Spencer Wood - Pittsfield, Vermont

Spencer was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at birth, but his parents did not tell him of his disability until he was in the fourth grade. "I'm still thankful for that," he says. He never let his disability slow him down before he knew about it, so he saw no reason to let it impact him now. Spencer grew up in a ski town and started skiing at age 2. He started ski racing at the age of 5, along with all of his friends, and attended a ski academy through high school. Spencer met Erik Petersen at the Ski Spectacular in Breckenridge in 2014, which is where he learned about NSCD Comp Center. He started training with the NSCD Comp Center three years ago and trains and races whenever he can. Spencer is currently a junior at the University of Colorado at Boulder has been named to the U.S. Paralympics Alpine National Team. He competed in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games for Team USA, earning a top-25 finish in giant slalom. Spencer earned his first career World Cup medal this season in Zagreb, Croatia — a bronze in slalom — on his birthday.