



2015 MEDIA GUIDE



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**UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS**

Location: ..... Iowa City, Iowa  
Founded: ..... 1847  
Enrollment: ..... 31,387  
School Colors: ..... Black and Gold  
Nickname:.....Hawkeyes  
Home Facility:..... Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
Conference: ..... Big Ten  
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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12/6/14	Black & Gold Intrasquad	Iowa City, Iowa	11 a.m.
1/9/15	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	7:30 p.m.
1/18/15	Michigan State, Ball State	Iowa City, Iowa	2 p.m.
1/24/15	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	3 p.m.
1/30/15	Maryland	Iowa City, Iowa	7 p.m.
2/7/15	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	6 p.m.
2/14/15	Illinois	Iowa City, Iowa	3 p.m.
2/21/15	Denver, BYU	Denver, Colo.	7 p.m.
2/27/15	UC Davis	Davis, Calif.	7 p.m.
3/6/15	Iowa State	Iowa City, Iowa	7 p.m.
3/14/15	Big Five Meet	Minneapolis, Minn.	TBA
3/21/15	Big Ten Championships (BTN)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	TBA
4/4/15	NCAA Regional Championships	NCAA Regional Championships	TBA
4/17-19/15	NCAA Championships	NCAA Championships	TBA

All times listed Central, and are subject to change.





2015 ROSTER

Name	Events	Yr.	Hometown
Opua Calucag	bars, beam, floor	Jr.	South Pasadena, Calif. (Calif. Virtual Academy)
Mollie Drenth	all-around	So.	Riverview, Fla. (Riverview)
Ashleigh Edlin	all-around	So.	Woodlawn, Tenn. (Clarksville Academy)
Ashley Fischer	all-around	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Living Word Christian)
Alie Glover	all-around	Jr.	Destin, Fla. (South Walton)
Sydney Hoerr	all-around	Sr.	Bloomington, Ill. (Tri-Valley)
Maryah Huntley	bars, beam, floor	Jr.	Van Meter, Iowa (Van Meter)
Amanda Kowalski	all-around	So.	Northville, Mich. (Ohio Virtual)
Caroline McCrady	all-around	So.	Eagan, Minn. (Eagan)
Angel Metcalf	all-around	So.	Swansboro, N.C. (Myers Park)
Lexi Mura	all-around	So.	Caseyville, Ill. (Belleville East)
Jori Robertson	floor, beam, vault	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa (West Branch)
Megan Ruzicka	all-around	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield East)
Lanie Snyder	all-around	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard West)
Johanny Sotillo	all-around	Sr.	Valencia, Venezuela (Bath)
Caitlin Tanzer	bars, beam, floor	Sr.	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
Nikki Youd	all-around	Fr.	Panama City, Fla. (A. Crawford Mosley)
Melissa Zurawski	bars, beam, floor	Fr.	Darien, Ill. (Hinsdale South)

**Head Coach:** Larissa Libby (11th season)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Caleb Phillips (sixth season), Jennifer Green (first season)  
**Athletic Trainer:** Jon Fravel  
**Administrative Assistants:** Jessica Morreale, Emma Willis

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Opua Calucag...uh-POO-ah, CAL-ew-cahg  
Sydney Hoerr.....Hair  
Maryah Huntley .....Mariah  
Amanda Kowalski..... Co-WALL-ski  
Johanny Sotillo ..... So-Tee-Oh  
Caitlin Tanzer .....TAN-zur

BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

FRESHMEN (6)	SOPHOMORES (6)	JUNIORS (3)	SENIORS (3)
Ashley Fischer	Amanda Kowalski	Opua Calucag	Sydney Hoerr
Lanie Snyder	Lexi Mura	Alie Glover	Johanny Sotillo
Melissa Zurawski	Angel Metcalf	Maryah Huntley	Caitlin Tanzer
Nikki Youd	Ashleigh Edlin		
Jori Robertson	Caroline McCrady		
Megan Ruzicka	Mollie Drenth		





## 2014 RESULTS (2-18 OVERALL, 2-5 BIG TEN)

Event	Result
vs. Utah State	L, 191.75-191.65
at Ball State	L, 189.975-188.875
at Georgia	L, 197.400-194.675
vs. Nebraska	L, 196.450-193.250
at Illinois	L, 196.475-195.050
at Michigan State	L, 194.150-193.750
vs. Ohio State	L, 195.275-195.075
vs. UIC	W, 195.125-193.800
at Boise State	L, 196.975-195.350
at Iowa State	L, 195.925-192.775
at Michigan (B1G Quad Meet)	4/4 (194.750)
Big Ten Championships	7/8 (195.375)

## NCAA REGIONALS INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Event	Athlete
Floor (9.800)	Mollie Drenth
All-Around (38.125)	Angel Metcalf
All-Around (38.700)	Sydney Hoerr
All-Around (39.075)	Alie Glover

## BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team	Points
1. Michigan	197.550
2. Nebraska	196.950
3. Minnesota	196.675
4. Illinois	196.625
5. Penn State	196.475
6. Ohio State	196.400
<b>7. Iowa</b>	<b>195.375</b>
8. Michigan State	194.500

## LETTERWINNERS

Opua Calucag  
Mollie Drenth  
Ashleigh Edlin  
Morgan Fairman  
Alie Glover  
Sydney Hoerr  
Caitlin Tanzer  
Maryah Huntley  
Amanda Kowalski  
Maroline McCrady  
Caitlin Tanzer  
Johanny Sotillo  
Lexi Mura  
Angel Metcalf

## ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN HONOREES

Sydney Hoerr  
Caitlin Tanzer  
Alie Glover

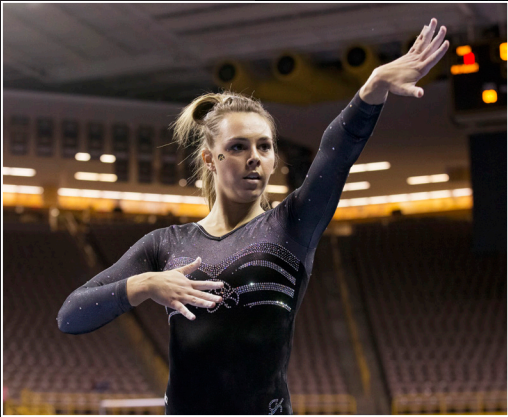


SEASON BESTS

Name	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Opua Calucag	---	---	---	---	---
Mollie Drenth	9.550	9.825	9.700	9.850	38.550
Ashleigh Edlin	9.800	---	9.800	9.775	---
Morgan Fairman	---	---	---	---	---
Alie Glover	9.825	9.825	9.825	9.800	39.125
Sydney Hoerr	9.875	9.925	9.825	9.875	39.400
Maryah Huntley	---	9.675	9.725	9.850	---
Amanda Kowalski	9.825	9.800	9.800	---	---
Caroline McCrady	9.750	---	---	---	---
Angel Metcalf	9.825	9.850	9.875	9.925	39.325
Lexi Mura	---	---	---	---	---
Johanny Sotillo	---	---	---	---	---
Caitlin Tanzer	---	---	9.750	9.725	---
Team	49.025	48.975	48.725	49.225	195.375

INDIVIDUAL TEAM LEADERS

Event	Athlete	Mark	Competition
Vault	Angel Metcalf	9.825	at Boise State (2/28)
Uneven Bars	Sydney Hoerr	9.900	at Iowa State (3/7)
Balance Beam	Angel Metcalf	9.875	vs. UIC (2/23)
Floor Exercise	Angel Metcalf	9.925	at B1G Championships (3/22)
All-Around	Angel Metcalf	39.325	2x, last at B1G Championships (3/22)





### **5 HAWKEYES COMPETE AT NCAA REGIONALS**

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team concluded the 2014 season at the NCAA Regionals in Minneapolis, as five Hawkeyes were selected for NCAA Regional competition. Sophomore Alie Glover, freshman Angel Metcalf, and junior Sydney Hoerr were selected as all-around competitors, while freshman Mollie Drenth competed on floor. Sophomore Maryah Huntley was selected as the alternate behind Drenth on floor. Competition took place April 5 in Minneapolis.

The University of Oklahoma (197.725) and University of Illinois (196.600) qualified for the NCAA Championships. Other teams competing at the Minneapolis Regional included the University of Minnesota (196.350), University of California (195.700), Southern Utah University (195.150), and San Jose State University (193.950).

Glover completed the night with a 39.075 in the all-around, followed closely by teammates Hoerr and Metcalf who tallied 38.700 and 38.125, respectively. Glover fell just short of qualifying for the NCAA Championships, finishing fourth in the all-around among those not on qualifying teams. Metcalf took 15th on bars (9.800), while Glover came in fifth on beam with a 9.875. Glover and Drenth finished in the top-20 on floor, both registering 9.800.

### **3 GYMHAWKS NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN**

Juniors Sydney Hoerr and Caitlin Tanzer and sophomore Alie Glover were named Academic All-Big Ten honorees. Hoerr, a Bloomington, Ill. native, is a health and human physiology major. Tanzer is a business major from Naperville, Ill., and Glover studies pre-physical therapy and is a native of Destin, Fla.

### **HOERR NAMED ALL-BIG TEN:**

Junior Sydney Hoerr was named second team All-Big Ten on March 18. All-conference teams were determined by regional qualifying scores. Hoerr, an Academic All-Big Ten honoree, is a junior from Bloomington, Ill. She was named to the 2014 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List in December. Hoerr registered Iowa's individual season bests on the uneven bars (9.900 at Iowa State, March 7) and floor exercise (9.875 at Georgia, Jan. 20) this season. She competed in all 12 meets in addition to NCAA Regionals, while competing in the all-around in seven competitions. Hoerr leads Iowa on the bars with a regional qualifying score of 9.855, tying for 54th nationally.

### **IOWA SELECTED TO HOST 2016 NCAA REGIONAL**

The University of Iowa and Carver-Hawkeye Arena have been selected to host a 2016 NCAA Regional (April 2, 2016) in women's gymnastics. Iowa last hosted an NCAA Regional in 2009.







### THE BASICS

Six gymnasts perform on each of the four events: vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor exercise. The five highest scores per event comprise the cumulative team total. Top teams score above 195 out of a perfect score of 200.

Each routine has a start value of 9.5. In order to reach a maximum start value of 10.0, the gymnast must earn bonus points for difficult skills and combinations. The difficulty of skills are ranked from A-E, with "E" being the most difficult. A "D" skill is worth one-tenth of bonus points, while an "E" element is worth two-tenths of bonus. The gymnast also receives bonus for performing a connection of skills, called combination bonus.

### JUDGING

Uneven bars, balance beam, and floor exercise are judged with a rating system evaluating each element on the following scale:

- A - basic element
- B - element with partial difficulty
- C - element with higher difficulty
- D - element with very high difficulty
- E - element with highest difficulty

Routines require the following to start from a 9.5 base value: 3 "A" elements, 3 "B" elements, and two "C" elements.

### SPECIAL DEDUCTIONS

- \* Out of bounds on the floor exercise, -0.1 each time
- \* Overtime in balance beam routine (over 90 seconds), -0.2
- \* Fall off apparatus, -0.5 each time
- \* Wobble on beam, -0.1 to -0.3, depending on degree of wobble
- \* An extra step on landing, -0.1
- \* Insufficient artistry of presentation, up to -0.3
- \* Relaxed posture throughout the exercise, up to -0.2







## **VAULT**

Vaulting requires speed, quickness and explosive power. The gymnast is allowed to perform only one vault, with the exception of NCAA Championship vault final qualifications. Vaults have assigned maximum difficulty ranging from 8.6 to 10.0. Deductions are taken for technical errors in four phases: the approach, contact with the vaulting table, height and distance from the table, and the landing. Specific deductions include up to 0.5 for body position faults, 0.1-0.4 for steps on the landing, and up to 0.3 for an off-center landing. Additionally, if the coach assists the athlete at any time during the vault, the athlete will receive a score of 0.0. Some common vaults in collegiate competition include:

Roundoff back handspring, layout.....	9.80 start value
Roundoff back handspring, layout half twist.....	10.0 start value
Roundoff back handspring, layout full twist.....	10.0 start value
Handspring front tuck.....	9.80 start value
Handspring front tuck half twist.....	9.90 start value
Handspring front tuck full twist.....	10.0 start value
Handspring front pike.....	9.90 start value
Tsukahara layout.....	9.80 start value
Tsukahara layout half twist.....	10.0 start value
Tsukahara layout full twist.....	10.0 start value
Roundoff half twist on, front tuck.....	9.90 start value
Roundoff half twist on, front pike.....	10.0 start value

## **UNEVEN BARS**

This event combines the gymnast's strength and agility as the gymnast must maintain a flowing and consistent rhythm. A bar routine must include a mount, two release moves, a directional change, and a dismount. Bonus points are awarded through release moves, dismounts, and performing difficult elements in a series.

## **BALANCE BEAM**

The balance beam is 16 feet long, four feet high, and only four inches wide. Performing on the beam requires precise movement and intense concentration. A beam routine should be between 70 and 90 seconds long and include a tumbling series, a leap series, a mount and a dismount.

Composition Requirements:

- \* Full turn
- \* Large leap or jump (180 degree split)
- \* Acrobatic series with two or more flight skills
- \* Dance series
- \* Minimum of a "C" level dismount

## **FLOOR EXERCISE**

This is the "glamour" event in women's gymnastics that combines tumbling, dance, and interpretation of music. Floor routines must contain at least two tumbling passes (one with two flips) and a series of two leaps all choreographed to music. Floor exercise has become not only one of the most beautiful of athletic events, but one of the most daring and exciting as well.

Composition Requirements:

- \* Dance series with two elements
- \* Two tumbling series with one having at least two saltos
- \* Three different saltos within the exercise
- \* Minimum of "C" level dismount in combination or "D" level skill






**LARISSA LIBBY**

HEAD COACH  
11TH SEASON

Larissa Libby enters her 11th year as head coach, and 15th year overall, at the University of Iowa in 2014-15.

In 2014, six Hawkeyes were selected for NCAA Regional competition. Sophomore Alie Glover, freshman Angel Metcalf, and junior Sydney Hoerr were selected as all-around competitors, while freshman Jordyn Doherty was chosen to compete on vault and freshman Mollie Drenth competed on floor. Sophomore Maryah Huntley was selected as the alternate behind Drenth on floor. Libby coached junior Sydney Hoerr to second team All-Big Ten honors, while Hoerr, junior Caitlin Tanzer and sophomore Alie Glover earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

Libby led Iowa to its sixth-consecutive NCAA postseason appearance, the seventh in her tenure, during her ninth year as head coach in 2013. The Hawkeyes finished sixth in the Norman Regional, posting 194.475. In the regular season, Iowa clinched the Cy-Hawk Series, defeating Iowa State with a season-best, 196.375-194.575. Iowa was the only Big Ten team to down Minnesota, the regular season Big Ten Co-Champions. The Hawkeyes beat the Gophers, 195.725-195.550.

Under Libby's guidance, Iowa finished its 2013 homestand undefeated. The Hawkeyes recorded their highest-ever average home attendance (1,414), drawing a season-high 2,303 fans against Iowa State. Iowa found success off the floor as well, as four GymHawks, Sydney Hoerr, Emma Stevenson, Kaitlynn Urano and Emma Willis, received Academic All-Big Ten honors.

In 2012, the Hawkeyes finished the season ranked 26th nationally, the highest finish since 2004. Libby coached Tesla Cox to second team All-Big Ten honors and Emma Stevenson to the Big Ten All-Championship Team. The Hawkeyes hosted the Big Ten Championships drawing a season-high attendance figure of 1,661. Stevenson scored a 9.875 on the floor exercise, and Iowa finished seventh as a team. Libby led the Hawkeyes to a fifth-consecutive NCAA postseason appearance. Iowa posted 194.600 and finished fifth at the Seattle Regional.

The Hawkeyes raised the streak to four-straight NCAA appearances in 2011 with a fifth place finish at the Corvallis Regional. This coming after a sixth place finish at the Big Ten Championships, and an overall season record of 11-6. Libby coached three All-Big Ten selections in Rebecca Simbhudas, Houry Gebeshian and Jessa Hansen. Simbhudas and Gebeshian also made individual appearances at the NCAA Championships as Simbhudas was named North Central Region Gymnast of the Year.

Libby led Iowa to a third place finish at the 2010 Big Ten Championships, its best finish in six years. On top of another NCAA Regional berth, Libby also coached Houry Gebeshian to a Big Ten title on beam, just the second in program history. Gebeshian, Jessa Hansen and Rebecca Simbhudas were selected to the All-Big Ten team. Additionally, Simbhudas qualified as an individual for the NCAA Championships and earned All-American honors on beam.

