

PHILLIP NANNING PRO CYCLIST

By the time he graduated from DePauw, Phillip had successfully held an officer position in his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, studied abroad in Barcelona, Spain, completed two science research internships, been awarded with two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Biochemistry and Spanish, and won his first individual medal at the 2006 Collegiate DII National Championships—2nd place in the criterium. His post-graduate goal was to ultimately matriculate to medical school.

Driven by his passion for cycling and bolstered by his degree in biochemistry, Phillip saw Colorado State University as an opportunity to continue to pursue academic growth with a degree in Nutrition, a health-related field, as well as train and race in Colorado—an American cycling Mecca. While attending courses in Nutrition, teaching classes as a Graduate Teaching Assistant, and researching the

relationship between physical activity and breast cancer prevention with the Cancer Prevention Laboratory, operated by Henry Thompson, Phillip became a member of the CSU Cycling Team directed by Andy Clark. Six months after meeting Clark, Phillip was on his way to using his sprint as a tool for success, earning him his first National Collegiate DI Criterium Championship in May 2007.

On May 26, 2007, two weeks after winning his first National Championship, Phillip experienced the greatest pain and loss when his brother, Jordan, passed away unexpectedly at 22 years of age from a congenital heart abnormality, only one week after graduating from Southern Methodist University. With the loss of Jordan, family became priority number one. Three months after his brother's death, Phillip clipped into his pedals with the support of his family behind him and entered his first race with teammates from Team Rio Grande. Confronted by frustration and discontent because of a lackluster performance, taking a step back, Phillip knew he had unfinished business with the cycling world.

Dedicating even more energy to training and nearing the completion of his studies at CSU, Phillip was more dominant than ever in the collegiate ranks. It was also during that year that Phillip, riding for Team Legacy Energy Ciclismo under the guidance of Andy Clark, started preparing his body to handle the increased demands of an NRC schedule, which included Tour of the Gila and Cascade Classic stage races. Traditionally being a one-day racer, Phillip was able to use stage racing as a means to catapult his fitness and talents to the next level while working for his teammates. With the odds stacked against him, after recovering from his first stage race, Tour of the Gila, Phillip with the help of some incredibly supportive teammates from CSU was able to successfully defend his National Collegiate DI Criterium Championship in May 2008 and finish 2nd in the omnium... TWO-TIME CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL CHAMPION!

In 2009, Phillip is racing again under the direction of Clark at Ciclismo Racing. Although he also holds a full-time position as the Chief Operations Officer of Club Colorado Fitness, he still strives to focus on increasing his racing experience and obtaining the tools and strategies to be successful in the Professional peloton. Motivated to improve his endurance and climbing capacity, Phillip is now able to drive races at the front while working for his teammates on one of the best climbing stage race teams in America. Often times sacrificing personal glory for the betterment of the team, Phillip is now anxious to demonstrate that explosive sprint that led him to his National Collegiate Criterium Championships. With a proven determination to win races, and the memory of his late brother Jordan fueling the fire behind his desire to succeed as both an individual and teammate, you can bet that a big victory in 2009 is just around the corner...