

**COLORADO WOMEN'S
SPORTS FUND
ASSOCIATION'S**

**2009 Outstanding
Achievement Award**



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- Dave began watching his mother, Margaret, play basketball and softball and then playing catch and shooting baskets with her during the early 60's. Dave's father, Bob, was instrumental as a school superintendent in offering girls sports early in the 70's.
- As the Meeker Summer Boy's Baseball Program Head Coach, Dave was the first coach to open enrollment to girls of all age groups in 1974. The Meeker teams had 3-6 girls per age group ranging from 8 year olds to 14 year old. The team won the first Northwest Colorado Championship with girls on a boy's roster in 1974. This was prior to Title IX. Dave continued coaching that team for 7 years and with over 100 girls playing.
- In 1973, Dave met Annette Adams and they were married in 1978. Annette has been involved in almost every aspect of Dave's new ideas in women's sports and an avid competitor or supporter in most of the endeavors.
- From 1975 through 1997, Dave was on the first ever coaching staff as assistant basketball coach at Mesa College in Grand Junction. He was 19 at the time.
- Dave coached women's and coed softball starting in Meeker in 1973 and continuing through 1995. He coached his mother, his wife, his sister and his sister-in laws. Dave started the Triple Crown Softball Series for women and coed teams in 1982 and continued to produce those events through 2008. The founding of Triple Crown Softball eventually led the Dave and Annette starting Triple Crown Sports in 1987.

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- Dave & Triple Crown hosted its 1st women's basketball event with the 1st ever 3 on 3 European Championships for Women's Basketball at the Crystal Palace in London in 1993. Dave & key members of the TC Staff founded the Pre Season Division I Women's National Invitation Tournament in 1994. TC went on to found the Post Season WNIT & the Cancun Challenges in Women's basketball. Over 80 Division I collegiate teams now play with Triple Crown Sports.
- Dave founded the original women's basketball booster club at Colorado State University in 1993 donating TC's time & his service to build a marketing plan to grow attendance & funding for the program. The Slam Dunk Club & TC were instrumental in all promotions & fan growths during the 90's & were part of the record setting run of the teams from 1993-2004.
- Dave founded an all women's sport representation agency in 1999 with its first client, Becky Hammon & represented over 50 different women during its tenure through 2006.
- In 2004, Dave founded the Colorado Chill Women's Professional Basketball team. The team played for 3 years in the now defunct NWBL. The team average over 2000 fans per game & won 2 separate Cup Championships with WNBA players Becky Hammon, Katie Cronin, Ruth Riley, Helen Darling, Jamie Carey, Adrian Williams, & local favorites Teresa James-Hinz, Angie Gorton-Nelp, Jen Roullier, & Jasai Ferrucho.
- From 2001 through 2005, Dave owned the Fort Collins Force, a semi-pro women's soccer team. After the franchise was financially stabilized, ownership was transferred to Amy Snider & a new group of owners. From 1991 to 1998, TC ran one of the largest grassroots series in youth girls soccer in America sponsored by Nike with 120 US tournaments.

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- In 2007, Dave made effort to land a WNBA team for Colorado and had full support from David Stern and the NBA. The effort was halted in September of 2007 because the effort failed to raise the needed capital requirements.
- Dave helped found the Colorado Women's Sport Fund Association in 2007 and 2008 as an initial board member.
- From 1999 to current, Dave formed and became the manager of the Triple Crown Stars Girls Fastpitch Softball team that focuses on developing college skills for young ladies; 48 different players have received college scholarships; 22 are currently playing collegiately. Dave founded the Triple Crown Summer College Fastpitch League in 2002 and is still in existence today. Dave coached and funded the TC College League All Star team to the Canada Cup for 5 years competing against the top Olympic teams in the World. Former All Star player, Stephanie Klaviter, is now the head coach of the TC Stars and Dave is the practice coach and general manager.
- Triple Crown Sports is also a contributing sponsor of numerous youth, college and women's teams in the Northern Colorado area. TC also employs 11 former collegiate women's athletes in its event divisions. TC runs a national series of girl's softball tournaments featuring the largest event in America, The Sparkler in Denver, with 700 girls' teams competing. TC also runs a new girls tournament basketball division as well as its collegiate women's basketball tournaments.
- Dave received the Leadership Award from the Sportswomen of Colorado in 2008.