In 2009, Libby led her squad to a 10-5 record and was named North Central Region Coach of the Year. Under her guidance, the GymHawks made accomplishments. The Whitby Sports Council, the hometown where Libby began her outstanding career, selected Libby to be inducted into the Whitby Sports Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed on some of Canada's greatest athletes.





In 2008, Libby coached the Hawkeyes to their first NCAA appearance since 2005 and a fifth place finish in the Big Ten Conference. In addition to the multiple team and staff honors, Libby also saw several GymHawks achieve standout seasons during the 2008 season. Jenifer Simbhudas was named first team All-Big Ten and Big Ten Gymnast of the Week twice. The accomplishments came off of the competitive floor as well. Five GymHawks were named Academic All-Big Ten and seven were named academic All-Americans.

In 2007, Libby led the Hawkeyes to a number of individual records. Katie Burke earned career-highs on vault, bars, floor, and in the all-around, ending a highly successful season with an NCAA Championship appearance. Kara Pinjuv, Jenifer Simbhudas, and Katie Turcotte all qualified to NCAA Regional competition. In addition to their NCAA success, Burke earned first team All-Big Ten honors, while Pinjuv, Turcotte, and Simbhudas all earned second team honors.

Prior to the 2007 season, Libby played a role in the Hawkeyes' six consecutive seasons of NCAA Regional competition (2000-2005) and coached seniors Liz Grajewski and Kortny Williamson, as well as junior Danielle Legeai to individual regional competition in 2006.

As the Hawkeyes' choreographer and beam coach, Libby has made a lasting impact. The top 10 school records on beam have all been under her guidance, including the school record, 49.425, accomplished in 2004 at Illinois State. In 2004, the GymHawks recorded a 49.0 or higher seven times on beam.

Before becoming the UI head coach, Libby served as associate head coach for one season and assistant coach for the previous three seasons.

Before joining the Hawkeyes, Libby served four years as the assistant women's coach at Louisiana State University, her alma mater. While at LSU, she produced nine beam All-Americans, the top-ranked beam team in 1999 and helped coach LSU to four consecutive NCAA championship team appearances.

As a competitive gymnast in her home country of Canada, Libby burst onto the scene at age 11, quickly becoming a junior national champion and a senior national champion shortly after. A member of the 1987 and 1989 Canadian world championship teams, Libby led the Canadian team to its best-ever sixth-place finish, placing 18th in the world in the all-around and becoming Canada's first ever world vault finalist. Along with world recognition, Libby was also a member of the Canadian Olympic team in 1988. She has earned over 30 international individual and event medals and was honored as the Canadian Gymnast of the Year in 1989 and 1990. In 2006, Libby was honored for her many national and international accomplishments. The Whitby Sports Council, the hometown where Libby began her outstanding career, selected Libby to be inducted into the Whitby Sports Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed on some of Canada's greatest athletes.

Originally from Pickering, Canada, Libby was a collegiate gymnast at Louisiana State University. She was a four-year team captain and the Central Region bar champion in 1995. Libby graduated from LSU in 1996, with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and a minor in French. Her husband, Chad, is the program director of athletic training at Coe College. The couple has two daughters, Taylor and Bailey.





**CALEB PHILLIPS**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
SIXTH SEASON



Caleb Phillips is in his sixth year as an assistant coach at the University of Iowa in 2014-15.

Phillips served as an assistant coach for the Hawkeyes from 2008-13, before leaving to pursue a career outside of coaching, and relocating with his family to Utah. He returned to the program in the fall of 2014.

“We are elated that Caleb has returned to Hawkeye Nation,” said Libby. “His infectious personality and enthusiasm for the team and Iowa in general has been missed. The atmosphere surrounding the team since his return is electric and I am excited to work with him again.”

“It is great to be back in Iowa,” said Phillips. “I had the opportunity to try my hand at something else and fortunately it was short lived. Coaching is what I do, it’s what I am and it’s what I love. I feel blessed with the opportunity to come back to the Hawkeye family and do what I absolutely love and have a passion for. The next step is to make some waves in the Big Ten and show people just how strong this team and program can be.”

Phillips was responsible for the uneven bars squad during his first stint at Iowa, which was consistently ranked in the top 20 in the country. In 2013, Phillips led the bar squad to a 49.115 NCAA Regional Qualifying Score, ranking 16th nationally. In 2012, Phillips coached the bar team to a 49.100 Regional Qualifying Score, ranking 13th nationally.

The Hawkeyes have received NCAA postseason berths every year he has been on staff. Additionally, Phillips has helped coach two Hawkeye gymnasts, Houry Gebeshian and Rebecca Simbhudas, to NCAA Championship appearances.

In 2011, Phillips was named the North Central Region Assistant Co-Coach of the Year with fellow assistant Linas Gaveika. Under Phillips’ guidance, Gebeshian, Jessa Hansen and Simbhudas were selected to the All-Big Ten team.

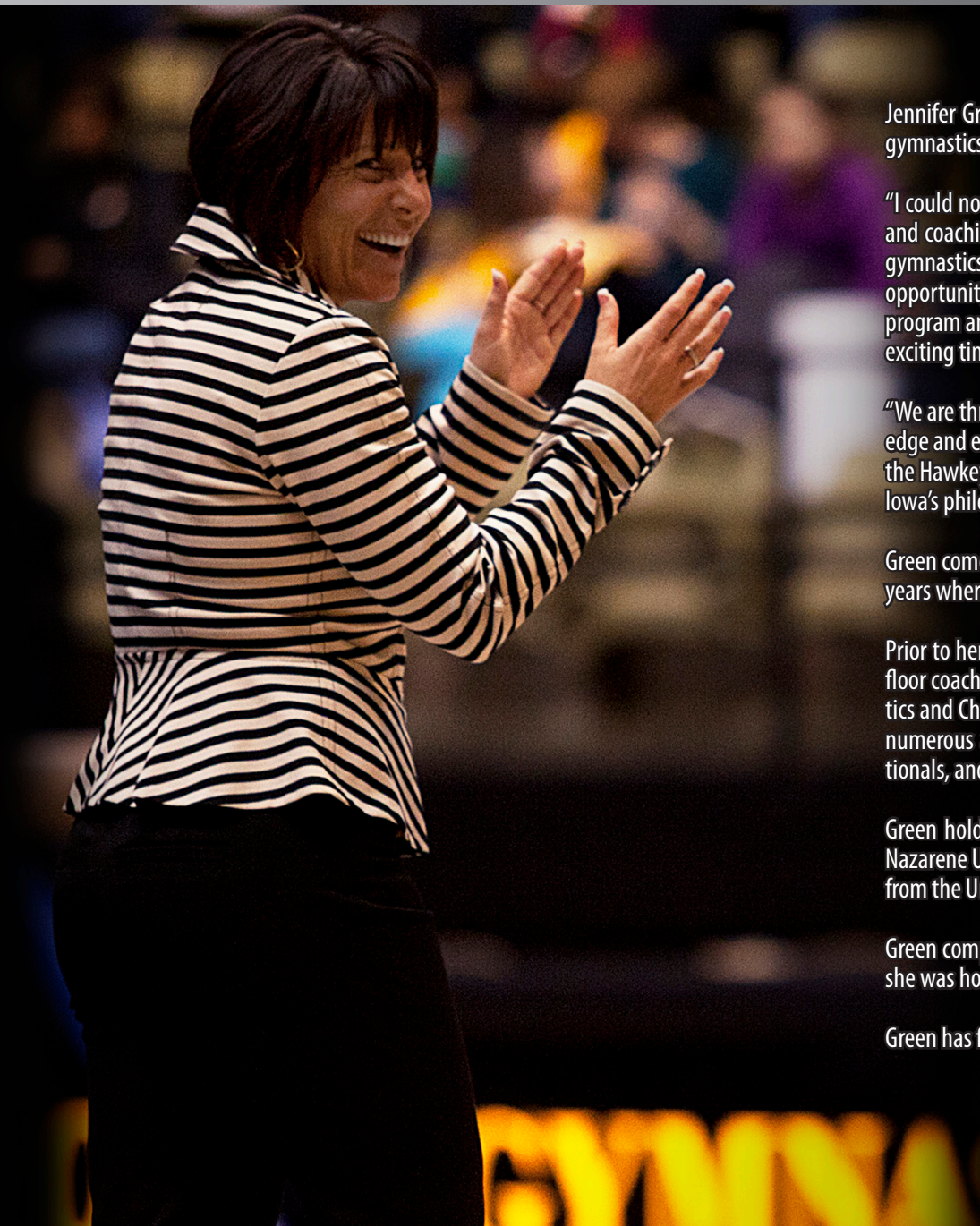
With the help of Phillips, Iowa placed third at the Big Ten Championships in 2010, its best finish in six years. Gebeshian, Hansen and Simbhudas took home All-Big Ten honors, and Gebeshian won the Big Ten beam title, just the second in program history.

Prior to joining the Iowa staff, Phillips spent four years as an assistant coach at Southern Utah. He helped lead Southern Utah to two NCAA Regional appearances and helped send two competitors to NCAA Championships -- Leah Sakhitab in 2005 and Elise Wheeler in 2008. Phillips coached three athletes to NCAA Regionals in 2006 and four in 2007.

Phillips has a Bachelor’s degree in psychology from Southern Utah. He and his wife, Ashley, have two children -- Cable and Beck.



**JENNIFER GREEN**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
FIRST SEASON



Jennifer Green is in her first year as an assistant coach on the University of Iowa women's gymnastics staff.

"I could not be more excited to become part of the Hawkeye nation," said Green. "The team and coaching staff perform at the highest level, and I am honored to be a part of the Iowa gymnastics program. I am thankful to coach Libby and the administration for giving me this opportunity to continue my dream of coaching at the collegiate level. The strength of the program and high level of academic performance at the University of Iowa makes this a very exciting time for me."

"We are thrilled to have Jennifer join our staff," said UI head coach Larissa Libby. "Her knowledge and experience, coupled with her enthusiasm, are going to be tremendous additions to the Hawkeye way. We searched long and hard to find the perfect fit. For the staff, team, and Iowa's philosophy, we could not have found a better person."

Green comes to Iowa after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Missouri for two years where her specific responsibilities included choreographing and coaching beam.

Prior to her stint in Columbia, Green spent four years as recreational director and beam and floor coach at Elite Gymnastics Club in Lenexa, Kansas, before moving on to Kansas Gymnastics and Cheer, where she spent 12 years as the beam and floor coach. She has also coached numerous athletes to USA Gymnastics Western Nationals and Level 10 Junior Olympic Nationals, and several earned state, regional and national titles.

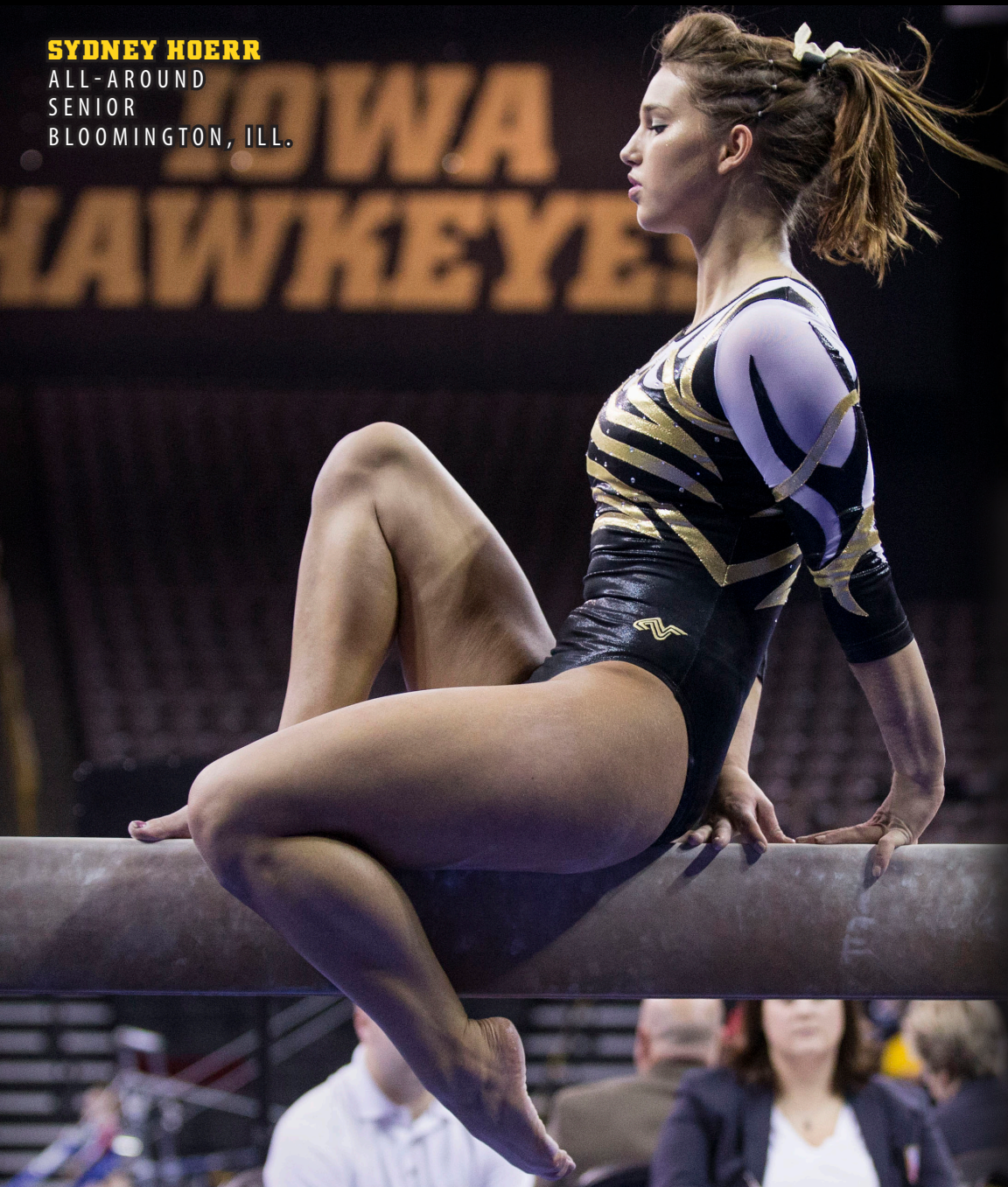
Green holds a bachelor's degree in management and human relations from Mid America Nazarene University and a master's degree in educational, school and counseling psychology from the University of Missouri.

Green competed at the elite level before continuing her career as a gymnast for LSU, where she was honored as an all-conference athlete (SEC) and an NCAA All-American.

Green has four children, Taylor, Matt, Jackson, and Bailey.



**SYDNEY HOERR**  
ALL-AROUND  
SENIOR  
BLOOMINGTON, ILL.



### GETTING TO KNOW SYDNEY

**My first gymnastics memory:** During my first gymnastics meet I completely forgot my beam routine so my coach had to stand next to the beam and walk me through my entire routine. I remember getting a green ribbon because of this and crying the rest of the meet. Looking back now I find this truly hilarious!

**Most prized possession:** My family

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** Café Crema, which is the cutest little coffee shop ever!

**Favorite movie:** *How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days*

**Favorite music:** Country music

**Favorite professional athlete:** Larissa Libby ;)

**Most memorable gymnastics moment:** When Emma Stevenson cheered "I'm just so excited" after tripping on a bar cable at Regionals.

**Favorite thing about team road trips:** Good ol' team bonding! I enjoy the laughter and deep conversations we are able to engage in.

**I want to visit:** Thailand. I've heard only great things about this place so one day I'd love to check it out for myself.

**2015 season goal:** To put my all into every meet, every skill and every detail. I want to have no regrets and, most of all, I want to cherish every moment of my last season as a Gymhawk.

**2014...** Named second team All-Big Ten... Academic All-Big Ten honoree... selected to NCAA Regionals as an all-around competitor, posting a 38.700... registered Iowa's individual season bests on the uneven bars (9.900 at Iowa State, March 7) and floor exercise (9.875 at Georgia, Jan. 20)... competed in all 12 meets while competing in the all-around in seven competitions... named to the 2014 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List in December... led Iowa on the bars with a regional qualifying score of 9.855, tying for 54th nationally.

