

2017 CCS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES - FINAL

LARRY BEATTY. Beatty graduated from Port Angeles High School before beginning his college career at Green River Community College. His track success at GRCC was highlighted by winning the 1984 NWAACC 400 hurdle title and being named to the NWAACC Hall of Fame. After competing for the University of Portland (BA, 1987), he helped coach track and field (TF) and cross-country (XC) at Western Oregon State College (MA, 1992). Larry accepted a XC and TF coaching job at Clark College where his teams won two men's NWAACC TF titles. In 1996, Community Colleges of Spokane's Athletic Director, Maury Ray, hired Beatty to be head coach for both the men's and women's XC and TF programs. He quickly built the most powerful XC/TF program in the history of the NWAACC, winning four women's and six men's XC titles in nine seasons. Beatty retired from coaching the XC programs in 2004 but continued to dominate the NWAACC TF championships. His Sasquatch TF teams won a total of 12 women's and 13 men's titles during his 15 seasons at the helm. His record of 29 NWAACC Coach of the Year awards and 35 NWAACC team titles at Spokane is incredible. Beatty retired from coaching TF in 2011 but has continued his work as a tenured physical education and health instructor at SCC.

1996-97 MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

The 1996-97 men's soccer team under the direction of CCS Hall of Fame coach, Cor van der Meer, won their second NWAACC Championship by defeating Bellevue in the final match 3-1. The team had a 17-3-1 conference season which earned the Sasquatch its fourth divisional title and advanced them to the playoffs for the ninth time in its 12-year history. It was the sixth time the team reached the final four. Spokane's Jeremy Stuart was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and van der Meer was named NWAACC Coach of the Year. The Sasquatch had seven players named to the North All-Star team; Andy Bruno (Team Captain), Ryan Massey, Brett Fink, Adam Tajan, Kevin Mosher, Paul Johnson and Chad Brown, who was also voted the Division's Most Valuable Player. Other team members for the NWAACC champions were James Barlos, Donavon Hodgson, Tim Seely, Andrew Feist, Matt Bly, Shaun Noggle, Jeff Colyar, Bradly Carruthers, Gregory Moody, Aaron Walkup, Chris Daugherty, and Aaron Grubb, who was voted Most Inspirational. Van der Meer was assisted by Jim Martinson and Rick Harrison.

JOHN GOULD, 1986-88. Gould played soccer at Roger High School where he was named the MVP of the GSL. He was recruited by Cor van der Meer to join the powerful CCS men's soccer team. "Gooie" was a terrific dribbler for the Sasquatch, known for his outstanding ball control. He was voted the team MIP and was named to the NWAACC All-Star team in both 1986 and 1987. After finishing his two years at CCS he continued his higher education and soccer career at Whitworth College where he became a two-time All-American for the Pirates. Gould was their scoring leader with 91 career points which included a record 19 goals in one season. John has coached at Ferris and other local high schools. Gould has been named to both the Community Colleges of Spokane Hall of Fame and was the first soccer athlete named to the Whitworth University Hall of Fame.

ZANE HIGGINS, 1988-90. Higgins was a graduate of Central Valley High School in Spokane and chose to play community college soccer for Coach Cor van der Meer at Community Colleges of Spokane. He was an outstanding player for the Sasquatch, being named to the NWAACC All-Star team and was chosen as team MVP in both 1988 and 1989. Higgins went on to Whitworth University where he was named conference Most Valuable Player and was selected for the All-American team in 1991. Zane continued to play soccer in the USISL where he was named to the league All-Star team and was league MVP in 1996. He stayed with soccer as a career and has been the Medical Lake High School soccer coach for many years.

DOUG BIRDTAIL, 1990 & 1995. Doug is a Ferris High School (Spokane) graduate and played both football and soccer for Ferris and Community Colleges of Spokane. Birdtail was part of the last football team at Spokane in 1989 and then played on the first NWAACC championship soccer team for Coach Cor van der Meer in 1990. Doug scored the game winning goal for Spokane in the championship match and was named the NWAACC Most Valuable Player. Birdtail was named to the Region and the NWAACC All-Star teams at the end of the season. He took some time off from college before returning for his sophomore year and played for the Sasquatch in 1995. Birdtail once again helped Spokane get to the NWAACC championship match with CCS finishing in second place. He was again named to the NWAACC All-Star team. After finishing his college playing career, he has remained involved as an assistant coach at a number of local high schools and continues to play recreational soccer with various men's teams.

CHAD BROWN, 1996-97. Chad is a Central Valley High School (Spokane) graduate and was voted to the All-GSL First Team. Chad started his collegiate playing career at Bellevue Community College, winning the NWAACC championship with them in 1994. Brown then came to CCS in 1996 to help Coach Cor van der Meer win the championship for the Sasquatch. He was a two-time league All-Star, first at Bellevue and then with Spokane. Chad played for the Spokane Shadow during the summer months between his college seasons. Brown continued his collegiate career at California State University Fresno where he earned All-Conference recognition both years. He then played professional soccer for the Seattle Sounders from 1999-2005. After his playing career, he began coaching soccer at UNLV as an assistant coach for four seasons before moving to West Virginia University for the next four years. Chad has started his own soccer academy, First Touch Training, and coaches a youth club team in Spokane. He was the Spokane Shadow men's head coach from 2014-2016 and is the associate head coach for the Community Colleges of Spokane.

