

Chris Fowler, ESPN

The Colorado Springs Palmer High School (Class of 1980) and 1985 University of Colorado graduate hit the jackpot in sports broadcasting by being named primary studio host for ESPN's top-rated football College GameDay show and its basketball edition, along with hosting the cable giant's Classic's SportsCentury, the network's signature series (He has won two Emmys), and numerous other top-shelf assignments including ESPN's Heisman Trophy Presentation, horse racing's Triple Crown, Grand Slam tennis events, and the network's X Games. He joined ESPN in 1986 as the host/reporter for Scholastic Sports America and began his college football sidelines stint in 1988. Fowler gained the background and drive to reach his goals by working for KCNC-TV and KMGH-TV in Denver and covered prep sports for the Denver Rocky Mountain News after graduation from CU. Fowler received a bachelor of science in radio and television degree in Boulder in 1985, and was the first recipient of the Alan Berg memorial Journalism Scholarship awarded by the Denver Press Club. Chris knew what he wanted to do from the start, taking numerous jobs, creating others, and looking for every opening in the world he loved. He once worked as a public address announcer for prep hockey games at the Sertich Ice Arena in Colorado Springs and did a stint on the now defunct Colorado Springs *Sun*. The rest is sports broadcasting history.