**2013...** Academic All-Big Ten honoree... competed in the all-around in 10 meets... marked a career-high 9.875 on vault and floor in win against Iowa State, placing second in both events... won the bars title at Southern Utah with a career-best and team season-high 9.925... scored a career-high 9.825 on beam against Iowa State for second place... won the all-around against Iowa State with a career-best and team season-high 39.400.

**2012...** Competed on the floor exercise at every meet... scored a career high 9.850 on the floor against Penn State... posted a personal best of 9.775 on the beam against Minnesota... competed five times on the vault, scoring a career high of 9.85 at the Big Ten Championships... made collegiate debut on the bars at the Regional Championships with a mark of 9.750.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Two-time J.O. National Qualifier (2009, 2010)... finished seventh on bars at 2009 J.O. Nationals... placed third in the all-around 2010 Region V... finished first on bars and second on floor and all-around at 2009 Region V... 2007 Eastern Nationals floor champion and second in the all-around... 2006 Eastern Nationals floor champion... trained at Rising Stars Academy... coached by Russ Berndt and Bridget Conley.

**PERSONAL...** Parents are Scott Hoerr and Brenda Berndt... health and human physiology major.



### HOERR'S BEST

Vault.....9.875	vs Iowa State (3/8/13)
Bars.....9.925	at Southern Utah (3/15/13)
Beam.....9.825	vs Iowa State (3/8/13)
Floor.....9.925	vs Ball State, Michigan State (1/18/15)
AA.....39.400	vs Iowa State (3/8/13)



**CAITLIN TANZER**

BARS, BEAM, FLOOR  
 SENIOR  
 NAPERVILLE, ILL.

**2014...** Academic All-Big Ten honoree... competed in eight meets, six on floor and two on beam... season best of 9.725 on floor was registered at Georgia (1/20), while the 9.750 on beam was posted at the Big Ten Quad Meet against Michigan, Minnesota, and Penn State on March 15.

**2013...** Competed on beam in the last six meets of the season... earned a season-best 9.725 in win against Minnesota for seventh place.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Two-time Level 10 Regional Championship qualifier and three-time Level 10 State Championship qualifier... placed eighth in the all-around at the 2007 Level 9 Eastern National Championships... competed for Arena Gymnastics under coaches Dan and Beth Miller... received "Hardest Worker Award" twice and "Most Supportive Award" by her gymnastics club.

**PERSONAL...** Born on 10/1/92... parents are Ray and Deb Tanzer... has one brother, Ryan Tanzer... integrated physiology major.


**GETTING TO KNOW CAITLIN**

**My first gymnastics memory:** In my first gymnastics competition, we started on beam. I went up first, fell three or four times, and finished my routine scoring a whopping 6.25. The best part is that throughout my entire routine I had a smile plastered on my face as if I was about to score a perfect 10! Safe to say, I've loved this sport from day 1.

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** My favorite place in Iowa City is the Pentacrest or walking along the paths down by the river.

**Prized possession:** The collection of pictures in my room of family, friends, and memories that constantly remind me of how lucky I am to be where I'm at today.

**Favorite movie:** *The Hunger Games*

**Favorite music:** Country music

**I want to visit:** I really want to go to Australia, and maybe even travel the world for a year after college.

**Why the University of Iowa:** Iowa is highly ranked for academics and has a beautiful campus which initially drew me in, but the team and coaches of the gymnastics program are what sealed the deal for me. If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing.

**Favorite professional athlete:** Jonathan Toews on the Chicago Blackhawks.

**Most memorable gymnastics moment:** After taking 2 years off, I came back and competed as a GymHawk for the first time against Minnesota live on the Big Ten Network and nailed my routine with a stuck dismount - it made every moment worth it.

**2015 season goal:** Being a senior this year, my goal is to enjoy every single moment and contribute in any way I can to better our team.


**TANZER'S BEST**

Beam.....9.750 at B1G Quad Meet (3/15/14)

Floor.....9.725 at Georgia (1/20/14)



**JOHANNY SOTILLO**  
ALL-AROUND  
SENIOR  
VALENCIA, VENEZUELA



**2014...** Did not see action due to injury.

**2013...** Did not see action.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Represented the Venezuelan national team at the 2010 and 2011 World Championships... helped Venezuela finish sixth at the 2011 Pan American Games... earned second place in the all-around, bars and beam, and third on vault and floor at the 2011 Venezuela National Championship.

**PERSONAL...** Born 6/21/91... parents are Mercedes Villanueva and Pedro Sotillo... father played baseball at Universidad de Carabobo... coached by mother and national team coach Carlos Sanchez... was member of the Environmental Club and Intercultural Exchange Program in high school... sports business major.

### GETTING TO KNOW JOHANNY

**My first gymnastics memory:** This is not my first memory but is one of the most vivid one. I was 6 and everyone at nationals thought I should win bars; well I did almost all my routine; just needed to jump on to the high bar and do a tuck dismount and I felt 6 times trying to get to the high bar. kind of embarrassing.

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** Art Building West

**Favorite movie:** *Annapolis*

**Favorite music:** I don't have a preference, it depends on my mood.

**I want to visit:** I want to visit the 7 wonders of the world.

**Why the University of Iowa:** I didn't know much about Iowa when I decided to come but if I could do it all over again I would still choose Iowa. Its a fantastic place to live, academics is great and the atmosphere of the team and the city just makes you fall in love with it.

**Favorite professional athlete:** Omar Vizquel

**What is your 2015 season goal:** I want the team to make it to NCAA



### JOHANNY'S BEST

Bars.....9.900 at Ohio State (1/24/15)  
Beam ....9.825 at Nebraska (2/7/15)



**ALIE GLOVER**

ALL-AROUND  
JUNIOR  
DESTIN, FLA.


**GLOVER'S BEST**

Vault..... 9.850	at Ohio State (1/24/15)
Bars..... 9.825	3x, last vs UIC (2/23/14)
Beam..... 9.875	at Nebraska (2x last on, 2/7/15)
Floor..... 9.900	vs Ball State, Michigan State (1/18/15)
AA..... 39.125	at Illinois (1/31/14)

**GETTING TO KNOW ALIE**

**First gymnastics memory:** Doing forward rolls in a baby gymnastics class at my daycare

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** The Pentacrest

**Favorite food:** Steak and garlic potatoes

**Place I want to visit:** Australia

**Why the University of Iowa:** I love the atmosphere, campus, and the coaches and team are amazing.

**Being at Iowa has taught me:** How to be independent

**2014...** Academic All-Big Ten honoree . . . competed in all 12 meets . . . received a bid to NCAA Regionals . . . competed as an all-around competitor, posting a 39.075 overall, falling just short of qualifying for the NCAA Championships . . . named to the 2014 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List in December . . . season bests for the year were 39.125 in the all-around (Jan. 31 at Illinois), 9.825 on vault (Feb. 7 at Michigan State), 9.825 on bars (Feb. 23 against UIC), 9.800 on floor (Feb. 28 at Boise State), and 9.825 on beam (Jan. 31 at Illinois).

**2013...** Was only GymHawk to compete in the all-around at all 12 meets... named Big Ten Freshman of the Week (2/8/13) after posting a career-high 39.050 for the all-around title against Michigan State and Illinois-Chicago... earned a career-best 9.825 on vault against Ohio State... scored 9.700 or better on bars 11-of-12 times, posting a career-high 9.825 at Southern Utah... marked a career-best 9.750 twice on beam against Michigan State/Illinois-Chicago and at Southern Utah... earned a career-high 9.800 on floor five times... competed in the lead-off position on bars, beam and floor.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** 2012 Junior Olympic National qualifier, placing 16th on vault... placed fourth all-around and third on vault at the 2012 Region 8 Championships... finished second all-around at the Florida State Championship in 2012 and fourth All-Around in 2011... competed for Gymnastics Plus under coaches Steve and Sue Arkell.

**PERSONAL...** Born on 6/1/94... parents are Rhett and Wendy Glover... has one brother, Rhett... integrated physiology major.

**Pre-meet rituals:** I have to wear the same shorts and shirt every time I get ready for a competition

**Ideal career:** Physical Therapist

**Favorite professional athlete:** Alicia Sacramone

**Most memorable gymnastics moment:** Qualifying to Junior Olympic Nationals for my first time as a level 10 gymnast.





**OPUA CALUCAG**

BARS, BEAM, FLOOR  
JUNIOR  
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF.


**GETTING TO KNOW OPUA**

**First gymnastics memory:** When I was 4, I saw a beam through the window of the local recreational gym. After that, I knew that I wanted to do gymnastics and begged my parents to sign me up.

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** The downtown area

**Why Iowa:** I love the people here, especially my team and my coaches! I couldn't imagine a greater group of people to spend my collegiate career with!

**Favorite movie:** *She's The Man*

**I want to visit:** Tahiti

**2014...** Did not see action.

**2013...** Competed on beam three times, scoring a career-high 9.075 in win against Iowa State... also competed on beam at Southern Utah and at the Big Ten Championships.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Qualified to the 2011 Junior Olympic Nationals and placed 14th on balance beam... placed sixth in all-around at the Region I Level 10 Championships... crowned the 2010 Level 9 Region I all-around Champion and the 2010 Level 9 Western National Floor Champion... trained at West Coast Elite Gymnastics under coaches Fernando Villa and Antoaneta Angelova.

**PERSONAL...** Born on 4/26/94... parents are Evelyn and Noel Calucag... made the Dean's High Honors List for spring 2011 and 2012 semesters... integrated physiology major.

**Favorite music:** I'm really into Nicki Minaj, Beyonce, Chris Brown, Sam Smith, or almost anything on the Top 40 list!

**Favorite professional athlete:** Tasha Schwikert

**2015 goal:** My personal goals for this season are to make beam and floor line ups.

**Most memorable gymnastics moment:** First time walking out of the tunnel in Carver freshman year. Thinking about it gives me chills!

**One word that describes me:** Happy


**CALUCAG'S BEST**

Beam.....9.075 vs Iowa State (3/8/13)



**MARYAH HUNTLEY**

BEAM, FLOOR, BARS  
JUNIOR  
VAN METER, IOWA



**HUNTLEY'S BEST**

Bars.....9.675 at Boise State (2/28/14)  
Floor.....9.850 vs Ohio State (2/14/14)  
Beam.....9.725 at Michigan State (2/7/14)

**2014...** Competed in all 12 meets this season on bars, floor, and beam and was selected to NCAA Regionals as an alternate on floor. . . posted season bests of 9.675 on bars at Boise State (2/28), 9.850 on floor against Ohio State (2/14), and 9.725 on beam at Michigan State (2/7).

**2013...** Competed on floor twice, earning a season-high 9.800 at the Big Ten Championships in her collegiate debut... scored 9.750 on floor and made debut on beam (8.950) at the NCAA Regional Championships... a former UI cheerleader, she joined the team late in the season, just weeks prior to the Big Ten Championships.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Qualified to the 2010 Junior Olympic Nationals after placing seventh in the all-around at the 2010 Region IV Championships... qualified to the 2007 and 2008 Level 9 Western National Championships, placing 11th in the all-around in 2008.

**GETTING TO KNOW MARYAH**

**My first gymnastics memory:** Running around in an ugly green leotard my dad picked out and made me wear. Love you dad!

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** Starbucks

**Prized posession:** my Chicago Bears hat my dad gave me... it's good luck for meets!

**Favorite movie:** *The Holiday*

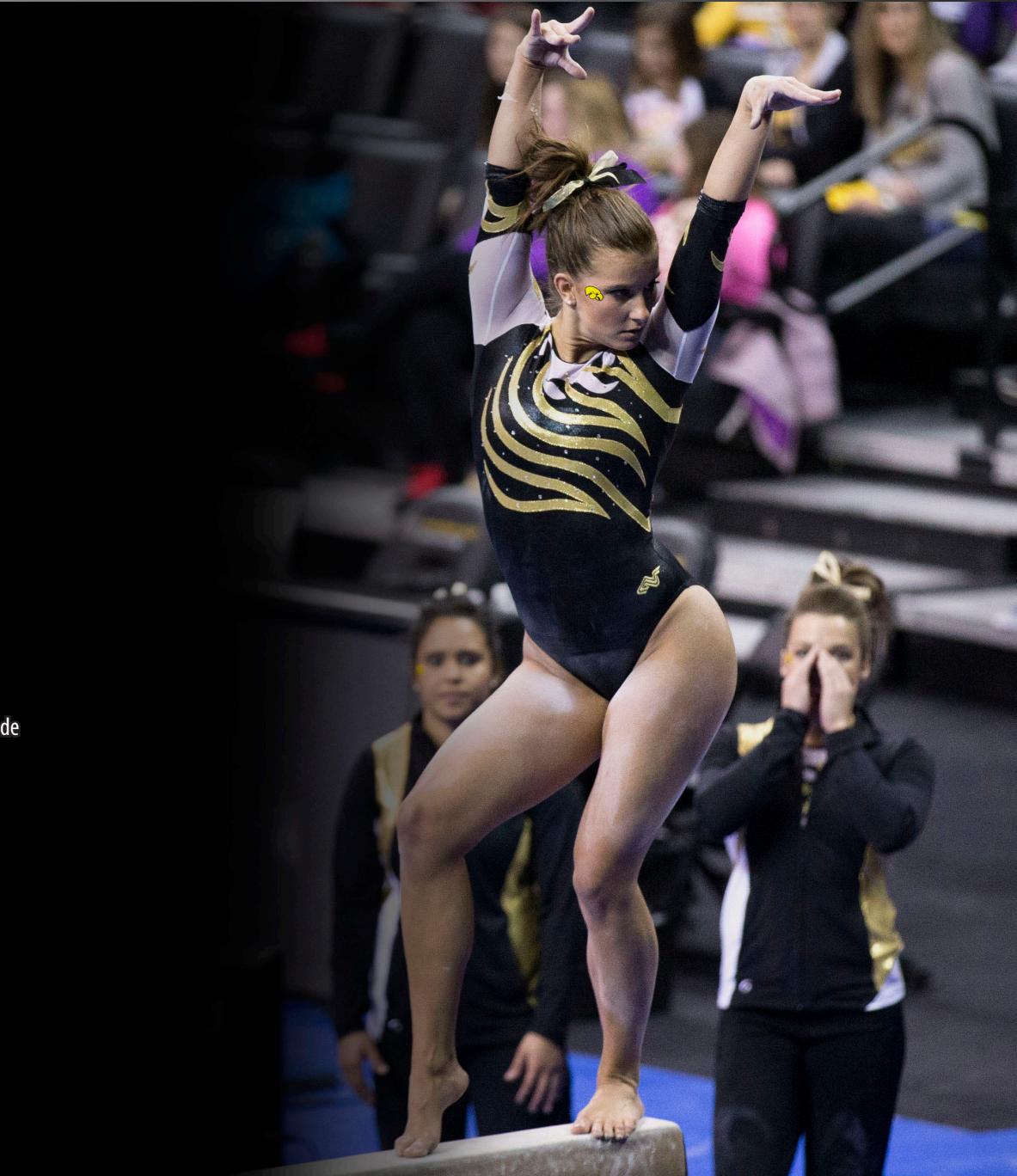
**Favorite music:** Everything but Coach Caleb's music

