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Anna Hall Named Colorado Sportswoman of the Year at 52nd Annual Sportswomen of Colorado Awards Celebration

500 hundred guests gathered on International Women's Day to celebrate Colorado's female athletes, leaders, and champions.

DENVER TECH CENTER, Colo. — Sportswomen of Colorado honored the state's most accomplished female athletes, coaches and contributors Sunday evening during the 52nd Annual Sportswomen of Colorado Awards Celebration, held on International Women's Day at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center.

500 guests filled the ballroom to celebrate over 45 honorees from across Colorado, recognizing excellence from young athletes to Masters World Champions.

The highest award of the evening, **Colorado Sportswoman of the Year**, went to **Anna Hall**. Hailing from Greenwood Village and holding the title of reigning World Champion heptathlete, Hall's outstanding 2025 season established her as one of the world's leading multi-event athletes. Hall became just the second American woman in history to win the World Athletics heptathlon title, joining her mentor Jackie Joyner-Kersee, who captured the championship in 1992. Earlier in the season, Hall delivered one of the most extraordinary performances in the history of the event at the famed Hypo-Meeting in Götzis, scoring 7,032 points, a personal best, meet record, and a mark that placed her among the rare group of women ever to surpass the 7,000-point barrier. The performance included personal bests in the high jump, shot put, javelin and 800 meters, highlighted by a 2:01.23 in the 800, the fastest ever recorded within a heptathlon. Hall also captured the 2025 USA Outdoor Championships heptathlon title, becoming the first athlete in history to win four consecutive national titles in the event. Her ascent has not been without adversity. Following a knee injury and subsequent surgery in early 2024, Hall confronted one of the most challenging periods of her career including a fifth place finish in Paris, a result which she described as "stings bad." Rather than define her, it strengthened her resolve and fueled a historic comeback season.

From her early days dominating Colorado high school track and field to becoming a world champion, Hall credits her parents, Ronette and David Hall, along with the Denver Track Club FK Elite, for shaping the competitive mindset and championship standard that propelled her to the top of the sport.

This marks the first time Hall has received the Sportswoman of the Year honor.

Founded more than five decades ago, Sportswomen of Colorado became the first organization in the country dedicated to honoring female athletic achievement across an entire state. Today it is still believed to be one of the only organizations recognizing women's accomplishments in sport on a statewide basis.

This year's honorees represent athletes from across Colorado competing in sports ranging from basketball, soccer and volleyball to swimming, softball, track and field, and ultrarunning. The group includes NCAA champions, state champions, world record holders, and emerging young athletes whose achievements continue to elevate women's sport throughout the state.

Special award categories included Career Achievement, Trailblazer, Milestone, Coach and Team of the Year, along with the Joan Birkland Leadership Award and the Dorothy Mauk Pioneer Award named for two of the organization's founders.

(See below for a complete list of 2025 honorees.)

New Hall of Famers

This year, five individuals were inducted into the Sportswomen of Colorado Hall of Fame, a recognition given to athletes who have earned three awards in a single sport. Special congratulations to Niwot High School cross-country standout Addison Ritzenhein, University of Oklahoma triple jumper Agur Dwol, Grandview High School graduate and current UCLA women's basketball player Sienna Betts, Pine Creek High School graduate and University of Virginia swimmer Madison Mintenko, and Joan Birkland Leadership recipient Caryl Smith Gilbert.

At the Microphone

The evening featured keynote speaker Caryl Smith Gilbert, three-time national championship track and field coach and current director of the men's and women's teams at the University of Georgia. A Denver native and graduate of George Washington High School, Smith Gilbert was also a Joan Birkland Leadership Award recipient and a Sportswomen of Colorado Hall of Fame inductee. The event was co-emceed by Denver 7 sports anchor Bradey King and Denver Bronco sideline radio voice for the Denver Broncos and a DJ on 103.5 The Fox, Susie Wargin.

The highlight of the evening was the surprise announcement of Anna Hall as the 2025 Sportswoman of the Year, recognizing her historic season and continued success on the world stage of track and field.

About Sportswomen of Colorado

Founded in 1974, Sportswomen of Colorado is a community based nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, honoring, and empowering Colorado girls and women in sport. The organization celebrates excellence through its annual awards celebration, provides sports camp scholarships, hosts ambassador-led satellite sports clinics and works to increase visibility and opportunity for female athletes across the state.

Anna Hall's pre-recorded acceptance speech from the evening can be viewed here:
Click here to watch Anna's acceptance speech

Photos from the celebration are available here:
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Sportswomen of Colorado 2025 Award Honorees

Sport Categories

Ariana Akey – Flag Football – (Mountain Vista High School)
Raegan Beers – Basketball – College (University of Oklahoma)
Sienna Betts – Basketball – High School (Grandview High School)
Addison Ritzenhein – Cross Country – High School (Niwot High School)
Tristian Spence – Cross Country – College (Adams State University)
Izzy Fay – Diving – (Niwot High School)
Agur Dwol – Excellence in Field Events – College (University of Oklahoma)
Maggi Congdon – Excellence in Track Events – College (Northern Arizona University)
Layla Petz – Gymnastics – (Arvada West High School)
Rocquette Allen – Lacrosse – High School (Thunder Ridge High School)
Eliza Osburn and Betty Nelson – Lacrosse – College (University of North Carolina)
Taylor Greene – Ninja Warrior – Professional – (Broomfield High School)
Sara Rask – Skiing – (University of Denver)
Hope Leyba – Soccer – Division I College (University of Colorado)
Bella Campos – Soccer – Division II College (Colorado School of Mines)
Teagan Myers – Soccer – High School (Fossil Ridge High School)
Ireland Heer – Softball – High School (Broomfield High School)
Korbe Otis – Softball – College (University of Florida)
Madison Mintenko – Swimming – High School (Pine Creek High School)
Lucy Bell – Swimming – College (Stanford University)
JoAnna Kennedy – Tennis – High School (St. Mary's Academy)
Pam McCartney – Track and Field – Masters
Kaeli Powe – Track and Field – Large High School – (Cherokee Trail High School)
Roxy Unruh – Track and Field – Small High School – (Cheyenne Wells High School)
Susan Griffin-Kaklikian – Triathlon – Masters
Tayler Tuttle – Trail Running – Professional
Anne Flower – Ultra Runner – Professional
Andi Jackson – Volleyball – College Division I (University of Nebraska)
Annika Helf – Volleyball – College Division II (Metropolitan State University of Denver)
Bergen Waitman – Volleyball – High School (Valor Christian High School)

Special Awards

Monica Abelein – Contribution to Sport (Swimming)
Helen Braybrook and Jenna Ramsey-Rutledge – Pacesetters of the Year (Colorado State Pueblo and Colorado School of Mines)
Rob Cohen – Dorothy Mauk Pioneer Award (Denver Summit, Soccer)
Brihanna Crittendon – Milestone Award (Riverdale Ridge High School, Basketball)
Jenny Glenn and Metropolitan State University of Denver Volleyball – Coach and College Team of the Year
Mya Lesnar – Career Achievement (Colorado State University, Track and Field)
Kate McKinnon – Newcomer of the Year (Cherry Creek High School, Swimming)
Amidon Miche – Trailblazer (Hockey)
Delaney Reuter – All-Around (Eaton High School)
Caryl Smith Gilbert – Joan Birkland Leadership Award (University of Georgia Track and Field)
Valor Christian High School Volleyball – High School Team of the Year
Susie Wargin – Marcia Neville Community Champion Award