

Creating Futures

University of Colorado *Colorado Springs*



UCCS Track and Soccer Stadium
Building a Future for All Athletes

Think of a
Great University...

Now Imagine a Great Stadium



Think of a great university with cherished values of quality teaching, break-through research and community service. A dynamic campus where students are nurtured and inspired to change the world. A university with an enviably low 1:18 faculty/student ratio. One that provides relevant, real-world experience through community partnerships. Where financially challenged students get the college education they thought was out of reach. And where promising student-athletes are prepared to be tomorrow's leaders—on and off the field.

Now, Imagine a Place Where...

Student-athletes can train. Where disabled soldiers and physically challenged citizens can compete and adjust to their injuries. Where athletes can work out at high altitude. And where USA Track & Field high school and collegiate teams can compete.

At the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs we have imagined such a stadium and, coupled with our vision to become a world-class center of excellence for all athletes, we will be the first in the community to create this Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant stadium.

The new stadium is a tangible expression of our vision to be a great university—one that's dedicated to our community. After all, a great university deserves a great stadium.

Our Athletes Need a Place of Their Own

Our hard-working, intelligent, and talented student-athletes are a cross-section of the student body and are just as committed to earning their degrees. With an average GPA greater than the campus at large, our student-athletes are clearly achieving success in the classroom.

They're also winning at sports. The men's cross country team qualified for nationals. The men's track and women's soccer teams are breaking records, yet they have no place of their own. They are forced to go off-campus to train at local high schools or reserve time at 5:45 a.m. at the Air Force Academy. This is hurting recruitment and impacting the overall sports program. Our teams are excelling, in spite of having insufficient facilities. Imagine how well they'll do if they have their own track and stadium.

Special Plans for a Special Place

Plans call for the stadium to specifically accommodate track & field and soccer and it will be the first in Colorado Springs designed for teams of handicapped athletes. From the showers to the track, it will accommodate all athletes, handicapped or not.

The stadium—with 4,000 seats initially and room to expand to 10,000—will be home to competitions and training camps. It will also give many Olympic hopefuls and others who have long sought to do endurance training in Colorado the excellent training facility they've been hoping for. The stadium will have the distinction of being the only high-altitude facility for USA Track & Field.



A Stadium For the Community to Share

UCCS is partnering with USA Track & Field, Paralympics, Special Olympics, Wounded Warriors, and others to build this stadium, not just for student-athletes but for athletes from a range of circumstances.

So Many Will Benefit

- **Student-Athletes** – A stadium for student-athletes is key to establishing a solid sports program that helps build character and prepares students for life. In addition to providing a place for competition and training, this world-class facility will allow UCCS to develop in the new fields of sports medicine and training.
- **Wounded Warriors** – Colorado Springs is home to three military bases and the Air Force Academy. With two current conflicts and service personnel coming home, we need a facility that will give them a place to train and compete in their next steps of life. Colorado Springs has a special connection to our military services. This facility will be a testament to the sacrifices of our armed forces and will show our commitment to them.
- **International Athletes** – Colorado Springs has long been a destination for high-altitude training. This track will be a premier destination for Olympic, Paralympic, and international training. It will be a place where athletes from all walks of life and all corners of the earth will be able to train.
- **Community** – The disabled and handicapped have never had a stadium in the region that accommodates them. This facility will be for all athletes from all abilities, and it will be the premier facility for disabled athletes. This community stadium will host high school and collegiate athletes from across the city, state, and country. The stadium will have a positive economic impact on the Pikes Peak Region, as athletes, friends, and families attend events and spend money in local hotels and restaurants.



“Team spirit. Pride. Community visibility. An opportunity to build even stronger teams. That’s what the stadium means.”

Shannon Payne, '09, Psychology

Stadium to Help Wounded Warriors

Dana Bowman, a retired U.S. Army sergeant first class, is a world-renowned skydiver who is heightening awareness for disabled military veterans transitioning to their new life ahead. Bowman was a Special Forces soldier and member of the elite parachute team until his life changed forever when he collided in midair with a teammate during training. So he knows first-hand what it's like to adjust after a severe accident. And he knows that athletics can play a big part in a successful readjustment. Bowman, who has made more than 1,000 jumps since the accident, believes the new stadium will become the special place where wounded warriors train, participate and make the transition that's so critical to their futures.

We believe it will provide the inspirational setting where disabled veterans adopt Bowman's guiding creed—"it's not the disability...it's the ability."



You can make it all possible

Opportunity is the foundation of the American dream. This stadium will give athletes from all walks of life and circumstances the opportunity to excel in their given sports. It will be a facility where athletes at every level train side-by-side with other athletes who, despite adversity, pursue their passion for athletics.

You can help UCCS Athletics build this stadium. Your gift will enrich not only the school but also the community. This stadium will ensure that UCCS and Colorado Springs lead the nation in our commitment to our student-athletes, our disabled soldiers, physically challenged citizens, and the community.

To learn about the many ways you can make a gift:

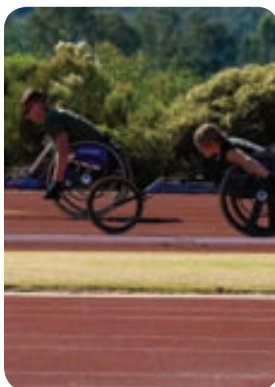
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"Meeting the needs of the challenged and disabled is a task that no community can take lightly. The time to act is now. It will take a community effort to build this stadium. We can no longer stand on the sidelines and ask someone else to do it."

Terrance D. McWilliams
Retired Chief Master Sergeant
and currently Military Affairs
Representative for El Pomar



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