

Academic All-Americans

All-Time (Chosen by CoSIDA): 51 Players; 13 Double Winners; 64 Total (first-team)

Last 33 seasons: 44 Players; 12 Double Winners; 56 Total

*Four others chosen academic All-American by other groups, giving NU 68 first-team academic All-Americans.



Bob Oberlin
Center, 1952-53



Don Fricke*
Center, 1960



Pat Clare*
Back, 1960



Jim Hoge
End, 1962



Dennis Claridge
Back, 1963



Jim Osberg*
Off. Guard, 1965



Tony Jeter*
Off. End, 1965



Marvin Mueller
Def. Back, 1966



Randy Reeves
Def. Back, 1969



Jeff Kinney
Halfback, 1971



Larry Jacobson
Def. Tackle, 1971



Frosty Anderson
Off. Back/End, 1973



Rik Bonness
Center, 1975



Tom Heiser
Off. Back, 1975



Vince Ferragamo
Quarterback, 1976



Ted Harvey
Def. Back, 1976-77



Jim Pillen
Def. Back, 1978



George Andrews
Def. Tackle, 1978



Rod Horn
Def. Tackle, 1979



Randy Schleusener
Off. Guard, 1979-80



Kelly Saalfeld
Off. Line, 1979



Jeff Finn
Off. End, 1980



Ric Lindquist
Def. Back, 1981



Randy Theiss
Off. Tackle, 1981



Dave Rimington
Center, 1981-82



Scott Strasburger
Def. End, 1983-84



Rob Stuckey
Def. Line, 1983-84



Mark Traynowicz
Off. Line, 1984



Dale Klein
Place-Kicker, 1986



Tom Welter
Off. Line, 1986



Jeff Jamrog
Def. End, 1987



Mark Blazek
Def. Back, 1987-88



John Kroeker
Punter, 1988



Gerry Gdowski
Quarterback, 1989



Jake Young
Center, 1989



David Edeal
Center, 1990



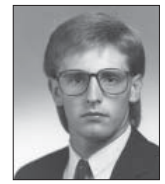
Pat Tyrance
Linebacker, 1990



Jim Wanek
Off. Guard, 1990



Pat Engelbert
Nose Guard, 1991



Mike Stigge
Punter, 1991-92



Trev Alberts
OLB, 1993



Terry Connealy
Nose Tackle, 1993-94



Rob Zatechka
Off. Tackle, 1993-94



Matt Shaw
Tight End, 1994



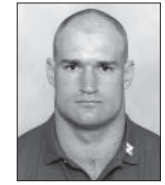
Aaron Graham
Center, 1995



Grant Wistrom
Rush End, 1996-97



Joel Makovicka
Fullback, 1997-98



Chad Kelsay
Rush End, 1998



Bill Lafleur
Punter, 1998



Mike Brown
Rover, 1999



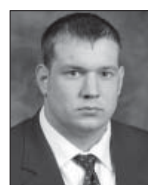
Kyle Vanden Bosch
Rush End, 1999-2000



Tracey Wistrom
Tight End, 2001



Chad Sievers
Linebacker, 2004



Kurt Mann
Center, 2005



Dane Todd
Fullback, 2005

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National Academic Honors



Grant Wistrom, a two-time All-American on the field and in the classroom, won the Lombardi Award and the NCAA Top Eight Award in 1998. He was also named a National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete. After leading NU to three national titles, Wistrom played in three Super Bowls.

NATION-LEADING 16 NCAA TOP EIGHT AWARDS

The highest honor the National Collegiate Athletic Association can bestow on a student-athlete is The Top Eight Award. The award is based not only on outstanding athletic accomplishments, but on excellent academic records and leadership ability in community and campus activities.

The University of Nebraska earned its NCAA-leading 16th Top Eight Award in January of 2008 when volleyball player Sarah Pavan was announced at the NCAA honors diner. Pavan was a four-time academic All-American and two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year in volleyball. She was Nebraska's third Top Eight Award winner this decade.

