



## FOOTBALL FAMILY

Family. It is a word that is synonymous with Nebraska Football. No one takes more pride in the Nebraska football program than its former players.

Head Coach Bo Pelini and former Head Coach and now NU Athletic Director Tom Osborne have made embracing the tradition of the storied Husker program an even greater priority over the past four years. Pelini and his coaching staff have made a strong effort to connect with former players through a series of activities.

### CORNHUSKERS FROM COAST TO COAST

The family atmosphere of the Nebraska football program brings together players from all across the country. The Huskers have always taken a national approach to recruiting and the family setting in Lincoln makes players from all corners of the United States feel at home.

The 2012 Nebraska roster has players from 23 states, including 69 homegrown Huskers. Next on the list is Texas with 20 players on the Cornhusker roster. Nebraska's roster includes at least five players each from six additional states. Nebraska's 2012 scholarship class of 17 players represented 13 states.

In the history of the program, Nebraska's 96 football All-Americans hail from 24 states and the District of Columbia. Homegrown Cornhuskers have accounted for 38 of Nebraska's All-Americans.

All time, Nebraska football letterwinners have come from 45 states, Washington D.C. and six foreign countries (Australia, Canada, Finland, Korea, Germany, Mexico).

“There is no in-state player, no out-of-state player, no walk-on player and no scholarship player. We were all equals when we got here, and we all came here for the same reason – to contribute to something much bigger than all of us. At Nebraska, all lettermen are the same. We’re hundreds of guys who paid the price to be part of one of the greatest traditions in all of college football. And the greatest honor any of us ever achieved was being able to say: ‘I played for Nebraska!’”

Damon Benning  
Nebraska I-Back, 1993-96



Top left (opposite page): Alonzo Whaley receives his letterman's jacket from N Club President Matt Vrzal at the 2011 Red-White Spring game.

Top right: The 2011 Huskers celebrate in the locker room after a victory over Michigan State.

Middle left: Nebraska greets Rich Glover, Ndamukong Suh, Neil Smith and Johnny Rodgers pose for a picture prior to the Bo Pelini Foundation golf outing.

Middle right: Bo Pelini shares a private moment with each senior, such as Terrence Moore, before the player walks into Memorial Stadium for the last time on Senior Day.

Bottom right: Will Shields is honored for his selection into the College Football Hall of Fame at the Ohio State home game during the 2011 season. He was joined by several other Nebraska Hall of Fame members.