



Darryl Laye
Col. F. Don Miller Award

The Col. F. Don Miller Award is presented annually by The Sports Corp to the person who best reflects the commitment exemplified by Col. Miller in providing a lasting contribution to the local sports community. This award recognizes the importance of sports in building young lives and is a fitting tribute to Col. Miller and the thousands of young men and women who benefitted from his unparalleled service on behalf of our nation's youth.

A native of the San Francisco area, Darryl Laye came to Colorado Springs after attending college in South Dakota and obtaining his master's degree from Adams State College. He began his teaching career at Cheyenne Mountain Junior High School in 1967 and spent the next 35 years there teaching and coaching football, wrestling and track. He also coached football, wrestling, soccer and swimming at Cheyenne Mountain High School. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968, served as a medic in Vietnam and returned to District 12 in 1970.

In 2012, Laye was selected as a member of the Cheyenne Mountain School District 12 Hall of Fame. He received the Carl Feters Memorial Award for dedicated service to Cheyenne Mountain Athletics in 1995 and was named Teacher of the Year at Cheyenne Mountain Junior High School in 1996. Most important to him, above athletic accomplishment, was the development of potential in student athletes at the junior high level and instilling the highest level of sportsmanship in each student.