The Husker football program has nine of Nebraska's 16 Top Eight Award winners, most recently All-America rush end Grant Wistrom who was a 1998 honoree. Wistrom's selection gave Nebraska nine Top Eight honorees in the 1990s. Two Huskers received the award in both 1990 and 1991, the only times that a school had more than one student-athlete honored. Nine of Nebraska's Top Eight picks were football players, making the Husker grid program the most decorated in the country.

In the 1990s, six Husker football players were awarded the Top Eight honor, including Aaron Graham (1996), Rob Zatechka (1995), Alberts (1994), Pat Tyrance (1991) and Jake Young (1990). Randy Schleusener (1981) was the first Husker to win the award, followed by Dave Rimington (1983) and Mark Traynowicz (1985).

Nebraska's success in the classroom also extends to other sports. Along with nine football players who have won the Top Eight Award, four Husker volleyball players (Sarah Pavan-2008, Virginia Stahr-1990, Janet Kruse-1992, Nancy Metcalf-2002), two men's gymnasts (Tom Schlesinger-1989, Patrick Kirksey-1991) and one women's gymnast (Richelle Simpson-2005) have also claimed the honor.

NEBRASKA HONOREES

2008–Sarah Pavan, VB
 2006–Richelle Simpson, WGym
 2002–Nancy Metcalf, VB
1998–Grant Wistrom, FB
1996–Aaron Graham, FB
1995–Rob Zatechka, FB
1994–Trev Alberts, FB
 1992–Janet Kruse, VB
 1991–Patrick Kirksey, MGym
1991–Pat Tyrance, FB
 1990–Virginia Stahr, VB
1990–Jake Young, FB
 1989–Tom Schlesinger, MGym
1985–Mark Traynowicz, FB
1983–Dave Rimington, FB
1981–Randy Schleusener, FB

2ND/3RD TEAM ACADEMIC

ALL-AMERICANS

32 honorees since 1970

1970- Bill Kosch, S (2nd); Dave Walline, DT (2nd); John Adkins, DE (3rd)
 1971- Bill Kosch, S (2nd); Dick Rupert, G (2nd)
 1973- Ritch Bahe, RB (2nd)
 1977- Stan Waldmore, T (2nd)
 1980- Rick Lundquist, DB (2nd)
 1982-Randy Theiss, OT (2nd); Kris Van Norman, S (2nd); Bill Weber, DE (2nd)
 1987-Micah Heibel, FB (2nd)
 1988-Jon Nelson, OL (2nd); Jake Young, C (2nd)
 1989-Pat Tyrance, ILB (2nd)
 1990-Pat Englebert, MG (2nd)
 1992-Rob Zatechka, OT (2nd)
 1993-Ken Mehlin, OG (2nd)
 1994-Aaron Graham, C (2nd)
 1995-Brian Schuster, FB (2nd); Steve Ott, OG (2nd); Steve Volin, OT (2nd)
 1996-Jon Hesse, LB (2nd)
 1997-Scott Frost, QB (2nd); Chad Kelsay, RE (2nd); Jon Zatechka, OG (2nd)
 1998-Brian Shaw, LB (2nd)
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 2003-Judd Davies, FB (2nd); Pat Ricketts, CB (2nd)
 2004-Kellen Huston, DB (2nd)
 2006-Dane Todd, FB (2nd)

NFF SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

1959-Harry Tolly, QB
 1969-Randy Reeves, DB
 1973-Frosty Anderson, B/E
 1975-Tom Heiser, B
 1976-Vince Ferragamo, QB
 1980-Randy Schleusener, OG
 1982-Dave Rimington, C
 1984-Scott Strasburger, DE
 1988-Mark Blazek, DB
 1989-Gerry Gdowski, QB
 1990-Pat Tyrance, ILB
 1991-Pat Engelbert, NG
 1992-Mike Stigge, P
 1993-Trev Alberts, OLB
 1994-Rob Zatechka*, OT
 1997-Grant Wistrom, RE
 1998-Joel Makovicka, FB
 2000-Kyle Vanden Bosch*, RE
 2001-Tracey Wistrom, TE
 2002-Chris Kelsay, RE
 * Vincent dePaul Draddy Award Winner

