basketball
- 1981 **Evergreen High School Girls' Volleyball Team**
- 1982 **Connie Carpenter**, Cycling
- 1983 **Karen Beer**, Gymnastics
- 1984 **Connie Carpenter Phinney**, Cycling
- 1985 **Rhonda Blanford**, Track
- 1986 **Yolanda Johnson**, Track
- 1987 **Priscilla Welch**, Running
- 1988 **Kirsten Hanssen**, Triathlon
- 1989 **Ceal Barry and University of Colorado Lady Buffs**, Basketball
- 1990 **Jill Trenary**, Figure Skating
- 1991 **April Heinrichs**, Soccer
- 1992 **Gigi Fernandez**, Tennis
- 1993 **Jill McGill**, Golf
- 1994 **Amy Van Dyken**, Swimming
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- 1997 **Libbie Hickman**, Running
- 1998 **Becky Hammon**, Basketball
- 1999 **Ann Battelle**, Skiing
- 2000 **Kara Grgas-Wheeler**, Running
- 2001 **Alison Dunlap**, Mountain Biking
- 2002 **Ellen Miller**, Mountaineering
- 2003 **Katelyn Kaltenbach**, Cross Country
- 2004 **April Heinrichs**, Soccer Coach/Player
- 2005 **Abby Waner**, Basketball
- 2006 **Melanie Troxel**, Motor Sports
- 2007 **Katie Uhlaender**, Sledding/Skeleton
- 2008 **Erin Popovich**, Paralympic Games
- 2009 **Jenny Barringer**, Track and Field
- 2010 **Alana Nichols**, Mono-Skiing
- 2011 **Missy Franklin**, Swimming
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- 2013 **Mikaela Shiffrin**, Skiing
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- 2016 **Emma Coburn**, Track and Field  
**Jenny Simpson**, Track and Field
- 2017 **Mikaela Shiffrin**, Skiing
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- 2019 **Sarah Thomas**, Open Water Swimming