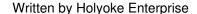
Smith recognized



Colorado State University's athletic department honored athletes for their hard work in the classroom, alongside their chosen most influential faculty members.

The Ram Scholar-Athlete Brunch, which was held Sunday, Oct. 7 at the Lory Student Center in the West Ballroom, recognized student-athletes with a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

What makes the brunch so unique is the athletes have the opportunity to invite a faculty member that has had a significant influence on their academic experience at CSU.

Along with chosen faculty, endowment donors were present with their assigned student-athletes, many of whom received special awards to recognize their outstanding work within their sport as well as the classroom.

Marissa Smith was recognized at the special event for her outstanding work in the classroom and contribution to the track team, sustaining a 3.6 cumulative GPA. She invited, and was accompanied, by her professor, Kellie Walters. Also joining her for the event were her parents, David and Rhonda Smith of Holyoke.

Smith is a junior at CSU and a sprinter for the CSU varsity track and field team. She is majoring in health and exercise science and minoring in business administration.

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