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HALL OF FAME

2004-Dave Rimington, C

DICK ENBERG AWARD WINNER

2003-Coach Tom Osborne

WOODY HAYES DIVISION I MALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

1992-Pat Tyrance, ILB
 1995-Rob Zatechka, OT
 2001-Kyle Vanden Bosch, RE

NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

1970-Randy Reeves, DB
 1971-John Decker, S
 1972-Larry Jacobson, DT
 1973-Dave Mason, D
 1974-Dan Anderson, OG
 1976-Tom Heiser, B
 1977-Vince Ferragamo, QB
 1978-Ted Harvey, DB
 1979-Jim Pillen, MG
 1980-Tim Smith, SE
 1980-Randy Schleusener, OG
 1981-Jeff Finn, TE
 1982-Ric Lindquist, DB

1985-Scott Strasburger, DE
 1988-Jeff Jamrog, DE
 1989-Mark Blazek, DB
 1990-Gerry Gdowski, QB
 1990-Jake Young, C
 1991-Pat Tyrance, ILB
 1991-David Edeal, C
 1992-Pat Engelbert, NG
 1992-Mike Stigge, P
 1993-Trev Alberts, OLB
 1994-Rob Zatechka*, OT
 1995-Aaron Graham, C
 1996-Jon Hesse, LB
 1997-Grant Wistrom, RE
 1999-Brian Shaw, LB
 1999-T.J. DeBates, TE
 2000-Kyle Vanden Bosch, RE
 2003-Judd Davies, FB
 2004-Chad Sievers, LB
 2006-Dane Todd*, FB
 *Walter Byers Winner

BIG 12 POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

1999-Brian Shaw, LB
 2003-Judd Davies, FB
 2006-Dane Todd, FB

NACDA/DISNEY SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

1994-Trev Alberts, OLB
 1995-Rob Zatechka, OT
 1996-Aaron Graham, C
 2001-Dave Volk, OT

BURGER KING DIVISION I SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

1999-Brian Shaw, LB

BURGER KING SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

1995-Aaron Graham, C
 1996-Jon Hesse, LB
 1997-Jon Zatechka, OG
 1998-Joel Makovicka, FB
 1999-Brian Shaw, LB

CFA/HITACHI SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

1991-Pat Engelbert, NG; Mike Stigge, P
 1992-Jim Scott, C; Mike Stigge, P
 1993-Trev Alberts, OLB; Rob Zatechka, OT
 1994-Terry Connealy, NT; Rob Zatechka, OT
 1996-Jon Hesse, LB

TOYOTA LEADERSHIP

1987-John McCormick, OG
 1988-Mark Blazek, DB
 1990-Gerry Gdowski, QB
 1991-Pat Tyrance, ILB
 1992-Trev Alberts, OLB
 1993-Trev Alberts, OLB

AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

1992-Troy Branch, LB
 1993-Troy Branch, LB
 1994-Donta Jones, OLB
 1995-Aaron Graham, C
 1996-Jared Tomich, RE
 1999-Dan Alexander, IB
 2001-Patrick Kabongo, DT
 2002-Troy Hassebroek, WB
 2003-Sandro DeAngelis, PK
 2005-Mark LeFlore, WR
 2006-Dane Todd, FB

FOUR-TIME ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE HONOREES

Mike Stigge, Punter (1989-90-91-92)
 Rob Zatechka, Off. Tackle (1991-92-93-94)
 Brian Shaw, Linebacker (1996-97-98-99)
 Dave Volk, Off. Tackle (1998-99-00-01)
 Chris Kelsay, Rush End (1999-00-01-02)
 Judd Davies, Fullback (2000-01-02-03)
 Trevor Johnson, Rush End (2000-01-02-03)