**I want to visit:** Italy

**Favorite professional athlete:** Michael Jordan

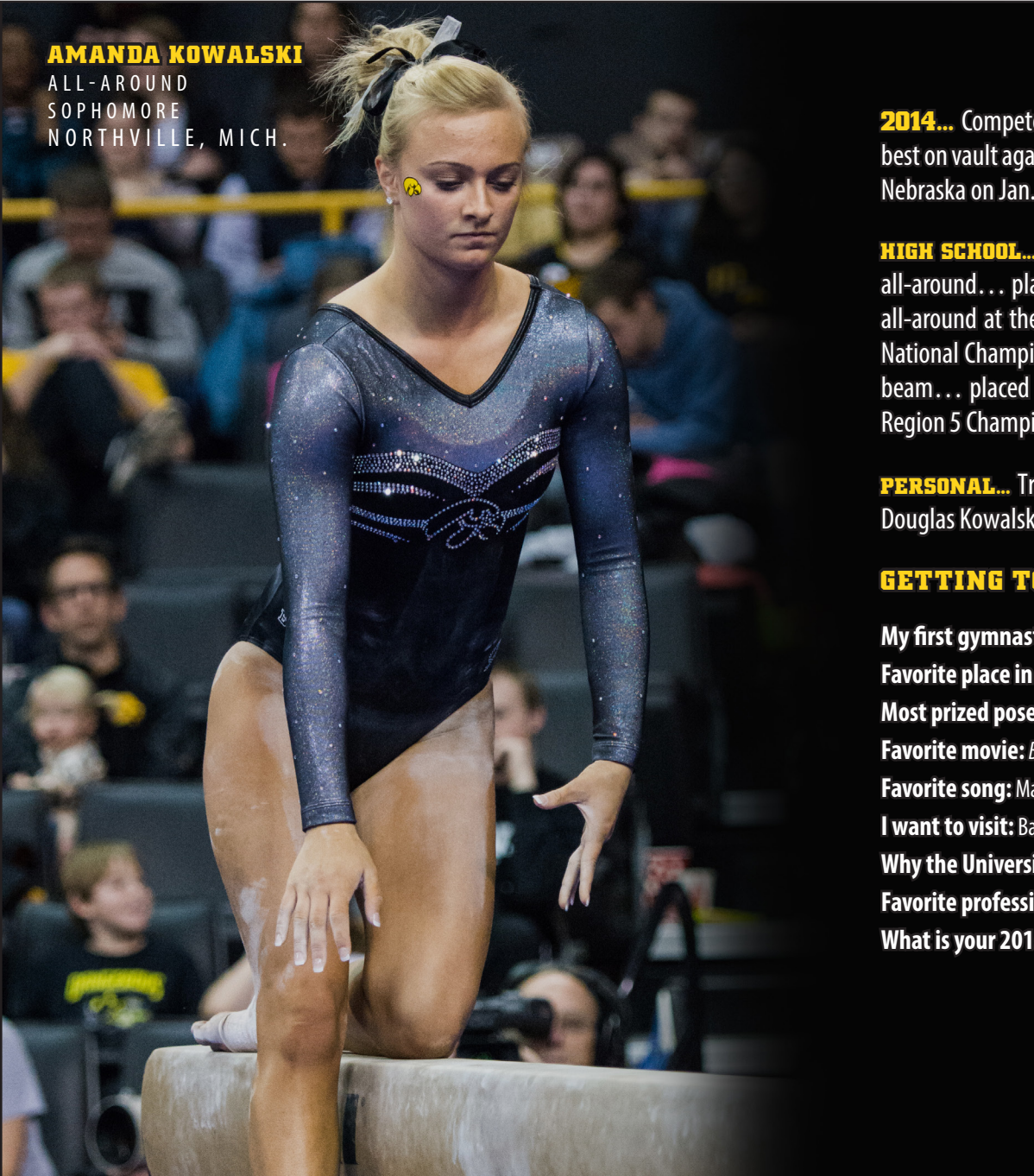
**Most memorable gymnastics moment:** Getting a 9.9 my first Big Ten competition on floor.

**2015 season goal:** Contribute as much as I can and help my team receive a national title.





**AMANDA KOWALSKI**  
ALL-AROUND  
SOPHOMORE  
NORTHVILLE, MICH.



**2014...** Competed on vault, bars, and beam in the six meets before suffering an injury. . . posted a season best on vault against Michigan State on Feb. 7 (9.825), bars at Georgia on Jan. 20 (9.800), and beam against Nebraska on Jan. 24 (9.800).

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Qualified to the 2013 Region 5 Championships, finishing ninth on vault and 10th in the all-around. . . placed sixth in the all-around at the 2013 Ohio State Championships. . . finished fifth in the all-around at the 2012 Region 5 Championships and sixth in the all-around at the 2012 Junior Olympic National Championships. . . competed in the 2012 TOPS Super Challenge, earning first place on vault and beam. . . placed third in the all-around at the 2011 Ohio State Championships and qualified to the 2011 Region 5 Championships.

**PERSONAL...** Trained at Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy during her senior year...parents are Teri and Douglas Kowalski...undecided major.

### GETTING TO KNOW AMANDA

**My first gymnastics memory:** Getting my lip

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** Graze

**Most prized possession:** My stuffed monkey Fred

**Favorite movie:** *Bridesmaids*

**Favorite song:** Marvins Room by Jojo

**I want to visit:** Bahamas

**Why the University of Iowa:** Because it felt like home

**Favorite professional athlete:** My cousin Ryan Kesler

**What is your 2015 season goal:** For my whole team to make it to regionals



### KOWALSKI'S BEST

Vault.....9.825	at Michigan State (2/7/14)
Bars.....9.800	at Georgia (1/20/14)
Beam.....9.800	vs Nebraska (1/24/14)





**ANGEL METCALF**  
ALL-AROUND  
SOPHOMORE  
MATTHEWS, N.C.

**2014...** Received a bid to NCAA Regionals to compete in the all-around, posting a 38.125... competed in 12 meets this season, nine of which she competed for the all-around title... tallied season best all-around score of 39.325 twice; the most recent at Big Ten Championships... score marked the individual team best for the GymHawks... holds the team best on floor and beam, scoring 9.925 (at Big Ten Championships 3/22) and 9.875 (against UIC 2/23).

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Placed seventh on beam at the 2013 Junior Olympic National Championships... finished third in the all-around and second on beam at the 2013 Region 8 Championships... earned second place on beam at the 2012 Junior Olympic National Invitational Tournament... three-time Region 8 Championship qualifier... placed second on beam at the 2011 North Carolina State Championships.

**PERSONAL...** Trained at International Sports Center....parents are Edward and Julie Metcalf, one sister (Sarah) and seven brothers (Matt, Gerard, Tim, Joe, Mike, Dominic & Danny)....psychology major.

**GETTING TO KNOW ANGEL**

**My first gymnastics memory:** My first gymnastics memory is when my sister and I were in our very first gymnastics class together.

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** CHIPOTLE!

**Most prized possession:** My family because they mean the world to me.

**Favorite movie:** *The Little Mermaid*

**Favorite music:** Country

**I want to visit:** I've always wanted to go to Hawaii!

**Favorite professional athlete:** Liliya Podkopaeva

**What is your 2015 season goal:** My goals for the 2015 season are to increase my highest individual scores for each event, and to make it to the Regional competition as a team.

**METCALF'S BEST**

Vault.....9.900	vs Illinois (2/14/15)
Bars.....9.900	at Ohio State (1/24/15)
Beam.....9.900	at Ohio State (1/24/15)
Floor.....9.925	at BIG Championships (3/22/14)
All-Around.....39.400	vs Illinois (2/14/15)





**ASHLEIGH EDLIN**  
ALL-AROUND  
SOPHOMORE  
WOODLAWN, TENN.



**EDLIN’S BEST**

Vault.....9.875 vs Illinois (2/14/15)  
Floor.....9.850 vs Michigan State, Ball State (1/18/15)  
Beam.....9.800 vs UIC (2/23/14)

**2014...** Competed in all 12 meets this season on the vault, floor, and beam . . . posted season-bests of 9.800 (at Big Ten Championships), 9.775 (at Illinois on Jan. 31) and 9.800 (against UIC on Feb. 23), respectively.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Two-time Level 10 Tennessee State beam champion . . . finished 19th in the all-around at the 2012 Junior Olympic National Invitational Tournament . . . qualified to the 2012 Region 8 Championships, earning fourth on beam and 12th in the all-around.

**PERSONAL...** Trained at Clarksville Elite Gymnastics Center...parents are Charlie and Dianne Edlin...pre-med major.

**GETTING TO KNOW ASHLEIGH**

**My first gymnastics memory:** My first gymnastics memory was my grandmother taking me to class one day and I got to jump off the trampoline onto a big red mat named Clifford! I looked forward to landing on Clifford every practice!

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** Aspen Leaf because of the delicious caramel apples

**Most prized possession:** My most prized possession would have to be my chapstick or the chalk bucket!

**Favorite movie:** *Frozen*

**Favorite song:** Country

**I want to visit:** Italy, because of the food!

**Why the University of Iowa:** I’m from Tennessee and walking on campus felt like home. I was always told that when I find the right college, I would know. First time I walked on campus everything felt right! I just fit right in and it was easier than I thought to be away from my family and friends. I was happy and couldn’t take a smile off my face; it was my new home!

**What is your 2015 season goal:** My personal goal for the 2015 season is to be Big Ten Beam Champion. My team goal is to be Big Ten Champions, but also every time we compete to give it our all and to leave everything out on the floor. I don’t want season to end and think about what could have been done or if we had practiced a little hard.





**LEXI MURA**

ALL-AROUND  
SOPHOMORE  
CASEYVILLE, ILL.

**GETTING TO KNOW LEXI**

**My first gymnastics memory:** Competing as a level 5 gymnast in front of a bunch of people.

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** The Pentacrest. It's just so pretty!

**Most prized possession:** I don't really have one but if I were to choose then I would say my car.

**Favorite movie:** *The Wedding Date*

**Favorite music:** Maroon 5, the Script, and hip-hop while I workout.

**I want to visit:** Italy and Bora Bora. Both just seem so beautiful.

**Favorite professional athlete:** Shawn Johnson

**Why Iowa:** The balance of academics and athletics along with the beautiful campus we have was something I couldn't turn down. The coaches and the team were just so nice. I knew it was where I belonged.

**What is your 2015 season goal:** To make it to regionals as a team.

**2014...** Did not see action due to injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Qualified to the 2013 Region 5 Championships, finishing fifth on vault and 17th in the all-around. . . finished third in the all-around and second on bars at the 2013 Illinois State Championships. . . placed second in the all-around and first on beam at the 2012 Junior Olympic National Invitational Tournament. . . earned second in the all-around at the 2012 Illinois State Championships, qualifying to the 2012 Region 5 Championships. . . won the 2011 Region 5 bars title.

**PERSONAL...** Trained at World Class Gymnastics Center...parents are Doreen and Stephen Mura...pre-pharmacy major.


**MURA'S BEST**

Bars.....9.825 at Ohio State (1/24/15)





**MOLLIE DRENTH**  
ALL-AROUND  
SOPHOMORE  
RIVERVIEW, FLA.

**2014...** Selected to NCAA Regionals as an event specialist on the floor, posting a 9.800... posted a season-best on floor 9.850 against Illinois (Jan. 31) and again at the Big Ten Championships on March 22.... competed in all 12 meets... notched a season-best all-around score of 38.550 against Nebraska on Jan. 20.

**HAWK ITEM...**Joined Hawkeye program in January of 2014.

**GETTING TO KNOW MOLLIE**

**My first gymnastics memory:** My first gymnastics memory was when I did my first backbend-kick over. After I did this skill, I felt like I could conquer the world.

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** Old Capital Building

**Most prized posession:** My baby pillow. I can't sleep without it.

**Favorite movie:** *Stick It*

**Favorite music:** Pop, country, and boat music (Jimmy Buffet) has to be my favorite type of music

**I want to visit:** California

**Favorite professional athlete:** Kerri Strug

**Why Iowa:** Where do I even start? My teammates and coaches are just the perfect fit for me, the campus is beautiful, and I love the way Iowa presents them.

**What is your 2015 season goal:** To contribute to my team as much as possible, to compete all around, and to All-american.



**DRENTH'S BEST**

Vault.....9.875	vs Maryland (2x, last on 1/30/15)
Bars.....9.875	vs Michigan State, Ball State (1/18/15)
Floor.....9.875	vs Michigan State, Ball State (1/18/15)



**CAROLINE MCCRADY**

ALL-AROUND  
SOPHOMORE  
EAGAN, MINN.



**2014...** Saw action in all 12 meets this season on vault . . . posted a season-best of 9.750 three times, most recently at Iowa State on March 7.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Earned fifth place on vault and floor at the 2013 Region 4 Championships... placed 16th in the all-around at the 2013 Minnesota State Championships... was a two-time Level 10 Junior Olympic regional qualifier.

**PERSONAL...** Trained at TAGS South Gymnastics...parents are Laura and Rich McCrady...business major.

**GETTING TO KNOW CAROLINE**

**My first gymnastics memory:** Doing gymnastics on the couches with my sister

**Favorite place in Iowa City:** Java House

**Most prized possession:** My cell phone

**Favorite movie:** *Mulan*

**Favorite singer:** Carrie Underwood

**I want to visit:** Spain

**Favorite professional athlete:** Nastia Luikin

**Why Iowa:** I chose Iowa because I loved the school, it has great academics and the team was very inviting.

**What is your 2015 season goal:** To make it to nationals as a team.



**MCCRADY'S BEST**

Vault.....9.800 vs Illinois (2/14/15)



**JORI ROBERTSON**

FLOOR, BEAM, VAULT  
FRESHMAN  
IOWA CITY, IOWA

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Junior Olympics qualifier in both 2011 and 2012... state champion for vault, beam, floor and all-around in both 2012 and 2013... 2014 national all-around champion... 2014 regional bar champion... 2014 state bars, beam and all-around champion... second team all-conference in 2014... received senior leadership award... member of the honor roll all four years... 2014 outstanding scholar-athlete award... and member of the National Honor Society.

**PERSONAL...** Born December 23, 1995... daughter of Randy and Linda Robertson, three brothers and one sister (Chris, Derrick, Bryant, Chelsey)... athletic training major.


**NIKKI YOUD**

ALL-AROUND  
FRESHMAN  
PANAMA CITY, FLA.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** 2012 Eastern National Champion in the all-around, vault, and beam... placed 9th on beam at the 2013 Junior Olympic National Championships... finished her high school career with a 4.58 GPA... and graduated with honors.

**PERSONAL...** Trained at Gymnastics Plus... born September 1, 1996... daughter of Steve and Jamie Youd, two half sisters (Ava and Elena)... and business major.


**MEGAN RUZICKA**

ALL-AROUND  
FRESHMAN  
PLAINFIELD, ILL.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Level 9 Regional qualifier in 2011... 2012 State champion in floor and vault... member of the Illinois Level 10 State 1st Place Senior Team in 2014... graduated in the top 2% of her class... National Honor Society member... National Spanish Honor Society member... member of the Spanish Club... and AP Scholar with Honors.

**PERSONAL...** Born September 10, 1996... daughter of Scott and Kathy Ruzicka, one sister (Kristin)... mathematics major with an actuarial focus.





**MELISSA ZURAWSKI**

BARS, BEAM, FLOOR  
FRESHMAN  
DARIEN, ILL.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Placed 1st individually in vault at Regionals in 2011... placed 9th all-around at Nationals in 2012... took 1st individually in beam at State in both 2010 and 2011... took 1st individually in floor at State in 2010... took 1st individually in floor at State in 2012...and took 1st individually in bars at State in 2012 and 2014.

**PERSONAL...** Born March 1, 1996... trained at the Balance Institute of Gymnastics... daughter of Joe and Angela Zurawski, two brothers (Brent and Eric)... and pre-physical therapy major.



**ASHLEY FISCHER**

ALL-AROUND  
FRESHMAN  
ST. LOUIS, MO.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Trained at Team Central Gymnastics Academy... placed 1st in vault, bars and floor at state in 2011... placed 1st in vault, beam and all-around at state in 2013... qualified for sate, regionals and nationals in 2014... and member of the honor roll.

**PERSONAL...** Born July 31, 1996... daughter of William and Melissa Fischer, one sister (Ariana)... physical therapy major.



**LANIE SNYDER**

ALL-AROUND  
FRESHMAN  
OMAHA, NEB.

**HIGH SCHOOL...** Placed 1st individually in vault at Regionals in 2011... placed 9th all-around at Nationals in 2012... took 1st individually in beam at State in both 2010 and 2011... took 1st individually in floor at State in 2010... took 1st individually in floor at State in 2012...and took 1st individually in bars at State in 2012 and 2014.

**PERSONAL...** Born December 30, 1995... daughter of Todd and Karen Snyder, two brothers (Jake and Josh)... pre-dentistry major.





"I chose Iowa because it felt like home the first time I visited. The atmosphere and spirit of this school is amazing and the people are so welcoming."

**ALIE GLOVER** -- JUNIOR

"I chose Iowa because my teammates and coaches are just the perfect fit for me, the campus is beautiful, and I love the way Iowa presents them!"

**MOLLIE DRENTH** -- SOPHOMORE

"I chose Iowa because it gave me the opportunity to do what I love, which is gymnastics while studying to get my degree. Plus the program is awesome!"

**JOHANNY SOTILLO** -- SENIOR



"I chose Iowa because it feels like home. The people here are so humble and will go out of their way to make you feel welcome. The coaching staff, team, campus, and education are all fabulous."

**SYDNEY HOERR** -- SENIOR

"The Hawkeye pride throughout Iowa City is never-ending and creates an uplifting vibe at any given time. Being able to get an incredible education, be a part of a Division I team that has become my second family, and be a Hawkeye is more than I ever could have asked for. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

**CAITLIN TANZER** -- SENIOR





The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team takes great pride in being able to give back to the Iowa City community and participate in various community service activities. In conjunction with several activities, the team selects one major cause to be involved with. For the fourth consecutive year, the GymHawks put their efforts behind the Ponseti races, with the proceeds going to clubfoot research. The team also helped build a haunted house for local youth. The GymHawks are always one of the first to jump at an opportunity to help others.



