Ashley Piper headed to Colorado Christian

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Ashley Piper had never heard of Colorado Christian University before last summer, but she's learning fast.

Piper has signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball at the NCAA Division II school in Lakewood, Colo., next season.

Piper, a 5-foot-9 guard, is averaging 7.1 points for the Cedar Rapids Washington girls' basketball team, which is 9-0 and ranked fifth in the state.

"They saw me play in a summer league game at Cornell," Piper explained. "I'm really excited. The team is awesome and the coach is really cool."

Colorado Christian Coach Tim Hays and the team have a 5-0 record in the Rocky Mountian Athletic Conference and are 6-2 overall.

Piper visited the school in September and signed in November, ending her search for a college. "I can enjoy my senior year and play basketball," she said.