



PIONEER HISTORY

1969-70

Pioneer women's basketball competition begins as a club sport under head coach Helen McCall.

1974-75

Denver recognizes five women's sports at the varsity level; Member of the Intermountain Athletic Conference and the AIAW; Heidi Weishaupt continues as head coach.

1975-76

Dr. Barbara Breeding named head coach.

1976-77

First women's basketball scholarships awarded; Team goes undefeated in 12 home games; Karla Kramer collects a school-record 23 rebounds against Colorado School of Mines.

1977-78

Denver advances to AIAW regional tournament.

1978-79

Bernie Barras takes over as head coach; team sets a record with 76 rebounds against Colorado Women's College; Denver qualifies for AIAW regional tournament.

1979-80

Denver advances to second round of regional championships; Tania Ford tallies a school-record 40 points against Eastern New Mexico; Linda Raunig finishes her career by becoming one of the most prolific scorers and rebounders in school history (1,914 points and 955 rebounds).

1980-81

Denver advances to AIAW regional tournament for fourth consecutive season; Kathy Slattery dished out a school-record 13 assists against Mesa State; Cindy Bushman records 10 steals against Northern Colorado.

Summer 1982

AIAW disbanded; Denver joins the NCAA-affiliated Continental Divide Conference.

1983-84

Denver hosts Continental Divide Conference Tournament.

1984-85

Bruce Casagrande begins one-year stint as head coach; former Denver standout Cindy Bushman named assistant coach.

1985-86

Renee Bailey-Phoenix takes over head coaching reigns; Anayansi Ricketts becomes Pioneers' first women's basketball District VII All-American; Ricketts also the CDC Player of the Year.

1986-87

Dianne Mackley named to Second-Team Academic All-CDC.



1987-88

Three-point field goal established.

1989-90

Tracey Sheehan named head coach; Pioneers join Colorado Athletic Conference.

1991-92

Team scores a school record 109 points against Northeast Missouri State (12/30/91); Pioneers finish season with best-ever 11-3 road record; Brooke Benson named school's Outstanding Senior Athlete.

1992-93

Pioneers smash nine records en route to school's first CAC title and first-ever bid to the Division II NCAA tournament, finishing with a 24-4 record and a perfect 14-0 conference mark; Kristi Burns named Colorado Woman of the Year, CAC Player of the Year and Denver Female Athlete of the Year; Tracey Sheehan named CAC Coach of the Year; Heather Holter becomes school leader in assists (427) and steals (255).

1993-94

Denver hammers Concordia (Neb.), 93-29, to set record for margin of victory; Pioneers' CAC win streak ends at 31 with 68-59 loss to Metro State in final regular-season conference game; Jen Masters pours in 540 points to break 16-year-old record for points in a single season and wins CAC Player of the Year honors; Tracey Sheehan repeats as CAC Coach of the Year; Linda Raunig's jersey is retired at game against Regis in January.

1994-95

Kelly Cobb becomes first Denver player to be named to the All-North Central Region team; for the second time in school history, Pioneers earn trip to the Division II NCAA tournament after upsetting Metro State in the CAC Tournament finals.

1995-96

First-year coach Pam Tanner named CAC Coach of the Year; Kelly Cobb named NCAA Woman of the Year for Colorado; Sara Fadenrecht named to the All-North Central Region First Team; Cobb receives an NCAA Post-graduate Scholarship.

Summer 1996

Denver announces move to NCAA Division I; joins the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference as an affiliate during two years of Division I probationary status.

1996-97

Denver finished 25th among NCAA Division II schools in scoring defense, allowing an average of 59.3 points per game.

1997-98

Sara Fadenrecht ends her career as the school's leader in games played (115), three-point field goals made (131), three-point field goal attempts (423) and rebounds (1,060). Pioneers notch wins

over NCAA Division I opponents Radford and Air Force; Michaela Pavlickova ties a school record with 10 blocked shots against Air Force.

1998-99

Denver competes as a full NCAA Division I member; first win as a Division I program on Nov. 16 vs. Air Force; team finishes 14th in Division I in scoring defense, yielding just 58.9 points per game; Michaela Pavlickova ranked sixth in the nation in blocked shots per game.

1999-2000

Denver plays first season in the Sun Belt Conference and finishes third; Pam Tanner named Coach of the Year and Michaela Pavlickova named First-Team All-Conference.