**Ponseti Races**



**Halloween Haunted House**



**"Achieve Your Dreams"**



**Bicycle/Moped Helmet Awareness**



**Light the Night**



**Elementary School Volunteers**







Iowa City is a media saturated environment. With no professional teams in the area, the Hawkeyes garner extensive coverage from newspapers, television and the Internet.

### **TWITTER**

A member of the Iowa gymnastics staff offers interactive content live from every event throughout the season via the official Iowa Gymnastics Twitter account, @IowaGymnastics. This feature provides diehard Hawkeye fans up-to-the-minute play-by-play, notes and stats about the meet and GymHawks. The Twitter feed begins approximately 15 minutes before each competition and runs throughout the meet.

### **TELEVISION**

With the launch of the Big Ten Network, the Big Ten is the only conference in the country that has its own national network devoted to Big Ten programming. In addition to the Big Ten Network, the Hawkeyes have had meets on CSTV and Mediacom the past couple seasons.

### **HAWKEYESPORTS.COM**

Media and fans can also obtain a wealth of up-to-date information about the Hawkeyes on the official web site of the University of Iowa -- [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com). Live stats (gametracker), box scores, play-by-play, photo galleries, coach and bio information, video, and more can be found on the web site. The gymnastics team also has its own Facebook and Twitter site.

### **NEWSPAPER COVERAGE**

Fans can also read about Hawkeye action in several newspapers/web sites throughout the state of Iowa. A few of the papers that cover the Hawkeyes on a regular basis include: The *Des Moines Register*, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, the *Quad City Times*, *The Daily Iowan*, the *Voice of The Hawkeyes*, the



*Burlington Hawkeye, the Waterloo Courier, and the Moline Dispatch.*

### **FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES**

Web Address: [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com) (check the schedule page for live stats and live streams)

Facebook: [facebook.com/iowagymnastics](https://facebook.com/iowagymnastics)

Twitter: [twitter.com/iowagymnastics](https://twitter.com/iowagymnastics)

YouTube: [youtube.com/iowagymnastics](https://youtube.com/iowagymnastics)





*Last season, the Gymhawks appeared on the Big Ten Network on three occasions. Big Ten gymnastics can be seen worldwide in high-definition (HD) on BTN and on BTN.com.*

In June 2006, the Big Ten announced the creation of the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs. Available to all cable and satellite providers nationwide, with most programs offered in stunning high-definition television (HDTV), the network allows fans to see their home teams, regardless of where they live.

The Network currently has agreements with more than 250 affiliates, including AT&T U-Verse, Charter, Comcast, Cox (Cleveland), DirecTV, DISH Network, Insight, Mediacom, Time Warner Cable and Verizon FiOS. Available to approximately 70 million households nationwide, the Big Ten Network is the first nationally distributed network dedicated to covering one of the premier collegiate conferences in the country. With approximately 350 live events, and nearly all of them in high definition, the network is the ultimate destination for Big Ten fans and alumni across the country, allowing them to see their favorite teams, regardless of where they live.

The network operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, showcasing a wide array of classic-to-current sports and televising more Olympic sporting events and women's sports than has ever been aired on any other network.





**ALL-AMERICAN SELECTIONS**

Stephanie Gran	2004
Alexis Maday	2002-04
Rebecca Simbhudas	2010

**ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN TEAM**

Kim Baker	1996
Katie Burke	2005-06
Meridith Chang	1994
Michelle Conway	2004
Rachel Corcoran	2012
Heather Fomon	2009-10
Kelly Galau	2010
Houry Gebeshian	2009-10
Elizabeth Grajewski	2006
Stephanie Gran	2002-04
Jessa Hansen	2010-12
Andrea Hurlburt	2009-10
Tiffany Kwan	2004
Danielle Legeai	2004
Brandi Loffer	2009
Brittany Logan	2009
Rachel Nash	2009-10
Kara Pinjuv	2006
Annie Rue	2003-05
Melissa Saliba	2003-04
Sandy Stengel	1994
Arielle Sucich	2010
Annie Szatkowski	2009-12
Nicole Wong	2003-04
Allyson Zipse	2005-06

**REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR**

Larissa Libby	2009
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**REGIONAL ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR**

Caleb Phillips	2011
Linas Gaveika	2011

**BIG TEN MEDAL OF HONOR**

Kim Baker	1996
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**BIG TEN COACH OF THE YEAR**

Mike Lorenzen (co)	2001
Mike Lorenzen (tri)	2004
Larissa Libby (co)	2008

**BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE YEAR**

Lori Cole	1991
Alexis Maday	2004

**BIG TEN FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**

Kim Baker	1993
Giselle Boniforti	1998
Alexis Maday	2001

**ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS**

Janna Alexandrova	2001
Kim Baker	1994-96
Katie Burke	2007
Giselle Boniforti	1998-2000
Lori Cole	1989-91
Corynne Cooper	2002
Tesla Cox	2012
Houry Gebeshian	2009-2011
Liz Grajewski	2005-06
Stephanie Gran	2001, 2003-04
Jessa Hansen	2010-11
<b>Sydney Hoerr</b>	<b>2014</b>
Wendy Hussar	1985
Tracy Junker	1989
Alexis Maday	2001-04
Kris Meighan	1985
Kara Pinjuv	2007
Annie Rue	2003
Jenifer Simbhudas	2007-09
Rebecca Simbhudas	2010-11
Sandy Stengel	1991
Emma Stevenson	2012
Katie Turcotte	2007

Kortny Williamson	2004
Robyn Zussman	1989

**ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN TEAM**

Janna Alexandrova	2002
Kim Baker	1994-96
Stephanie Benson	2001-02
Carey Betcher	1990
Misti Blackledge	1993, 1995
Kim Burkard	1987-88
Katie Burke	2005-09
Stacy Burns	1990-92
Meridith Chang	1992, 1994
Tiffany Chapman	1997
Corynne Cooper	2002
Rachel Corcoran	2010-12
Heather DeAtley	2001-02
Beth Dilick	2005-07
Jenny Donar	2008-10
Jennifer DuBois	1987-88
Jordan Eszlinger	2010-12
Michele Ford	2001-02
Heather Fomon	2010
Kelly Galau	2010
Houry Gebeshian	2010-11
Joni Goldwasser	1987
Liz Grajewski	2004-06
Stephanie Gran	2002-04
Jessa Hansen	2010-12
Carie Hatch	1996-98
Jamie Lynne Hedley	1990-92
<b>Sydney Hoerr</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
Angie Hungerford	1999-2002
Andrea Hurlburt	2010-11
Tracy Junker	1989-91
Kelley Kello	2002
Brandy Killian	2002-04
Tiffany Kwan	2004
Jessica Kyanka	2002
Betsy Lam	1998-2000
Grace Lee	1996-98
Danielle Legeai	2005-07

Mindi Levitz	2002-05
Brittany Logan	2008-09
Alexis Maday	2002
Stephani Martinsen	1992
Jennifer Miermyk	1993
Melissa Miller	2010
Rachel Nash	2010
Kara Pinjuv	2007-09
Tawna Rathe	1995
Christine Roselli	1997-99
Annie Rue	2002-05
Melissa Saliba	2004
Jennie Schurman	2010-11
Becky Sheldon	1992-93
Sandy Stengel	1992-94
Emma Stevenson	2011-13
Annie Szatkowski	2010-12
Cathy Terrell	1993
Linda Tremain	1984
Kaitlynn Urano	2011-13
Lori Whitwer	1997-99
Emma Willis	2013
Nicole Wong	2002-04
Bobbie Zimmerman	2005-06
Ally Zipse	2006-09

**ALL-BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

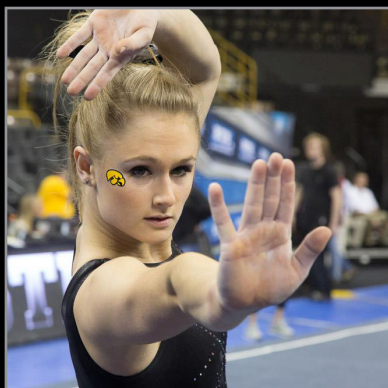
Emma Stevenson (floor exercise)	2012
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**LOU GINSBERG HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Named for former Hawkeye loyalist and athlete Lou Ginsberg, this award is presented to the student-athlete possessing the humanitarian qualities that include kindness, compassion, empathy, warmth and a commitment to helping others.

Stephanie Smith	1987
Martie Janovich	1990
Cindy, Cathy Terrell	1995
Elizabeth Bryant	1999





### VAULT

1. 49.525 .... at Utah ..... 2004
2. 49.450 .... at Maryland ..... 2004
3. 49.400 .... at Illinois ..... 2003
4. 49.375 .... vs. NC State ..... 2004
4. 49.375 .... vs. Iowa State ..... 2013

### UNEVEN BARS

1. 49.425 .... vs. Illinois State ..... 2001
2. 49.350 .... vs. Iowa State ..... 2003
- 49.350 .... at Minnesota ..... 2003
4. 49.325 .... at Southern Utah ..... 2013
5. 49.300 .... at Maryland ..... 2004
- 49.300 .... vs. NC State ..... 2004
- 49.300 .... vs. Iowa State ..... 2001

### BALANCE BEAM

1. 49.425 .... at Illinois State ..... 2004
2. 49.350 .... at Southern Utah ..... 2003
- 49.350 .... at Illinois ..... 2001
4. 49.300 .... vs. Michigan State ..... 2003
5. 49.275 .... vs. Minnesota ..... 2004

### FLOOR EXERCISE

1. 49.550 .... vs. Iowa State ..... 2004
2. 49.475 .... at Maryland ..... 2004
- 49.475 .... vs. Michigan ..... 2004
4. 49.450 .... vs. Minnesota ..... 2004
- 49.450 .... at Washington ..... 2004

### TEAM

1. 197.150 .. at Maryland ..... 2004
2. 196.900 .. at Washington ..... 2004
3. 196.850 .. at B1G Champs ..... 2003
4. 196.800 .. at Illinois ..... 2003
5. 196.775 .. vs. NC State ..... 2004







### VAULT

1. Kim Baker	10.0 (2x)	1996
Stephanie Gran	10.0 (3x)	2001-03
2. Alexis Maday	9.975 (2x)	2004
Stephanie Gran	9.975	2004
3. Stephanie Gran	9.950 (4x)	2001-04
Alexis Maday	9.950 (4x)	2002-04
Kortny Williamson	9.950 (2x)	2004
4. Kim Baker	9.925	1995
Alexis Maday	9.925	2001
Stephanie Gran	9.925 (3x)	2004
Kortny Williamson	9.925	2004
Houry Gebeshian	9.925	2011
Maya Wickus	9.925	2011
Emma Willis	9.925	2013

### UNEVEN BARS

1. Alexis Maday	9.975 (3x)	2004
2. Giselle Boniforti	9.950 (3x)	1998, 2000
Annie Rue	9.950	2003
Alexis Maday	9.950 (9x)	2002-04
3. Giselle Boniforti	9.925 (4x)	1998-01
Sydney Hoerr	9.925 (2x)	2013, 2015
Alexis Maday	9.925 (6x)	2001-04
Annie Rue	9.925	2002
4. Giselle Boniforti	9.900 (7x)	1998-01
Alexis Maday	9.900 (8x)	2001-04
Brandy Killian	9.900	2001
Nicole Wong	9.900 (2x)	2003-04
Annie Rue	9.900	2003
Brandi Loffer	9.900	2009
Rebecca Simbhudas	9.900	2011
Emma Stevenson	9.900 (2x)	2012, 2013

### ROBERT F. BAY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE AWARD

Named for former Dean and UI Faculty Representative to the Big Ten Conference Robert F. Ray, this award is presented to the senior student-athlete who has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence, athletic excellence and leadership. Prior to 1992, a female student-athlete winner was selected every other year.

Kim Baker 1996

### BALANCE BEAM

1. Janna Alexandrova	9.975 (2x)	2001-02
2. Alexis Maday	9.950	2004
Houry Gebeshian	9.950	2010
3. Janna Alexandrova	9.925 (3x)	2001-03
Kelley Kello	9.925	2002
Stephanie Gran	9.925	2004
Rebecca Simbhudas	9.925	2009
4. Robyn Gamble	9.900	1997
Janna Alexandrova	9.900 (3x)	2001-03
Stephanie Gran	9.900 (4x)	2001-04
Jessa Hansen	9.900	2012
Alexis Maday	9.900 (6x)	2003-04
Annie Rue	9.900	2003
Danielle Legeai	9.900	2004
Houry Gebeshian	9.900 (2x)	2008
Rebecca Simbhudas	9.900 (4x)	2011

### FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Alexis Maday	9.975 (2x)	2001, 04
Stephanie Gran	9.975	2004
2. Kim Baker	9.950	1996
Jessa Hansen	9.950	2011
Alexis Maday	9.950 (6x)	2001-04
Stephanie Gran	9.950 (6x)	2003-04
Liz Grajewski	9.950	2004
Jenifer Simbhudas	9.950	2008
3. Alexis Maday	9.925 (9x)	2001-04
Stephanie Gran	9.925 (9x)	2001-04
Kortny Williamson	9.925	2004
Jenifer Simbhudas	9.925 (2x)	2009
Jessa Hansen	9.925	2011

### ALL-AROUND

1. Alexis Maday	39.750	2004
2. Alexis Maday	39.675	2004
3. Alexis Maday	39.650 (5x)	2001-04
Stephanie Gran	39.650	2004
4. Alexis Maday	39.625	2002
5. Alexis Maday	39.600	2001
Stephanie Gran	39.600	2004
6. Stephanie Gran	39.575	2004
7. Alexis Maday	39.550 (2x)	2003-04
Stephanie Gran	39.550	2004
8. Kim Baker	39.525	1996
Giselle Boniforti	39.525	1998
Stephanie Gran	39.525 (2x)	2001, 04
Alexis Maday	39.525	2003
Jenifer Simbhudas	39.525	2009
Rebecca Simbhudas	39.525	2011
9. Alexis Maday	39.500	2001
Annie Rue	39.500	2002
Stephanie Gran	39.500	2003

### SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Each spring at the All-Sports Banquet the member of the senior class sporting the highest grade point average among all student-athletes is named the Scholar Athlete of the Year. Graduating seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better are also recognized as members of the All-Academic Team.

Jamie Lynne Headley 1992  
Kim Baker 1996

### DR. PATRICIA HICKS AWARD

Named for long-time women's team physician Pat Hicks, who died of cancer in November 1992. The recipient is a student-athlete who has succeeded in overcoming adversity and has shown perseverance and great strength of character.

Misti Blackledge 1994





The Barta family includes Connie, Madison, Gary and Luke.



## **GARY BARTA** **ATHLETICS DIRECTOR**

Now in his eighth year as director of athletics at the University of Iowa, Gary Barta continues to provide the UI's more than 600 student-athletes, in addition to more than 225 coaches, administrators and support staff, the strong leadership and strategic vision that is the foundation for the Hawkeyes' success both today and in the future.

Barta often notes, "Hope is not a strategy," and evidence of his commitment to planning and execution is his second strategic plan for the UI Athletics Department. The latest

"road map" addresses the next five years for the Hawkeyes and is built on the same core tenets contained in the first: Win. Graduate. Do it right.

The Hawkeyes are coming off a 2012-13 athletics year that saw eight programs participate in national championship competition, a record-setting year in terms of graduation rates – 77 percent, and steady progress in terms of facility improvements, highlighted by the opening of the new indoor practice facility for the UI's football program and the Hoak Family Golf Complex at Finkbine Golf Course, home of the Hawkeyes' men's and women's golf programs.

Under Barta's direction, the UI will continue to put into place the infrastructure that will provide the foundation for competitive success. The 2012-13 basketball season provides an outstanding example of the impact state-of-the-art facilities can have on a program. Boosted by a new practice facility and an enhanced strength and conditioning facility – two pieces of Barta's first strategic plan for the UI – Fran McCaffery's Iowa men's basketball team won 25 games and advanced to the championship game of the 2013 National Invitation Tournament. Lisa Bluder's Iowa women's basketball team earned its sixth consecutive invitation to the NCAA Tournament.

