



## DON LUCIA

### COLORADO COLLEGE ICE HOCKEY COACH

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Don Lucia came from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks to revive a sleepy Colorado College ice hockey program beginning in 1993, and led the Tigers into the midst of the nation's elite NCAA Division I programs.

His Colorado College teams compiled a 166-68-18 record during his stint, winning three WCHA regular season championships, and went to five NCAA Championships that included a runner-up finish to Michigan in the 1996 Frozen Four title game. Lucia was named the National Coach of the Year following a 1993-94 season that produced a 23-11-5 record and a conference title for the Tigers in his inaugural season. His 1995 and 1996 teams won 33 and 30 games, respectively, and the Tigers were consistently in the nation's top five programs in attendance.

He left Colorado College for the University of Minnesota in 1999 and led the Gophers to a pair of Frozen Four championships and 457 wins along with 14 conference championships. He retired with a career record of 736-403-102 at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Colorado College and the University of Minnesota, eighth-best in NCAA history.