



AMY VAN DYKEN

The former Cherry Creek High School star became one of America's greatest Olympic swimmers by winning six career gold medals in Atlanta (1996) and Sydney (2000). Her performance in Atlanta marked the first time in Olympic history that an American woman won four gold medals in a single Games, as she captured the 50m freestyle, 100m butterfly, and two relay gold medals. She trained with the U.S. National Resident Team in Colorado Springs ahead of the Atlanta Games after her graduation from Colorado State. In 1996, she was named the Associated Press Female Athlete of the year, and to the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2001. An inspiration to athletes everywhere, she overcame asthma difficulties to become an Olympic legend in the pool.