1997-98 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The 1997-1998 CCS Men's Cross Country team won the championship title for the second year in a row over a very strong field of NWAACC teams. Larry Beatty was named NWAACC Coach of the Year in only his second year of leading the Sasquatch and was assisted by Erik Anderson. After a 19-year absence from the top spot, this team was responsible for two in a row. They scored 30 points beating rival Lane CC by 32 points. The team was led by Shawn Beitelspacher (runner-up with a 25:20) who earlier that year had broken the school 8K record with his 24:36 showing at the Willamette Invitational. Spokane clinched the team championship when all five scoring runners finished in the top ten. James Berry 3rd, Brandon Hauver 7th, Andy Brown 8th, and Matt Humann 10th were at the head of the pack for the Sasquatch. Other team members were Jim Reed, Brandon Larson, Mike Anderson, Jeff Magnuson, Ernesto Espinoza, and James Tomlin.

1998-99 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The 1998-1999 CCS Men's Cross Country team won the NWAACC title for the third year in a row over a very strong field of NWAACC teams. They scored 23 points taking the first three spots in dominate fashion. The team was led by NWAACC Champion Scott Limbach who ran away from the field in the last mile, winning by 45 seconds. Spokane clinched the team championship by going 1-3 and 7, 10; James Berry 2nd, Jim Reed 3rd, Hector Rodriguez 7th, and James Tomlin 10th. Other team members were Rosario Blanco 12th, Nick Vollmer 20th, Josh Roys, Ernesto Espinoza, and Brandon Hauver. The 1998 team had an impressive record of 88-17 beating numerous four-year colleges. At the Oregon Invite the team was selected to run in the invitational section and took an impressive third place out of 26 colleges. Larry Beatty was named NWAACC Coach of the Year and was assisted by Erik Anderson.

JAMES BERRY, 1997-99. Berry was from University High School where he finished 14th at the state meet in cross country his senior year. James helped lead CCS to consecutive NWAACC team titles in 1997 and 1998. His freshmen year James took third place at the NWAACC Championships and was the top freshmen finisher. He finished second his sophomore year in the individual NWAACC cross country championships and was named All-American in both years. In track he ran 9:19 in the steeplechase and 15:09 for the 5K. James went on to a successful high school coaching career at Central Valley High School where in 2006 he coached the men's team to a third-place finish at the state cross country championships and that team was ranked 21st in the nation. In 2008 he followed with a fourth-place finish at the state meet. He was then hired to assist with the Sasquatch Harriers in 2009.

1997-98 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The 1997 CCS Women's Cross Country team won the NWAACC championship with a clean sweep of the top five places and scorers to post a perfect score of 15 points, an NWAACC all-time record. They were coached by Larry Beatty, NWAACC Coach of the Year, and led by Erika Colin as the individual conference champion. In addition to Colin winning the race, they placed all seven runners in the top ten, an overwhelming team effort. They won the championship by 55 points (15 to 70), over the second place Clark team. The CCS team placers were Erika Colin 1st, Christina Werther 2nd, Angie Simmers 3rd, Colleen Huck 4th, Devin Huck 5th, Stephanie Pellegrini 7th, and Holly Weiler 8th. The team went 61-22 in scoring meets beating seven NCAA Division I colleges. Three of the ladies signed full scholarships and six of the seven women went on to successful running careers at four-year colleges. Other members of this record-setting team were Trisha Allen, Kendra Jaten and Brook Bryant, and assistant coach Wendy Crum.

1998-99 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The 1998 CCS Women's Cross Country team won the NWAACC championship by scoring 18 points to dominate second place Mt Hood who scored 72 points. The team was led by Colleen Huck as the individual conference champion under the direction of NWAACC Coach of the Year, Larry Beatty and his assistant, Janet Collar. The CCS team again ran as a pack, placing all seven runners in the top ten for the second year in a row. The CCS team placers were Colleen Huck 1st, Angie Simmers 2nd, Jenni Saling 3rd, Devin Huck 5th, Nichole Edwards 7th, Jenny Rodgers 9th, and Holly Weiler 10th. This team, like the 1997 team, was dominating at all levels. The lady Sasquatch harriers ended up with a record of 88-17 beating over 30 NCAA colleges. Five of the ladies had successful careers at four-year colleges and two of them signed full scholarships. Other team members were Shannon Ross, Melissa Baca, Lindsey McElroy and Julie LiaBraaten.

