

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The success of Nebraska student-athletes reaches far beyond athletic competition. More Husker student-athletes have been selected to CoSIDA Academic All-America teams than any other school in the nation, as Nebraska continues to set the standard for the approximately 1,400 NCAA member institutions. The Husker football team leads all individual sport programs in the nation with 98 all-time CoSIDA Academic All-America awards. The NU volleyball program has captured more academic All-America awards (35) than any other women's team in the nation, while the Husker softball program ranks second on that list with 26 selections. In addition to individual academic recognition, NU has led the Big 12 in graduation rates in eight of the conference's first 12 years.

HUSKER ACADEMIC TRADITION THRIVES IN 2008-09

Husker softball star Molly Hill, a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American, helped lead Nebraska's strong academic performance in 2008-09. Hill, a native of Wayne, Neb., pitched NU to a berth in the NCAA Tournament while earning her bachelor's degree in speech language pathology. The first-team academic All-American finished her career with a 3.955 grade-point average. The first-team All-Big 12 pitcher also became the 59th student-athlete in Husker history to be a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American.

Hill was one of six Huskers to earn academic All-America recognition in 2008-09. Volleyball standouts Kori Cooper and Amanda Gates were also first-team selections, while teammate Jordan Larson was named to the second team. Football stars Todd Peterson and Tyler Wortman also earned selections to the second team. Gates and baseball senior Nick Sullivan were each awarded Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarships from the Big 12 Conference, while both student-athletes also earned NCAA Postgraduate scholarships. Gates was also one of only 13 student-athletes nationally to be selected as a winner of the NCAA Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship.

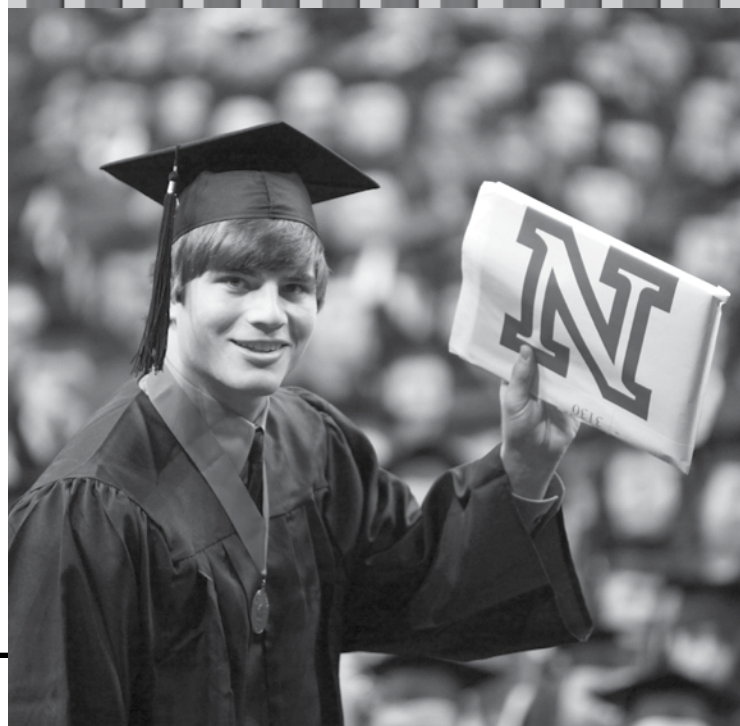
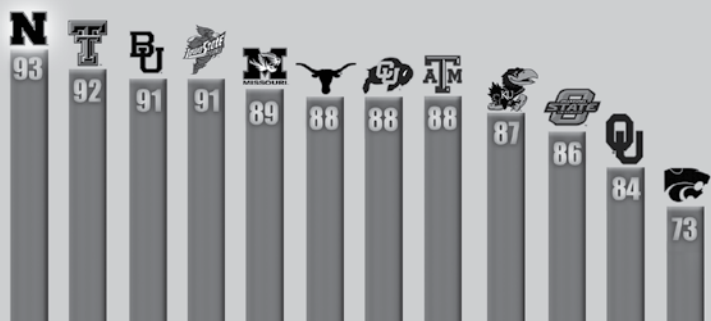
On the conference level, Nebraska student-athletes claimed a Big 12-leading 172 academic All-Big 12 selections, including an astounding 145 first-team academic All-Big 12 honorees. NU student-athletes also earned a league-leading 626 spots on the Big 12 Commissioner's Fall and Spring Academic Honor Rolls.

The hard work, dedication and commitment of Nebraska's student-athletes in the classroom resulted in 71 current or former student-athletes earning degrees from August of 2008 through May of 2009. The Huskers continued to set the graduation standard among Big 12 Conference schools by maintaining their Exhausted Eligibility Graduate Rate of 93 percent.

Each spring Nebraska hosts an Academic Awards Banquet to honor student-athletes who have earned either a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA or have earned a 3.0 or higher GPA in the previous calendar year. Last spring 241 student-athletes were honored.



BIG 12 EXHAUSTED ELIGIBILITY RATES
PERCENTAGES



Top left: 2008-09 Nebraska Student-Athletes of the Year Nick Sullivan and Amanda Gates.

Middle right: Offensive lineman Marcel Jones was a 2008 first-team academic All-Big 12 selection.