Another example of investments made under Barta's direction that have helped Iowa turn the corner competitively is the UI men's golf program. Barta increased his commitment to the sport when he hired native Iowan Mark Hankins, who had a vision for the program that included a new practice facility. Barta, Hankins and the Hawkeyes celebrated the opening of the new \$6 million Hoak Family Golf Complex in February, just three months before Hankins' nationally ranked squad made its fifth straight appearance in the national regional championships.

Women's basketball and men's golf are two of the eight UI programs that participated in national championship competition in 2012-13. At the top of the list was Tom Brands' wrestling program, which crowned one national champion, had four wrestlers earn All-America honors, and finished fourth nationally at the end of a season that included a Big Ten Conference Dual Meet championship.

JD Reive's men's gymnastics team had three individuals earn All-America honors after finishing fifth at the national meet. Larissa Libby's women's gymnastics program advanced to NCAA regional competition for the sixth straight season.

The Iowa field hockey program under the direction of Tracy Greisbaum advanced to its sixth NCAA Tournament over the last nine years and 22nd in school history – a total that ranks No. 1 among the Hawkeyes' Big Ten Conference peers. Two Hawkeyes were named All-Americans.

Iowa's 200 and 400 medley relay teams and backstroker Grant Betulius earned All-America honors while leading Marc Long's men's swimming and diving team to a 32nd place at the national championship. Larry Wiecezorek's UI track and field program crowned eight All-Americans en route to placing 35th at the national outdoor championship.

Interest in the Hawkeyes continues to soar. Sellouts for home games of the football team at historic Kinnick Stadium and a waiting list for access to the premium seating areas inside the Paul W. Brechler Press Box are the norm. So, too, is Iowa leading the country in attendance at home wrestling events – Iowa averaged just under 9,000 fans per home dual match in 2012-13 – and being ranked among the nation's Top 20 in attendance in women's basketball.

Success on the court has also resulted in spinning turnstiles for home games of the UI men's basketball team. The Hawkeyes' run to New York City's Madison Square Garden and the NIT championship game included a pair of sold out games on Mediacom Court in 15,400-seat Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Those two sellouts, paired with three regular season sellouts, helped to push Iowa's total average per game to 13,625, an improvement of more than 1,700 per game that has pushed the Hawkeyes into the nation's Top 25 in per game attendance.

Under Barta's leadership, Iowa has also embraced new technologies and that, too, has paid dividends: Iowa ranks among the nation's Top 10 in Facebook "friends" and Twitter "followers." The UI also delivers Hawk Talk Daily, a daily e-newsletter, and Hawk Talk Monthly, a monthly e-magazine, to more than 70,000 friends of the UI and fans of the Hawkeyes to complement the news, information, video and photography available on hawkeyesports.com, the official world wide web site of the Iowa Hawkeyes and the UI's anchor in the digital world.



Academically, Iowa continues to achieve at a pace that sets the bar across the state and competes favorably with its peers in the Big Ten Conference. UI student-athletes set new records for academic achievement, according to data released by the NCAA in October 2012, as part of its annual report on the work in the classroom by student-athletes across the country.

Student-athletes that entered the UI in the fall of 2005 graduated at a rate of 77 percent, an all-time record for the Hawkeyes. That mark - which uses the federal government benchmark for graduation success — is three points better than the 2011 report when Iowa tied the previous school record of 74 percent set first in 1994-95. It is also six points better than the UI student body and 12 points better than that achieved all by student-athletes nationally.

The UI also set a new record by posting a score of 87 percent in the NCAA's "Graduation Success Rate" or GSR, one point better than what was posted the previous year. It marked the seventh time in the eight years of the GSR's existence that Iowa's student-athletes scored 80 percent or better.

The NCAA's Academic Progress Rate report for 2012-13 revealed that for the fourth consecutive year all of Iowa's 24 sports programs were comfortably above the 930 threshold that signals a red flag for the NCAA. The highlights of Iowa's report include APR's for 18 of Iowa's programs that were better than the national average in that sport, including football, men's basketball and wrestling. The APR for Iowa's football program — 961 — was an all-time best.

As noted, Barta has been the driving force behind substantial investments in the facilities used by Iowa's talented male and female student-athletes. When the Iowa football program moves into its new \$54 million operations center in late summer 2014, the UI will have completed more than \$220 million of construction and renovation work over the previous eight years.

That list of projects includes a \$47 million facelift and addition to Iowa's award-winning Carver-Hawkeye Arena, a project that directly impacted 23 of Iowa's 24 sports programs, two phases of improvements to the facilities used daily by Iowa's football program — construction of a new indoor

practice facility and renovation of the Kenyon Outdoor Practice facility in Phase I, and construction of a state-of-the-art operations center in Phase II, a \$9 million investment in scoreboards, ribbon boards, and video walls at historic Kinnick Stadium, construction of the aforementioned \$6 million Hoak Family Golf Complex at Iowa's award-winning Finkbine Golf Course, turf replacement at Grant Field, the home of Iowa's nationally ranked field hockey program, resurfacing of the courts at the Klotz Tennis Center, the home of Iowa's men's and women's tennis programs, and the construction of a new indoor turf facility.

On the horizon for Barta, from a facilities perspective, is the planning and construction of the "Hawkeye Campus." Located on the western edge of the UI campus, immediately west of Finkbine Golf Course and adjacent to the UI's Athletics Hall of Fame, the practice and competition sites for Iowa's soccer and field hockey programs, and the UI Sports Medicine Clinic, and near the UI's Ashton Cross Country Course, the Hawkeye Campus is envisioned to be the new home for Iowa's track and field, softball, and baseball programs.

Barta is a member of the President's Cabinet, comprised of vice presidents and other campus leaders that provide counsel to UI President Sally Mason. That group was instrumental in the UI's response to record-setting flooding that besieged the campus and the Iowa City and Coralville community in June 2008.

As the director of athletics at the University of Wyoming for three years, seven different UW coaches were named Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year. He also spearheaded a fund-raising effort that netted the Cowboy athletics program \$11 million in private support and \$11 million in matching state fund.

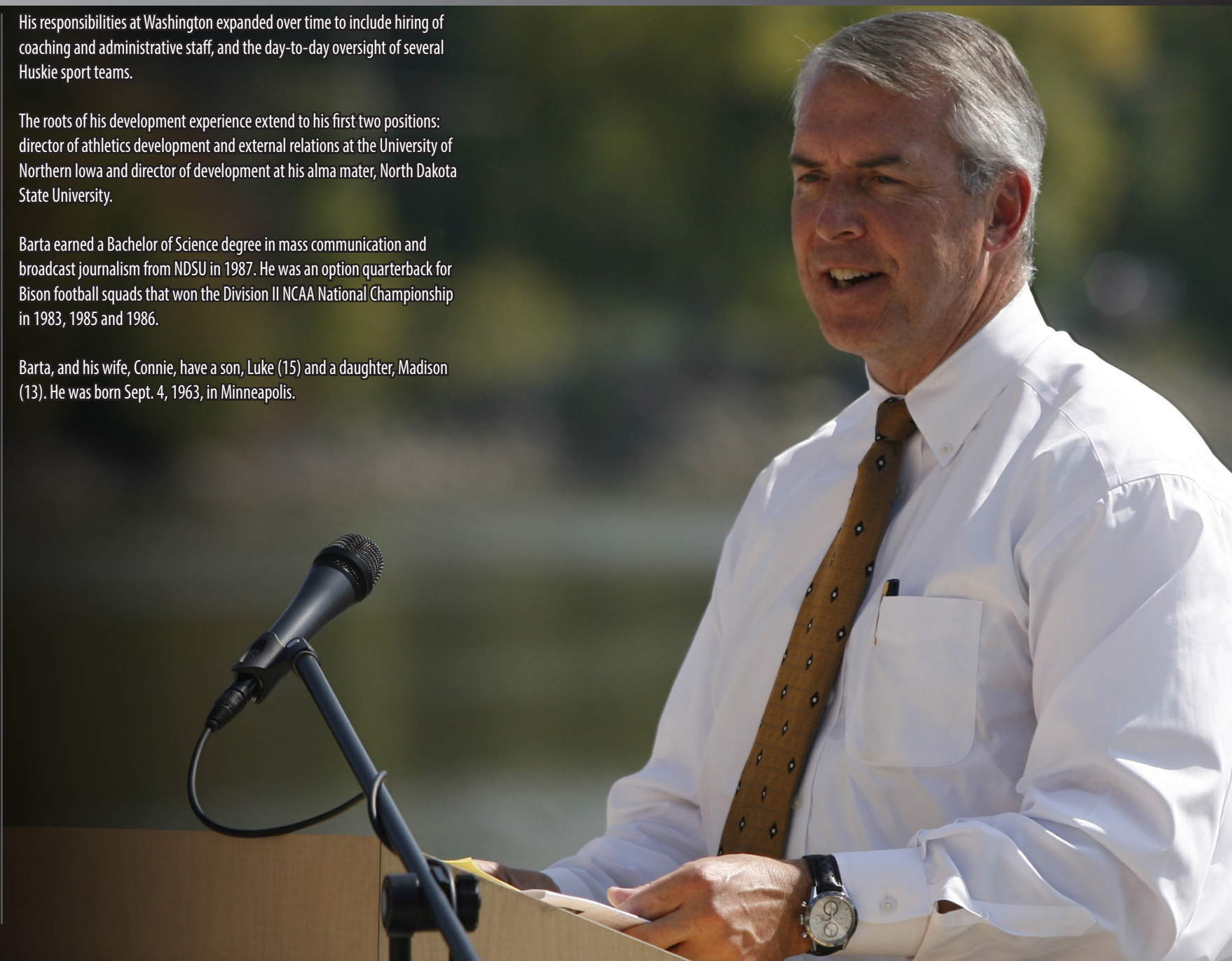
As the senior associate athletics director at the University of Washington, he directed the "Campaign for the Student-Athlete," was a participant in the design, construction and/or renovation of several UW athletics facilities, including Bank of America Arena and the Dempsey Indoor Practice Facility.

His responsibilities at Washington expanded over time to include hiring of coaching and administrative staff, and the day-to-day oversight of several Huskie sport teams.

The roots of his development experience extend to his first two positions: director of athletics development and external relations at the University of Northern Iowa and director of development at his alma mater, North Dakota State University.

Barta earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mass communication and broadcast journalism from NDSU in 1987. He was an option quarterback for Bison football squads that won the Division II NCAA National Championship in 1983, 1985 and 1986.

Barta, and his wife, Connie, have a son, Luke (15) and a daughter, Madison (13). He was born Sept. 4, 1963, in Minneapolis.





## IOWA CONTINUES TO BUILD FOR SUCCESS

The UI Department of Athletics is under the direction of Gary Barta and is regarded as one of the top intercollegiate programs in the nation. Once again, the Hawkeyes enjoyed success both athletically and academically in 2013-14

Academically, the UI's federal graduation rate of 72 percent (for student-athletes who enrolled in the fall of 2006), meaning UI student-athletes have graduated at a rate of 70 percent or better in four of the last five years. That mark was two points better than the UI student body and seven points better than achieved by student-athletes nationally. For the fifth consecutive year, all 24 of Iowa's teams exceeded the Academic Progress Rate (APR) benchmark and the program posted a record 88 percent in the NCAA's "Graduation Success Rate." It is the eighth time in nine years of the GSR's existence that Iowa's student-athletes scored 80 percent or better.

Athletically, Hawkeye teams enjoyed another outstanding year in 2013-14, as a significant number of Iowa's 24 programs reached postseason play. The Iowa football team played in the 2014 Outback Bowl, the UI men's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2006, the women's basketball team competed in the NCAA Tournament for the seventh straight season and the wrestling team finished fourth at the NCAA Championships.

In March 2014, the UI rolled out the new AstroTurf infield playing surface, marking the beginning of the stadium transformation at Duane Banks Field. The project will continue this fall with the installation of turf in the outfield, a video board and new scoreboard at the facility. Iowa dedicated the 4,200-square foot James M. Hoak Family Golf Complex, a state-of-the-art golf facility in 2013, a project that came on the heels of the completion of a \$47 million revitalization of Carver-Hawkeye Arena in the summer of 2011.

After completing phase I of the project for the UI football program in August, 2012 -- a new indoor practice facility -- the second phase will be finished this fall. Phase II includes construction of the new Iowa Football Operations Center, which will include new team locker rooms, team meeting rooms, athletic medical training space, video operations, and coaches offices and meeting rooms. Funded entirely through private support and revenue generated by the UI Athletics Department, the project is an important next phase of the master facilities plan for Hawkeye football.

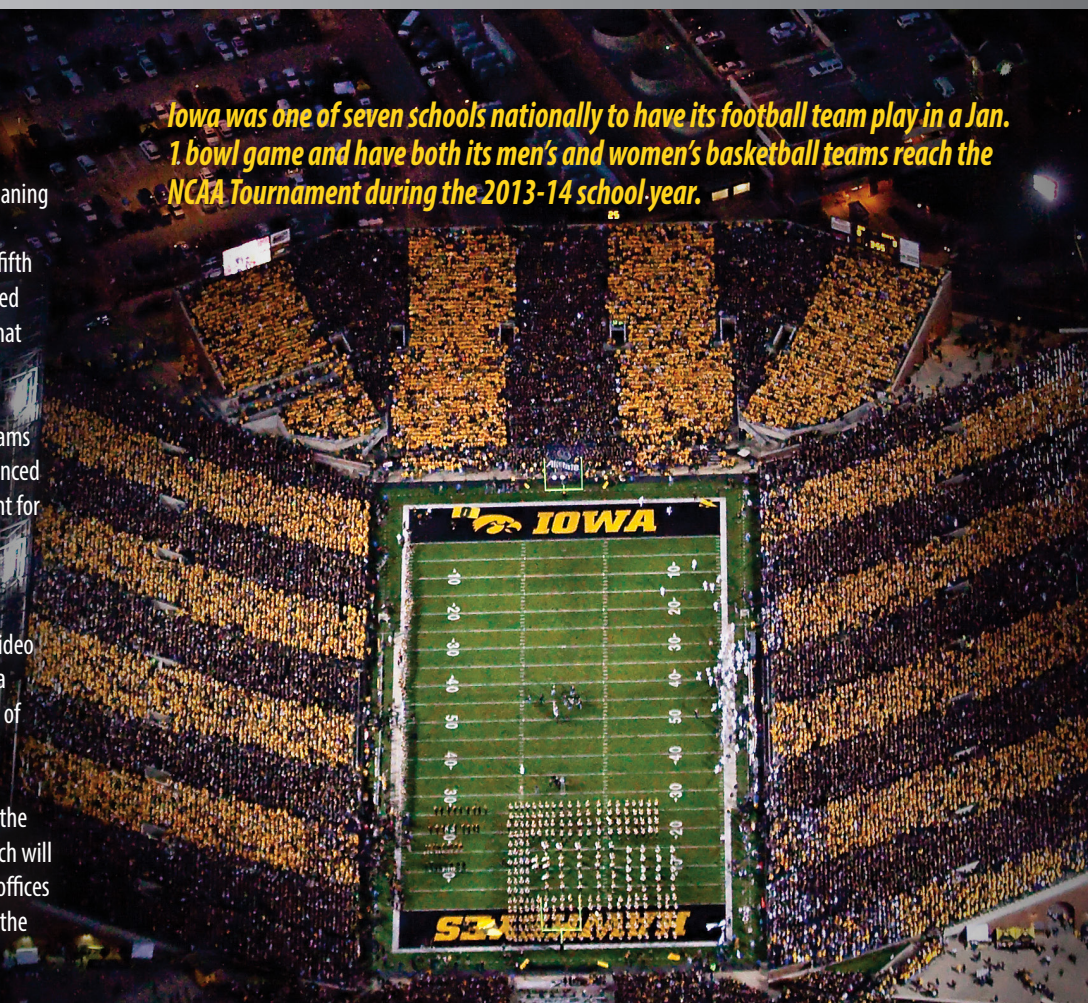
## IOWA FOOTBALL

The Iowa football team posted an 8-5 record in 2013, which included a berth in the 2014 Outback Bowl. The Hawkeyes placed second in the Big Ten's Legends Division and they were one of six BCS conference teams to improve by four victories or more from the 2012 season.

## IOWA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UI head coach Lisa Bluder guided the Hawkeye women's basketball team to its seventh-straight NCAA Tournament in 2013-14. The Hawkeyes advanced to the Round of 32 following an opening-round victory over Marist and finished 27-9 overall. The 27 victories were tied for the second-most in program history and were the most since 1996. Iowa is the only Big Ten team to appear in seven consecutive NCAA tournaments and one of 14 schools nationally.