2000-01

Denver earns first-ever bid to the Division I NCAA Tournament just three years after moving to Division I; Pioneers tie the school record for wins with a 24-7 slate and won the West Division of the Sun Belt Conference with a 14-2 league mark; head coach Pam Tanner named the SBC Coach of the Year; Micheala Pavlickova named the SBC Player of the Year and Nikki Weddle named the SBC Newcomer of the Year; Pavlickova becomes Denver's first District VII All-American in Division I and the first to be drafted into



the WNBA (she was the 24th overall pick by the Utah Starzz).

2001-02

Head coach Pam Tanner earns her 100th career coaching victory with a 70-50 victory over Southwest Missouri State Dec. 18; Nikki Weddle named First-Team All-Sun Belt Conference, and Melissa Garcia named honorable mention; Denver records its third consecutive winning season with a 16-13 overall slate.

2002-03

Ashley Atkinson named honorable mention All-Sun Belt Conference and Verizon Academic All-District; she completes her career as the 13th all-time leading scorer in Pioneer women's basketball history with 1,127 points; captures the career (244) and season (74) three-point records; Denver plays in the Hawaiian Airlines Rainbow Wahine Classic Tournament for the first time and faced defending national champion Connecticut in the first game.

2003-04

Senior forward Stephanie Hart captained the

Pioneers to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament where they defeated No. 1 seeded South Alabama in the first round. Former Pioneer Misa Pavlickova played in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece for her home country, the Czech Republic.

2005-06

Denver finishes second in the West Division of the Sun Belt Conference with a overall record of 15-13 and 8-7 within the SBC; senior Venice Adams earns third-team All-Sun Belt Conference honors, becoming the first Pioneer to receive all-conference accolades since Ashley Atkinson was named Honorable Mention in 2003.

Summer 2006

Micheala "Misa" Pavlickova became the newest women's basketball player to be inducted into the University of Denver Athletic Hall of Fame. Pavlickova received the nod in her first year of eligibility for hall of fame status.

2006-07

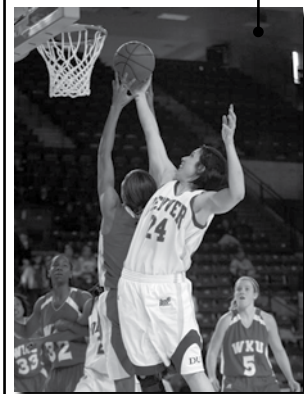
Pioneers record first 20-plus win season since 2000-01, advancing to the semi finals of the SBC tournament. Tyesha Lowery sets school single-season steals record (89).

April 2008

Erik Johnson was named the Pioneers' eighth women's basketball head coach on April 30, 2008, taking over a program that had recorded an 11-19 overall record the previous season. Johnson came to DU after serving as an assistant coach at Boston College for three seasons.

2008-09

DU finished the season with a 16-15 overall mark and a 10-6 mark in SBC action under first-year head coach Erik Johnson. Highlights of the season included Denver's first-ever win over Western Kentucky, (66-50), a 19-block performance against Arkansas State (1/7/09) that tied an NCAA record, and a trip to the semifinals of the SBC Tournament.



Individually, freshman Kaetlyn Murdoch (Temple, Texas) was named SBC Freshman of the Year after finishing the season averaging 9.7 points, 6.6 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per game, ranking her 27th in the nation. She also became the first freshman in NCAA DI history to record 13 blocks in a game (Arkansas State, 1/7/09), setting a new DU and SBC record, while becoming just the sixth person in NCAA history to finished with such a performance.

2009-10

The Pioneers finished with an 18-13 overall record, and went 12-6 in SBC play in the second year under head coach Erik Johnson's leadership. The Pioneers 48.2 percent field-goal percentage ranked third in the nation. Individually, sophomore Kaetlyn Murdoch was named First-Team All-SBC after leading the conference in field-goal percentage and blocked shots, while finishing third in scoring. Junior Britteni Rice was named Second-Team All-SBC after leading the conference in free-throw percentage and finishing sixth in scoring.

2010-11

DU finished the season 19-12, the most wins since coach Johnson's tenure began in 2008. After compiling an 11-5 record in the Sun Belt Conference and finishing second in the West Division, the Pioneers were awarded a bid to the Women's National Invitation Tournament, Denver's first post-season berth since Pam Turner's 2000-01 Pioneer squad went to the NCAA Tournament. Despite their late-season push, the Pioneers were unable to overcome a senior-laden BYU team and fell 75-60 in the first round of the WNIT. The Pioneers' most noted win of the season was a 70-65 victory over No. 23 Vanderbilt on December 5. 1,614 fans were on hand at Magness as the Pioneers earned their first win over a top-25 opponent in program history. Individually, Britteni Rice, Kaetlyn Murdoch and Brianna Culberson joined elite company as they each surpassed the 1,000 career point mark.

