



On behalf of Denver Tennis, we want to **THANK YOU** for your incredible generosity and participation in our first ever *Pioneering for Gold Gala & Doubles Tournament*.

This inaugural event was made up of 100+ friends, family, colleagues, community members, tennis enthusiasts, DU administrators and representatives, coaches/players (past and present), donors, alumni, an incredible keynote speaker (Abigail Spears – WTA Tour Professional) and guest speaker (Stu Halsall – DU/Denver Tennis Park), and our wonderful inductees and honorees.

Last year, our Athletic Director, Peg Bradley-Doppes challenged our entire Athletics Division to embracing and embodying six key standards of excellence going forward: *Graduating our Student-Athletes, Unifying our University and the Community, Committing to Integrity and Compliance, Building Pride and Tradition, Service above Self, and Competing for Championships*.

*Pioneering for Gold* is about our commitment to these standards, and a long-term strategic vision for Denver Tennis coming to life – for both the men’s and women’s programs together.

*Pioneering for Gold* marks a new era for Denver Tennis, where one of our top priorities is properly thanking, engaging with, and ultimately serving the community that has served us and supported us for so many years. This year, we were proud to honor 11 key individuals that in recent years have not only made a huge impact on both programs, but have, more importantly become part of the Pioneer tennis family. Our **2016 Honorees** included:

- Adam Burbary
- Karen Clark
- Wendy Donovan
- Joyce Grant
- Matt Helm
- Sam Hitman
- Steve Linenberger
- Domenic Rea
- Bob Ryan
- Yaz Tavatli
- Danny Westerman

As we march towards creating a championship caliber culture here in Denver, we also want to bridge the gap between past and present generations, creating our very own Denver Tennis Hall of Fame. Going forward, we will continue to celebrate Denver Tennis greatness and unite generations with the induction of one male and one female former player who not only gave it their all and got it done on the tennis court, but have continued to be true Pioneer ambassadors off of the court, consistently embodying all six of the standards mentioned above. Our **2016 Inductees** included:

- Cappy Shopneck – Women’s Tennis
- David Simson – Men’s Tennis

Between the Friday night Gala and the Saturday Doubles Tournament (hosted by Life Time Athletic and Tennis Club), we are also incredibly excited to announce that **\$10,000 was raised** to support Denver Tennis – these proceeds will go towards funding everything from team travel, gear & equipment, sports medicine needs, recruiting, etc. We could not have accomplished this milestone without your support and generosity – we want to **THANK YOU** and all of our wonderful auction donors!