*Iowa was one of seven schools nationally to have its football team play in a Jan. 1 bowl game and have both its men's and women's basketball teams reach the NCAA Tournament during the 2013-14 school year.*



## IOWA WRESTLING

The UI wrestling team -- the national attendance leader in each of the last eight seasons -- finished fourth at the NCAA Championships. Five Hawkeyes earned All-America accolades in 2014, including 133-pound national champion Tony Ramos and Derek St. John, who became the 18th Iowa wrestler to be a four-time All-American. Iowa has claimed 23 national championships since 1975 and 34 Big Ten titles in its history.

## IOWA WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Iowa soccer team won a school-record 15 contests in 2013, won its first two postseason games in program history en route to the championship game of the Big Ten Tournament and made the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance.

## IOWA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fourth-year head coach Fran McCaffery led Iowa to its second-straight 20-win season and guided the team to the NCAA Tournament -- its first berth since 2006. Guard Roy Devyn Marble earned first-team All-Big Ten recognition and became the first Hawkeye since 2007 to have his name called in the NBA Draft.

## IOWA MEN'S GOLF

Head coach Mark Hankins led the Hawkeyes to their sixth-straight NCAA Regional appearance in 2014 and four student-athletes garnered all-region honors. After rounding out his eligibility, Steven Ihm made his professional debut at the John Deere Classic, made the cut and tied for 27th in his first event as a professional.

## IOWA BASEBALL

The Iowa baseball team won 30 games -- the most victories since 2010 -- in Rick Heller's first season as head coach. The Hawkeyes advanced to and won a game in the Big Ten Tournament and had five All-Big Ten and two NABC All-Region selections. Three players were selected in the 2014 MLB Draft.





## DID YOU KNOW...

45 percent of UI students are from out of state

Ten University of Iowa graduate programs and colleges ranked among the 10 best in the nation.  
-*U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Graduate Schools, 2013*

With over 30,000 students in a city of roughly 75,000, UI offers a different atmosphere than many other universities in the Big Ten or the Midwest.

The unemployment rate in Iowa City (4 %) ranks among the nations' lowest.  
(May, 2012).

Building on a rich tradition of excellence and innovation, the University of Iowa is educating more than 30,000 students annually, preparing them for success immediately following graduation, as well as continued achievements throughout their lives.

The University of Iowa offers more than 100 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including seven professional degree programs, through its 11 colleges: the colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Business, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health, and the Graduate College. The University also provides on-campus and distance learning opportunities through its division of Continuing Education.

Long recognized as one of the nation's leading centers for the arts, creative writing, space physics, hydraulics, basic health and science research, and communication studies, the University of Iowa is also developing new strengths in informatics, nanoscience, simulation technology, and other fields.

The University of Iowa has maintained its tradition as an innovator with its pioneering work in speech pathology, science and medicine. It's also known internationally for being home of one of the nation's largest public university owned hospitals.

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa has worked hard to assure that students of all races, creeds, and backgrounds are represented in the student body. In the past five years, Iowa has moved aggressively towards its goal of creating communities of African American, Hispanic/Latino (a), Asian American, and Native American students, and making the University a stimulating, welcoming place.

The Center for Diversity and Enrichment is a coordinated university-wide resource for creating and maintaining this campus diversity and providing opportunities for all University students interested in other cultures. Scholarships, fellowships, and support programs help to make this possible. International Programs brings together scholars from around the world and UI students looking to expand their perspectives by studying abroad or exploring global issues on campus. International students at the University of Iowa represent more than 100 countries.

## HOW THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA MEASURES UP

"Designated as a "best buy" eight years in a row " — *Fiske Guide to the Colleges, 2013*

28th best public national university — *U.S. News & World Report, 2012*

"Professors make themselves accessible and possess a genuine interest in students' experiences," — *Insider's Guide to the Colleges, 2012*

10 University of Iowa graduate programs and colleges ranked among the 10 best in the nation — *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Graduate Schools, 2012-13*

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" — *U.S. News & World Report, 2012*

One of the top five college towns in America among cities under 250,000 — *American Institute for Economic Research, College Destination Index, 2010-11*





## CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY

Some universities offer the large city atmosphere. Others offer the college town experience. The University of Iowa is uniquely situated to offer student athletes the very best of both of these different worlds.

Once the state capital, Iowa City is considered one of the truly great college towns in America. The city swells with excitement on game day when nearly 16,000 Hawkeye fans from across the state and Midwest converge on Carver-Hawkeye Arena to cheer the Hawkeyes to another victory.

Iowa City's downtown area is alive and thriving. Restaurants, shops and sidewalk cafes face onto pedestrian malls full of people watchers, street entertainers and food vendors.

Attractive in size and friendliness, Iowa City is big in the sense that it offers all the advantages and conveniences of much larger metropolitan areas like summer and permanent employment opportunities, live entertainment and concerts, fine dining and shopping, industry and commerce.

Iowa City is located in the heart of eastern Iowa, within easy driving distance of several major Midwestern cities including the state capital, Des Moines, as well as Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Milwaukee.



*"Iowa City is unlike any other place in the state, both because of its regional beauty and because of its independent, serendipitous spirit."*

*"There's nothing like feeling the crisp air as one tours the Big Ten campus, just as there's no other feeling like walking the shores along Lake MacBride, north of town. This is an ideal location for a weekend trip filled with sights, sounds, shopping and plenty of activities on any given weekend."*

*"If there is a star in Iowa, Iowa City is it."*

-- DES MOINES SUNDAY REGISTER

***"Iowa City is one of the great college campuses in the country. I love coming to Iowa City!"***

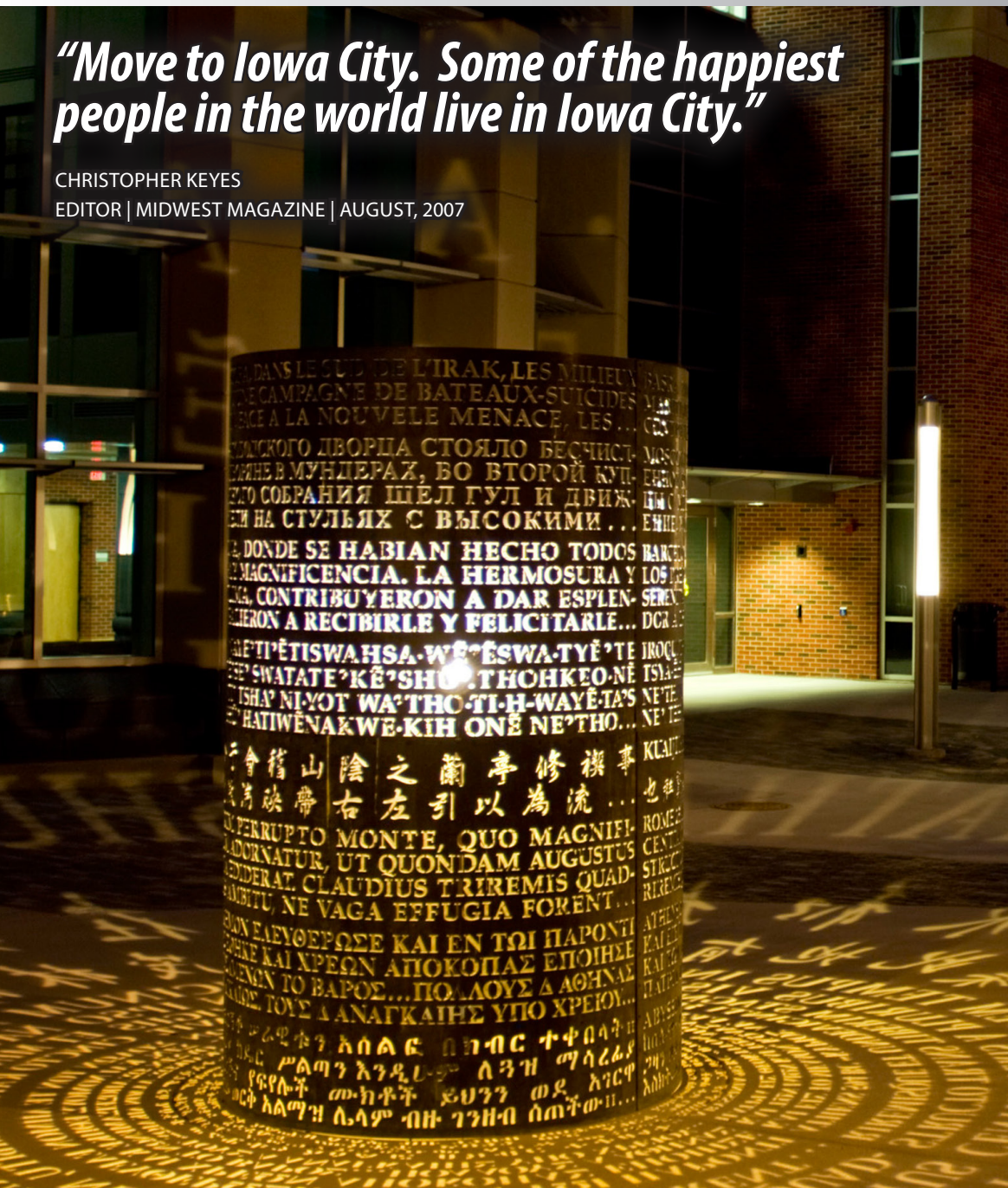
MARK JONES  
ESPN BROADCASTER





# **“Move to Iowa City. Some of the happiest people in the world live in Iowa City.”**

CHRISTOPHER KEYES  
EDITOR | MIDWEST MAGAZINE | AUGUST, 2007



## **IOWA CITY: THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE**

- One of 50 “Best Places to Live and Play” *National Geographic Adventure*
- #18 among the top 25 green cities in the country -- *Country Home*
- Healthiest Town in the United States -- *Men's Journal*
- Iowa City ranks 8th out of 179 on best performing small cities list -- “*Milken Institute*,” October 2011
- Iowa City named third-best major metropolitan area in the country for college students -- “*American Institute for Economic Research*,” August 2011
- Iowa City ranks 3rd for volunteer rate (mid-sized cities) -- “*Volunteering in America*,” Corporation for National & Community Service, August 2011
- “Top Towns for Jobs,” -- *MSN CareerBuilder*, January 2010
- Iowa City is ranked as one of America's Top 100 Adventure Cities -- *National Geographic Adventure*, October 2009
- Iowa City/Coralville/North Liberty named an Iowa Great Place -- *Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs*, October 2009
- No. 5 “Best Places to Begin a Career” Metros Under 500,000 -- *Forbes Magazine*, July, 2010
- No. 13 “Top College Towns for Jobs” -- *Forbes Magazine*, May 2009
- Iowa ranks 9th in the nation for number of state parks, recreational areas and natural areas -- *CQ Press*, 2010
- *Sperling's Best Places*, March 2007
- Iowa ranks 10th in safest neighborhoods in the U.S. -- *CQ Press*, 2010
- Iowa has the 3rd-highest public high school graduation rate in the U.S. - *CQ Press*, 2010
- Iowa has over 1400 miles of trails for hiking and biking within its state parks and recreational areas -- *Iowa Department of Transportation*
- The Iowa City Public Library is #5 on the “Top 10 Libraries for Children” list --- *Livability.com*, 2012
- One of the Top 25 “Best Places to Retire and Work” -- *Forbes*, 2012
- UI Hospitals and Clinics ranked top hospital in Iowa; nine UIHC programs rated among the best in the U.S. -- *US News and Word Report*, 2012
- Iowa City West and City High ranked among the best high schools in the country -- *Newsweek*, 2012
- Johnson County is ranked third nationally in the “Fourth Economy Index,” April, 2012





## A CAMPUS ON THE MOVE

The University of Iowa campus caters to pedestrians and bicyclists; it's compact enough to cross in a 20-minute walk. A free ride on a campus bus can cut that time in half. Entertainment on campus and in Iowa City is geared toward student budgets, with many events offered at no charge. The University of Iowa offers more than 400 student organizations, extensive recreation facilities, 50 fraternities and sororities, and a broad schedule of arts performances, lectures, cultural celebrations and club sports and intramural athletic contests to go along with the intercollegiate competition within the Big Ten Conference.

## STUDENT-ORIENTED NIGHT LIFE

Iowa's campus is set right in the city's downtown area, where you'll find dance clubs, movies, coffeehouses, and restaurants to suit every taste. Live music can be found any night of the week in clubs and restaurants, even outside on warm evenings on the downtown pedestrian mall. Iowa City businesses are convenient and geared toward student tastes and needs.







## CONSIDER THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A QUALITY EDUCATION

A quality education is one of the highest priorities at the University of Iowa. Just over 90 percent of Johnson County residents have graduated from high school, and in Iowa City nearly half of all residents have earned bachelor's degrees. In fact, census statistics indicate Johnson County is the 10th "smartest" county in the nation, based on percentage of residents holding bachelor's degrees.

The University of Iowa represents a strong presence in the community while enhancing the quality of life in Iowa City.

Your aspiration may be a career in medicine, law or education. Regardless of the specific career field, it's important to identify the gymnastics program that places a high priority on academics and allows you to take full advantage of the tremendous educational opportunities available.

At the University of Iowa, student-athletes learn quickly that academic success is the highest priority.

## ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS

At The University of Iowa, a strong relationship has been developed between athletics and academics, where coaches and athletes work hand-in-hand with academic deans and professors, assuring the student-athlete the best possible opportunities to excel in the classroom and in athletics.

From the first visit for any prospective student-athlete, to the completion of their academic and athletic career at Iowa, academic personnel play a large role in the career of Hawkeye student-athletes. Beginning with the on-campus visits, student-athletes are introduced to professors in their selected field of study, and are able to establish a relationship and develop an understanding of the academic setting in which they will be involved.







## THE RUSSELL AND ANN GERDIN ATHLETIC LEARNING CENTER

The University of Iowa Russell and Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center opened in the fall of 2003. The Learning Center is a multi-level, 20,000-square foot facility, which provides one all-purpose area for the academic pursuits for Iowa's male and female student-athletes. The facility is centrally located on the UI campus for easy access by all student-athletes and staff.

The Learning Center features an auditorium, two classrooms, study lounges for freshmen and upper-class student-athletes, a computer lab, a teaching lab, the athletic library, office space for Iowa's Academic Student Services staff and a display area to recognize the academic accomplishments of Iowa's student-athletes.





When a student-athlete considers her future, she should consider prospects beyond gymnastics. She should consider where she wants to be five, ten, fifteen years from today, and the best course of action for getting there. Also, she should decide early on to commit to excellence in every challenge undertaken.

Without a doubt, the men and women listed here took time to consider their future and the ways to get there. These former University of Iowa undergraduates have gone on to become leaders in their chosen fields.