2011-12

The Pioneers finished the season 19-12 overall and 11-5 during conference play in the program's final season in the Sun Belt Conference. Despite having only one true senior on the roster, coach Johnson orchestrated the program's second straight 19-win season including back-to-back victories over BCS foes Minnesota and Oregon. The Pioneers' also achieved their first victory over 2011-12 SBC West Division Champion Arkansas Little-Rock in over four years and recorded the program's 600th all-time victory. The season culminated in a second-place finish in the SBC West Division and a second-consecutive first round bye in the SBC Championships.

April 2012

Kerry Cremeans is introduced as the program's ninth head coach since its inception in 1974. Cremeans spent eight seasons at Auburn as an assistant/associate head coach.





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AWARDS AND HONORS

DU Female Athlete of the Year

1994 - Jenn Masters

NCAA Division II District VII All-American

1986 - Anayansi Ricketts

NCAA Division II All-North Central Region

1996 - Sara Fadenrecht

1995 - Kelly Cobb

NCAA Colorado Woman of the Year

1996 - Kelly Cobb

Colorado Sportswoman of the Year

1993 - Kristi Burns

2010 - Kaetlyn Murdoch

Colorado Athletic Conference Player of the Year

1994 - Jen Masters

1993 - Kristi Burns

Colorado Athletic Conference Coach of the Year

1996 - Pam Tanner

1994 - Tracey Sheehan

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Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year

2001 - Pam Tanner

2000 - Pam Tanner

Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year

2001 - Michaela Pavlickova

Sun Belt Conference Newcomer of the Year

2001 - Nikki Weddle

Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year

2009 - Kaetlyn Murdoch

First Team All-Sun Belt Conference

2010, 11, 12 - Kaetlyn Murdoch

2002 - Nikki Weddle

2000, 2001 - Michaela Pavlickova

Second Team All-Sun Belt Conference

2010, 11 - Britteni Rice

2011 - Brianna Culberson

2012 - Emiko Smith

Sun Belt Conference Honorable Mention

2003 - Ashley Atkinson

2002 - Melissa Garcia

Division I All-American

2001 - Michaela Pavlickova; (Women's Basketball Journal Fifth Team, The Associated Press Honorable Mention)

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



LINDA RAUNIG

CLASS OF 1996

- Played for the Pioneers from 1977-80.
- Led her team to two 20-win seasons and a berth in the AIAW Regional Tournament in 1979-80.
- The only athlete in Denver history to have her number retired.
- Raunig still ranks among the Pioneer career leaders in games played, field goals made, field goals attempted, field-goal percentage, free throws made, free throws attempted, free-throw percentage, rebounds, rebound average, points and scoring average.



TRACEY SHEEHAN

CLASS OF 1997

- Had an illustrious career as the head coach of the University of Denver women's basketball program.
- During her six-year tenure from 1989-1995, the Pioneers won 113 games, recorded three 20-win seasons, and made two trips to the NCAA Division II tournament.
- Sheehan was twice named Colorado Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and led Denver to its first-ever CAC title in 1992-93, a year in which the Pioneers posted a school-best 24-4 record.



ANNE TAYLOR HOSKINSON

CLASS OF 2000

- Participated in the first season of women's intercollegiate varsity competition at the University of Denver.
- She was one of several women to encourage Denver to add basketball to the original five women's sports teams started in 1974.
- Named one of the top-10 women athletes of the year in 1975 by WomenSports magazine.
- Was a two-sport athlete (women's basketball and field hockey) and was named MVP of the field hockey team in 1974.



MICHAELA "MISA" PAVLICKOVA

CLASS OF 2006

- Played for the Pioneers from 1998-01, seeing its transition into the NCAA DI ranks.
- Member of the 2001 NCAA Tournament team.
- Named SBC Player of the Year, two-time First-Team All-SBC and became DU's first All-American in women's basketball.
- First women's basketball player selected in WNBA draft.
- Played for her native Czech Republic in the 2004 Olympics.
- Named to the SBC's All-Time Women's Basketball Team.



SARA FADENRECHT

CLASS OF 2010

- Is the only male or female Denver basketball player to amass over 1,800 points and 1,000 rebounds.
- The four-year letterwinner and two-time All-Colorado Athletic First-Team member (1995-96) ranks first all-time in the Denver women's basketball record book for rebounds (1,060); second in points (1,826), free throws made (405) and scoring average (15.9); fifth in three-pointers made (131) and tied for 10th in games played (115).