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## **Colorado State University Athlete Stays in Fort Collins to Pursue Golf Career Award winning golf athlete, Natalie Stone, joins Hanrahan Golf School**

FORT COLLINS, COLO. –July 16, 2010 – “At times it was hard, but I learned time management really quickly,” says Natalie Stone, a former Colorado State University golf athlete. Stone has recently joined the team at Hanrahan Golf School, located within the Fort Collins Country Club.

“I love golf because it is something you can play for the rest of your life. Playing college golf was a big dream of mine since I started. I accomplished that dream and hope to accomplish more as I continue playing,” says Stone, who in July took her second title as Utah Woman State Amateur Champion.

Born into a family of golfers, Stone has been playing the game for 16 years. Growing up with brothers and a father who was PGA Certified, Stone is used to playing with the boys; Stone even played on the boys Varsity golf team at Judge Memorial Catholic high school.

Stone was offered a scholarship to Colorado State University for golf, but that isn't the only reason that Stone chose CSU, “I love the city and thought that the golf team was a perfect fit.”

In 2009, Colorado State University placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at Regionals in Monterey Bay, California. Stone has a series of top finishing results, and took her first title as Utah Woman State Amateur Champion in 2009. At Colorado State University, Stone has top finish in fourth at the BYU Dixie Classic, ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the Mountain West Conference with a stroke average of 76.85, finished 13<sup>th</sup> at the Heather Farr/CU Memorial tournament, setting a career-low round of 69 and a career-low score of 216 and overall competed in nine tournaments in the 2008–2009 year alone.

Stone illustrated an exceptional record both on and off the course at Colorado State University, being awarded the CSU Athletic Academic Excellence Award



2009, and being named to the Dean's List in 2009, continuing on to be awarded the Rotary Club MVP in 2010.

Stone will now begin teaching at Hanrahan Golf School while working to earn her PGA certification. Stone is excited about the opportunity to be able to stay in Fort Collins and pursue a career in golf.

The Hanrahan Golf School is centered on the idea that there is a successful golfer in each and every player that walks through the door. The programs and lessons offered are geared toward achieving your goals – whether it's learning proper swing techniques, increasing the length of your drive or improving your handicap – they are here to bring out the best in every player.

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