BUSINESS

**Leland C. Adams**  
Former president, Amoco Production Co.

**B.J. Armstrong**, Iowa Letterman, 1986-89  
Vice-President of Basketball, Wasserman Media Group  
NBA All-Star, 1994  
Three-time NBA Champion, Chicago Bulls

**John J. Balles**  
Former president, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

**Matthew Bucksbaum**  
Former CEO & Founder General Growth Properties

**Arthur A. Collins**  
Founder, Collins Radio (Rockwell Collins)

**Kathleen A. Dore**  
President, CanWest Media Works, Toronto, Canada  
Former Executive vice president and general manager, Bravo Television Network & the Independent Film Channel

**John W. English**  
Former vice president and chief investment officer, Ford Foundation

**Nolden Gentry**  
Iowa Letterman, '58, '59, '60  
Attorney, Brick, Gentry, Bowers, Swartz, Stoltze, Scheling and Levis  
Des Moines, IA

**Leonard Hadley**  
Former chairman and CEO, Maytag Corporation

**H. John Hawkinson**  
Former president and director of funds, Kemper Financial Services Inc.

**Richard O. Jacobson**  
President, Jacobson Warehouse Co.

**Bill Krause**  
President, Krause Gentle Corp.

**Richard Levitt**  
Chairman & CEO, Nellis Corporation

**Frank N. Magid**  
President, Frank N. Magid Associates, Inc.,  
Pioneer in market research and media consultation

**John Pappajohn**  
Venture capitalist, entrepreneur; President, Equity Dynamics, Inc.

**Gary Seamans**  
Chairman and CEO, Westell Technologies, Aurora, Ill.

**Luther Smith**  
Aerospace Engineer, pilot  
Member, Tuskegee Airmen, 1942  
World War II Purple Heart and Prisoner of War Medal

**Henry B. Tippie**  
Director, Rollins, Inc.  
Chairman of the Board, Dover Motorsports & Dover Downs Entertainment

EDUCATION

**Joseph N. Crowley**  
President, University of Nevada at Reno and former NCAA president

**R. Wayne Duke**  
Former commissioner, Big Ten Conference

**E.F. Lindquist**  
Co-founder, American College Testing (ACT) Program

**John B. McLendon**  
First African-American coach inducted into The Basketball Hall of Fame

**Eddie Robinson**  
Legendary football coach, Grambling State University

**Wilbur Schramm**  
International authority on communications and founder, Iowa Writers' Workshop

**Richard Schultz**  
Executive Director, United States Olympic Committee;  
Former Executive Director, NCAA

**James Van Allen**  
World famous space physicist who discovered two radiation belts (the Van Allen Belts) that orbit the earth

ENTERTAINMENT

**Diablo Cody**  
Best Original Screenplay Oscar Award for Juno

**Michele M. Crider**  
Recognized worldwide as a leading soprano  
Has performed in all of Europe's major opera houses

**Simon Estes**  
International opera star

**John Falsey**  
Executive producer of television's "Northern Exposure" & "I'll Fly Away"

**Jim Foster**  
Iowa Letterman  
Founder and Innovator, Arena Football

**Al Jarreau**  
Grammy Award-winning singer

**Mark Johnson**  
Film producer and Oscar Award winner for Rainman

**Alex Karras**  
Former NFL All-Pro, Detroit Lions; actor, Victor, Victoria; Blazing Saddles; "Webster"

**Barry Kemp**  
Television producer, creator of the hit series "Coach"

**Shirley Rich Krohn**  
Casting director for Kramer vs Kramer, Three Days of the Condor, Taps, Saturday Night Fever

**Ashton Kutcher**  
Television and film actor

**Richard Maibaum**  
Writer of James Bond motion picture scripts

**Nicholas Meyer**  
Film writer and director whose film credits include Time After Time, The Seven Per-Cent Solution and Star Trek II, IV and VI

**David Milch**  
Creator, Hill Street Blues, NYPD Blue and other television series  
Three-time Emmy Award recipient  
Founder, Redboard Productions

**Marian Rees**  
Producer of television films  
Owner, Marian Rees and Associates

**Brandon Routh**  
Actor, Superman

**Gene Wilder**  
Actor, Silver Streak, Young Frankenstein, Stir Crazy

GOVERNMENT

**David Bonior**  
U.S. House of Representatives, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

**Terry Branstad**  
Governor, state of Iowa

**General Charles A. Horner**  
Architect of the US air war against Iraq during the Persian Gulf War/Desert Storm

**Alan Larson**  
Assistant to Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs

**Ruth Van Roeckel McGregor**  
Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, 2005 recipient, American Judicature Society's Dwight D. Opperman Award for Judicial Excellence

**Trudy Huskamp Peterson**  
Acting Archivist of the United State, 1993-95

**Mary Louise Smith**  
Noted political party leader and civil rights proponent

**Juanita Kidd Stout**  
First African-American woman elected to a state Supreme Court

LITERATURE

**Marvin Bell**  
Iowa Poet Laureate  
UI Writers Workshop faculty member and mentor from 1965 until retirement in 2005

**Mildred Wirt Benson**  
Author of 23 Nancy Drew mysteries and first woman to receive master's degree in journalism at Iowa

**T.C. Boyle**  
Author of 11 Novels & eight short story collections  
Winner of numerous literary awards, including five O. Henry Awards

**Max Allan Collins**  
Writer of the comic strip Dick Tracy, 1977-92  
American mystery writer, including the graphic novel Road to Perdition

**Paul Engle**  
Poet  
Founder of the University of Iowa's International Writing Program  
Director of the Iowa Writer's Workshop (1941-65)

**John Irving**  
Writer, The World According to Garp; A Son of the Circus; Hotel New Hampshire; A Prayer for Owen Meany

**W.P. Kinsella**  
Writer, Shoeless Joe

**Margaret Walker**  
Writer, Jubilee

MEDIA

**Alan Abelson**  
Editor, Barron's

**Tom Brokaw**  
Former anchorman, NBC News

**Paul Burmeister**  
Iowa Letterman, 1992-93  
Sports anchor/reporter  
The NFL Network

**John Cochran**  
Correspondent, ABC News

**Paul Conrad**  
Political cartoonist and three-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize

**Wayne Drehs**  
General assignment writer, espn.com

**Brett Dolan**  
Broadcaster, Houston Astros

**George Gallup**  
Founder, The Gallup Poll

**Charles Guggenheim**  
Documentary filmmaker, Peabody and Oscar award winner

**Milo Hamilton**  
50 years in Broadcasting  
Voice of the Houston Astros

**Harry Kalas**  
Broadcaster, Philadelphia Phillies

**Bob Miller**  
Broadcaster, Los Angeles Kings

**Herbert Nipson**  
Executive Editor, Ebony

**Brian Ross**  
Correspondent, NBC News; Peabody and Emmy award winner

**Mark Shapiro**  
Former Vice-President, ESPN

**Carole Simpson**  
Anchor, ABC News

MEDICINE

**Dr. Nancy Andreasen**  
Psychiatrist renowned for her research on schizophrenia, as well as creativity

**James Bramson**  
Executive Director, American Dental Association

**Dr. Johann L. Ehrenhaft**  
Pioneer in field of open heart surgery

**Dr. Robert C. Hardin**  
Developed blood bank protocols during WW II based on seminal work on blood preservation

**Dr. Don H. O'Donoghue**  
Sports medicine pioneer

**Dr. Emory D. Warner**  
World recognized pathologist

FIRST ADVANCED DEGREES IN THE UNITED STATES

African-Americans who received advanced degrees from the University of Iowa, who were also the first in the United States to receive that particular degree:

**Alexander Clark, Jr.**  
1879, law degree

**Elizabeth Catlett**  
1940, master's in art

**Lulu Johnson**  
1941, Ph.D. in history

**Oscar Anderson Fuller**  
1942, Ph.D. in music

**Lilia Ann Abron**  
1972, Ph.D. in chemical engineering

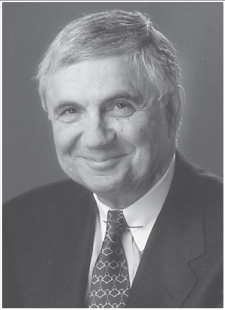
**Lisa Portis**  
1989, Ph.D. in pharmacology



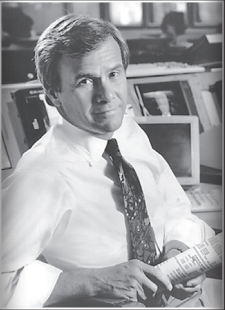
JUANITA KIDD STOUT  
First African-American woman  
Elected to a state Supreme Court



NOLDEN GENTRY  
Attorney



JOHN PAPPAJOHN  
Entrepreneur



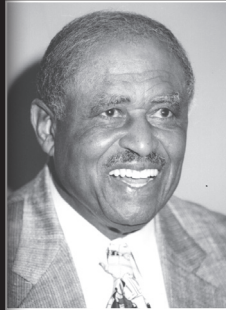
TOM BROKAW  
Former Anchorman, NBC News



DON NELSON  
All-time winningest coach  
in NBA history



MARK SHAPIRO  
Former Executive  
Vice-President, ESPN



EDDIE ROBINSON  
Former Football Coach  
Grambling State University





### THE HAWKEYE NICKNAME

The University of Iowa borrowed its athletic nickname from the state of Iowa many years ago. The name Hawkeye was originally the name of the hero in the fictional novel, *The Last of the Mohicans*, written by James Fenimore Cooper. Cooper had the Delaware Indians bestow the name on a white scout who lived with them.

In 1838, 12 years after the book was published, people in the territory of Iowa acquired the nickname, chiefly through the efforts of Judge David Rorer of Burlington and James Edwards of Fort Madison.

Edwards, editor of the Fort Madison Patriot, moved his paper to Burlington in 1843 and renamed it the Burlington Hawkeye. The two men continued their campaign to popularize the name, and territorial officials eventually gave it their formal approval.

### HERKY THE HAWKEYE

The Hawkeye nickname gained a tangible symbol in 1948 when a cartoon character, later to be named Herky the Hawkeye was hatched. The creator was Richard Spencer III, instructor of journalism at Iowa.

The impish Hawk was an immediate hit and acquired a name through a statewide contest staged by the athletic department. John Franklin, a Belle Plaine alumnus, was the man who suggested Herky.

Since his birth more than 45 years ago, Herky has symbolized Iowa athletics and epitomized University life. He even donned a military uniform during the Korean War and became the insignia of the 124th Fighter Squadron.

During the mid-1950s, Herky came to life at a football game as the Iowa mascot. Since that time, Herky has been a familiar figure at Iowa athletics events.



**HOTELS/MOTELS**

Alexis Park Inn and Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive, Iowa City	337-8665	Holiday Inn Amana Colonies, I-80 Exit 225, Williamsburg	668-1175
Amana Colonies Holiday Inn, I-80, Exit 225, Amana	688-1175	Holiday Inn Express, 970 25th Ave., Coralville	625-5000
Americinn, 2597 Holiday Road, Coralville	625-2400	Holiday Inn, 1200 1st Ave., Coralville	351-5049
Baymont Inn & Suites, 200 6th Street, Coralville	337-9797	Hotel Vetro Studio Suites, 201 S. Linn St., Iowa City, IA	337-4961
Best Western Canterbury Inn, 704 1st Ave., Coralville	351-0400	Iowa House Hotel, Madison & Jefferson St., Iowa City	335-3513
Big Ten Inn, 707 1st Ave., Coralville	351-6131	Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 East 9th Street, Coralville	688-4000
Comfort Inn and Suites, 2431 James Street, Coralville	338-3400	Super 7, 810 1st Avenue, Coralville	354-0030
Comfort Inn, 209 9th St., Coralville	351-8144	Quality Inn and Suites, 2525 N. Dodge St., Iowa City	354-2000
Country Inn and Suites by Carlson, 2571 Heartland Place, Coralville	545-8464	Riverside Golf Resort, 3184 Hwy. 22, Riverside, IA	648-1234
Days Inn, Hwy. 6 West, Coralville	354-4400	Sheraton Iowa City Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City	337-4058
Fairfield Inn, 214 9th Street, Coralville	337-8382	Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, 2491 Holiday Road, Coralville	625-2200
Hampton Inn, 1200 1st Ave., Coralville	351-6600	Super 8 Motel, 611 1st Ave., Coralville	337-8388
Heartland Inn, 87 2nd Street, Coralville	351-8132	Travel Lodge, 2216 N. Dodge St., Iowa City	351-1010

**RESTAURANTS**

Agave Bar & Grill, 2781 Oakdale Blvd., Coralville	665-2524	Flannigan's Bar & Grill, 501 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1904
Applebee's, 200 12th St., Coralville	358-1986	Givanni's, 109 E. College St., Iowa City	338-5967
Airliner, 22 S. Clinton, Iowa City	351-9259	Godfather's Pizza, Highway 1 West, Iowa City	354-3312
Atlas World Grill, 127 Iowa Ave., Iowa City	341-7700	Graze, 115 E. College Street, Iowa City	887-5477
Bandana's, 807 1st Ave., Coralville	512-6555	Gus' Food & Spirits, 2421 Coral Court, Coralville	545-4290
Bennigan's, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville	625-2366	Hamburg Inn, 214 N. Linn St., Iowa City	337-5512
Blackstone, 502 Westbury Drive, Suite 1, Iowa City	338-1770	House of Lords Restaurant & Pub, 704 1st Ave., Coralville	351-0400
Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., Iowa City	337-4703	HuHot Mongolian Grill, 917 25th Ave., Coralville	358-9100
Bob's Your Uncle Pizza Café, 2208 N. Dodge St., Iowa City	331-7400	Hunan Restaurant, 118 2nd St., Coralville	338-8886
Bread Garden Market, 225 S. Lynn, Iowa City	354-4246	IHOP, 2435 James Street, Coralville	248-1122
Brothers Bar & Grill, 125 W. Dubuque, Iowa City	338-6373	Iowa River Power Company, 501 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1904
Brown Bottle, 115 E. Washington St., Iowa City	351-6704	Jimmy Jack's Rib Shack, 1940 Lower Muscatine Road, Iowa City	354-7427
Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, 404 1st Avenue, Coralville	337-2243	Joseph's Steakhouse, 212 S. Clinton St., Iowa City	358-0776
Buffalo Wild Wings, 201 Clinton Street, Iowa City	887-9464	Konomi, 843 Quarry Road, #140, Coralville	351-2290
Buffalo Wild Wings, 2500 Corridor Way, Coralville	338-9464	Linn Street Café, 121 N. Linn St., Iowa City	337-7370
Carl and Ernie's Good Time Pub and Grub, 161 Hwy. 1 West, Iowa City	337-4422	Micky's Irish Pub, 11 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City	338-6860
Carlos O'Kelly's, 1411 S. Waterfront Drive, Iowa City	354-5800	Midtown Family Restaurant, 1069 Hwy. 1, Iowa City	351-9323
Chili's, 2651 2nd St., Coralville	351-1488	Mill Restaurant, 120 E. Burlington Street, Iowa City	351-9529
Colony Inn Restaurant, 741 47th Ave., Amana	622-6270	Mondo's Draft House, 516 E. 2nd St., Coralville	337-3000
Culvers Frozen Custard, 2591 Heartland Place, Coralville	545-8255	Mondo's Saloon, 112 E. College St., Iowa City	354-3837
Donnelley's, 101 E. College Street, Iowa City	338-7355	Monicas, 302 2nd Street, Coralville	338-7400
Edgewater Grille, 300 E. 9th Street, Coralville	887-5018	Noodles and Co., 2451 2nd Street, Coralville	338-5979
Eggy's on 965, Hwy. 965, North Liberty	665-4800	Noodles and Co., 201 S. Clinton Street, Iowa City	351-3824
El Dorado, 102 Second Street, Coralville	688-5237	Okoboji Grill, 1857 Lower Muscatine Rd., Iowa City	248-1155
El Ranchero, 21 Sturgis Drive, Iowa City	338-4324	Old Capitol Brew Works & Public House, 525 S. Gilbert St., Iowa City	337-3422

Old Chicago, 78 Second Street, Coralville	248-1220	Sports Column, 12 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City	356-6902
Olive Garden, 925 25th Ave., Coralville	339-9100	Steak and Shake, 2806 Commerce Drive, Coralville	545-5472
Outback Steakhouse, 945 25th Ave., Coralville	354-2755	Summit Restaurant & Bar, 10 S. Clinton St., Iowa City	354-7482
Ox Yoke Inn, 4420 220 Trail, Amana	1-800-233-3441	Sushi Popo, 725 Mormon Trek Blvd., Iowa City	338-7676
Pagliai's Pizza, 302 E. Bloomington St., Iowa City	351-5073	Tailgators, 450 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1488
Panchero's Mexican Grill, 901 25th Ave., Coralville	248-3256	Takanami, 219 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City	356-6914
Panchero's Mexican Grill, 32 S. Clinton, Iowa City	338-6311	Texas Road House, 2520 Corridor Way, Coralville	354-3489
Panchero's Mexican Grill, 965 South Riverside Drive	887-2600	The Three Samurai, 1801 2nd St., Coralville	337-3340
Pit Smokehouse, 130 N. Dubuque, Iowa City	337-6653	Third Base, 111 E. College St., Iowa City	339-1516
Quinton's Bar & Deli, 215 E. Washington, Iowa City	354-7074	Timmy Flynn's Red Pepper Grill, 517 S. Riverside Drive, Iowa City	337-5270
Red Lobster, 2671 2nd Street, Coralville	338-6400	Vesta, 849 Quarry Road, Coralville	338-3782
Red's Ale House, 515 S. Dubuque St., North Liberty	626-2100	Vine Tavern, 330 E. Prentiss St., Iowa City	354-8767
River City Beefstro, 1210 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1551	Vine Tavern & Eatery, 39 2nd St., Coralville	338-7770
Sam's Pizza, 441 S. Gilbert St., Iowa City	337-8200	Vito's Italian American Restaurant, 118 E. College St., Iowa City	338-1393
Sanctuary Restaurant & Pub, 405 S. Gilbert St., Iowa City	351-5692	Wig and Pen Pizza Pub, 1220 Hwy. 6 West, Coralville	354-2767
Short's Burger and Shine, 18 S. Clinton St., Iowa City	337-4678	Z'mariks Noodle Cafe, 19 S Dubuque St	338-5500

