

## **Thayer Tutt Sportsman Award**

*The Thayer Tutt Sportsman Award is presented annually by the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation to an individual or organization in recognition of exceptional philanthropic and community sports support, as well as on the national sports stage.*

### **Melinda Couch**

Melinda Couch has used her marvelous gift of physical therapy support to help athletes for over two decades in Colorado Springs. She has been a physical therapist for U.S. Figure Skating since 1999, with assignments at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, World Championships, the International Skating Union's Four Continents competitions, National Championships and Grand Prix events.

Her contributions to amateur sport also embrace her role as physical therapist for cycling, short track speed skating, basketball, the Rocky Mountain State Games and the prestigious New York City Marathon. She has also contributed her time to the Paralympic athlete program in the sports of paracycling, fencing, weight lifting and badminton. She has traveled the world with her skills, earning the respect and admiration of thousands of athletes and coaches. Couch has dedicated her career to the treatment of injuries to athletes as well as injury prevention and wellness. Additionally, she is the proud owner of Peak Performance Physical Therapy in Colorado Springs.