CHRISTINA (WERTHER) NELSON, 1996-98. Christina came to the Community Colleges of Spokane as a walk on in 1996 after being recruited by them two years earlier. She helped CCS win two NWAACC XC team championships by taking fourth place in 1996 and second in 1997 in the championship meets. Werther finished off her career at CCS by placing first in the 800m (2:16.96) and 1500m (4:49.75) races in the 1998 NWAACC track and field championship meet. She went on to compete at Montana State University where she ran the 800m (2:12.17) and 1600m (4:51.77) during the indoor track season. In 2001, she was recruited by Andrew Valmon to train post collegiate for the 2004 Olympic Games. Christina trained with two-time Olympian, Meredith Rainey Valmon, and eventually ran PR's of (0:50.20) in the 400m, (2:03.16) in the 800m and (4:23.12) for 1500m. She now lives with her husband in Portland, Oregon and trains and runs for recreation.

ANGIE SIMMERS, 1997-99. Angie was a local Spokane runner from East Valley High School before she joined the Community Colleges of Spokane track and cross country (XC) programs. She was a member of two CCS women's NWAACC XC championship teams. Simmers placed third individually on the 1997 championship team, which scored a perfect 15 points, and she improved to finish runner-up in the 1998 NWAACC XC championship meet. Angie was a CCS distance runner on two NWAACC champion track teams. She placed fourth in the 5K and fifth in the 10K in the 1998 NWAACC championship meet and placed sixth in the 5K and third in the 10k in 1999. Simmers continued her running career at Eastern Oregon University where she was the runner-up in the Cascade Collegiate Conference and finished as an NAIA All-American at the National Championships.

DEVIN (HUCK) TOWN, 1997-99. Devin Huck came to the Community Colleges of Spokane from Chelan High School where she was a four-time WIAA scholar athlete and part of the 1996 4x100 state championship relay team. At CCS she placed fifth in the 1997 NWAACC cross country championship meet, helping the team to a perfect 15-point score. She placed fifth again at the NWAACC XC championship her sophomore year assisting the team to repeat as champions. Devin was the 5K (19:02.9) champion and 3K fifth-place finisher in the 1999 NWAACC track and field meet. She was an integral part of the 1998 and 1999 NWAACC track and field championship teams and was a Junior College/Community College (JC/CC) All-American. Devin graduated from Eastern Washington University with a Bachelors in Exercise Science in 2001 and from Washington State University in 2004 with her Masters in Human Nutrition.

COLLEEN (HUCK) MILLER, 1997-99. Colleen Huck ran cross country and track for coach Larry Beatty from 1997-1999. Colleen was recruited to Community Colleges of Spokane from Chelan High School where she was part of the 1996 state championship 4x100 relay team and was a four-time WIAA scholar athlete. In 1997, she came in fourth at the NWAACC cross country championship as part of a perfect 15-point team score. Colleen was 1998 NWAACC cross country champion and led the Sasquatch to another team championship. In track, she placed second at the NWAACC track and field championship in the 3K and 5K races in 1998. In 1999, Colleen repeated her second-place in the 5K and finished sixth in the 3K at the NWAACC championships. Colleen graduated from Eastern Washington University in 2002 with a Bachelors in Education and then in 2005 received her Masters in Education from EWU. She taught elementary education for eight years before taking a break to stay home with her two boys.

JENNI SALING, 1998-00. Jenni came to Community Colleges of Spokane from Central Valley High School (Spokane) where she qualified for the 3A high school track championships in 1995. Saling also qualified for the Kinney Footlocker Invitational in Fresno, California. She continued to develop in college and turned into one of the best long distance runners in CCS history. Jenni finished third in the 1998 NWAACC cross country championships and helped lead the team to the first place trophy. She followed that up in 1999 as she again led her teammates to the team championship and finished with the individual first place medal. Jenni had an outstanding track season in 1999 as well, winning both the 800 (2:22.09) and the 1500 (4:40.37) at the NWAACC track and field championships. After her career at CCS, Saling became a certified licensed massage therapist and reiki practitioner. She is a part-time landscape engineer and volunteers at Second Harvest and Head Start programs while being a full-time mother to her daughter Isabella.

ASHLEY (HADWAY) KAPUS, 2002-04. Ashley came to the Community Colleges of Spokane track and field and cross country (XC) programs after an outstanding career at Northwest Christian High School. She reached a new level in her running career under the expert training and guidance of her CCS coaches, Larry Beatty and Shawn Beitelspacher. Ashley placed eighth in the 2002 NWAACC women's XC meet and came back to finish second in the 2003 NWAACC championships. Hadway finished her final track season at CCS by placing second in the 10K and winning both the 1500m and 5K races at the 2004 NWAACC track & field championship meet. Ashley went on from CCS to receive a full-ride D1 scholarship at Montana State University. At MSU, she set new personal running records in the Big Sky Conference at the XC, Indoor, and Outdoor Track championships. Ashley is thankful for the time with her CCS teammates and coaches and is proud to join her dad, Mike Hadway, in the CCS Hall of Fame.