Bottom left: Nebraska student-athletes graduate at a Big 12-leading rate, including former linebacker Tyler Wortman, who finished his mechanical engineering degree work with a 3.958 GPA.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS
ALL TEAMS, ALL SPORTS AS OF JULY 2009

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NEBRASKA'S 2008-09 ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- 269 All-Time CoSIDA Academic All-Americans across all sports (leads nation)
98 Football Academic All-Americans (leads nation among all sports)
35 Volleyball Academic All-Americans (leads nation among all female sports)
26 Softball Academic All-Americans (No. 2 nationally among all female sports)
- 6 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (3 first-team, 3 second-team)
First-Team: Kori Cooper (Volleyball), Amanda Gates (Volleyball), Molly Hill (Softball)
Second-Team: Jordan Larson (Volleyball), Todd Peterson (Football), Tyler Wortman (Football)
- 2 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winners (2 of 87 nationally, \$7,500 each)
Amanda Gates (Volleyball), Nick Sullivan (Baseball)
- 1 NCAA Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship Winners (1 of 13 nationally, \$6,000)
Amanda Gates (Volleyball)
- Dr. Prentice Gautt Big 12 Conference Postgraduate Scholarship Winners (\$7,500 each)
Amanda Gates (Volleyball), Nick Sullivan (Baseball)
- Big 12-Leading 172 Academic All-Big 12 Selections Across All Sports (3.0 GPA or above)
- Big 12-Leading 145 First-Team Academic All-Big 12 Picks Across All Sports (3.2 GPA or above)
- Big 12-Leading 626 Student-Athletes Honored on Big 12 Commissioner's Fall and Spring Honor Rolls (3.0 GPA or above)
58 more honorees than 2007-08; 147 more honorees than 2005-06
- Big 12-Leading 90 Student-Athletes Earned Perfect 4.0 GPAs in either the Fall or Spring Semester
- 71 Student-Athletes Earned Degrees from August 2008 through May 2009
(39 in May, 26 in December, 6 in August)
- 93 percent - Nebraska's Exhausted Eligibility Graduation Rate (1992-2001)
(Leads Big 12)
- Male Student-Athlete of the Year - Nick Sullivan, Baseball (3.78 GPA, Finance)
- Female Student-Athlete of the Year - Amanda Gates, Volleyball (3.965 GPA, Communication Studies)
- Men's Herman Award Winner - Men's Cross Country Team (3.309 Cumulative GPA in 2008)
- Women's Herman Award Winner - Women's Cross Country Team (3.671 Cumulative GPA in 2008)



Columns in the Hewit and Boekel Academic Center display the names of every Husker student-athlete who has lettered in a varsity sport and graduated from the University of Nebraska.

THE NEBRASKA ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

From the day student-athletes decide the University of Nebraska is the right place to be, the athletic academic counseling unit provides personal and academic support to ensure that student-athletes will get the most out of their years as Huskers.

Featuring one of the most innovative and comprehensive academic support systems in the country, Nebraska is dedicated to helping its student-athletes become outstanding leaders in their chosen fields. The academic support team is comprised of 14 full-time staff members and a tutorial staff of approximately 70 tutors addressing all subject areas.

ACADEMIC COUNSELING

Seven academic counselors and five assistant academic counselors are in place to monitor daily academic progress, receive consistent course feedback, assist with the advising/registration process and monitor continuing eligibility and progress toward graduation. Essentially, academic counselors assist student-athletes in navigating the University of Nebraska system.

TUTORIAL SUPPORT

A tremendous resource for all academic abilities, unlimited tutorial support is available from day one up to college graduation. Subject and mentor tutors help provide academic support and study strategies to be successful. Supplemental Instruction, a sub-component of the tutorial program, provides targeted group review sessions to help ease the transition to college academics while improving study strategies and building academic self-esteem.

STUDY HALL

There are two facets to the study hall program at Nebraska. Student-athletes either attend a structured study hall, typically two hours in length held four days a week, or have flex time where they study a specific number of hours each week as determined by their academic counselor and/or coach. Daily study hall reports are provided to the coaching staff.

MENTORING

All incoming student-athletes are required to meet with a mentor on a weekly basis to assist in making a smooth transition from high school to college. Mentors collect syllabi, gather and report academic progress information and teach academic success strategies.



Top right: Construction is underway on a new \$10.5 million Nebraska Student-Life Complex that will nearly triple the size of the current academic space.
Bottom right: Chris Brooks studies in the computer lab in the Hewit Center.

EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Assessments are administered during new student-athlete orientation to determine student strengths and areas for improvement. Results allow academic counselors to develop a personalized academic support program and to determine if more in-depth testing is warranted. When additional assessments are necessary, referrals are made to a consulting psychologist who conducts the assessments. If it is determined that a student-athlete has a learning disability, appropriate accommodations are made through the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities.

MULTI-CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Designed to enhance cultural awareness, staff members concentrate efforts on issues of transition, adjustment and retention for students of color, international students and women.

These support programs include Ladies First, International Night and Your Degree First. Your Degree First is a program designed to assist, motivate and promote minority student-athletes in pursuing the degree of their choice.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ORIENTATION

The Hewit Center staff coordinates New Student-Athlete Orientation to help newcomers adjust to the multiple demands of being a college student-athlete. Presentations are made by academic counselors, compliance officials, NU faculty and administrators, business/community professionals and student-athletes.

PERSONAL COUNSELING

Student-athletes will find a supportive and caring environment at Nebraska. Transitional issues, stress management, time management, academic focus and problem resolution are all addressed in a proactive manner throughout the year. If necessary, counseling referrals are also made to designated practitioners at the University Health Center.

COMPUTER RESOURCES

Student-athletes enjoy a state-of-the art computer lab with nearly 50 computers and professional supervision. Laptops are also available during team travel. Student-athletes have the benefit of ongoing education and assistance from a full-time computer technician.