



# 2010 NEBRASKA SOFTBALL MEDIA & RECRUITING GUIDE

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### **ON THE COVER**



Featured on the cover from left to right are sophomore Ashley Guile, junior Julie Brechtel, seniors Alex Hupp and Whitney Barrett, junior Robin Mackin and sophomore Ashley Hagemann. The cover was designed by Annie Wood, with photography by Scott Bruhn.

# THIS IS NEBRASKA

Nebraska softball is dedicated to excellence in the classroom, in society and on the field. This is the mission statement of Nebraska softball and the program's proud results echo each of these sentiments:

More CoSIDA Academic All-Americans than any other softball program in the country and second nationally among all female sports. Rankings in the top 10 nationally among all Division I programs in NCAA Tournament appearances (10th), NCAA Tournament victories (8th) and Women's College World Series appearances (7th). More nominees for the Honda Award for softball than any other Big 12 school. Six Big 12 titles and six runner-up finishes in the conference's first 14 seasons.

Leading the way for continued success is Head Coach Rhonda Revelle, the only NFCA Hall of Fame coach in the Big 12. Helping Revelle in her quest is Associate Head Coach Lori Sippel, an International Softball Federation Hall of Famer who served as head coach of the 2008 Canadian Olympic team. Assistant Coach Diane Miller, the newest member of the Husker staff, is an energetic and dynamic coach who helped Nebraska set several offensive records in her first season in Lincoln. Together, the coaching staff is dedicated to adding to the rich tradition of success that is Nebraska softball.

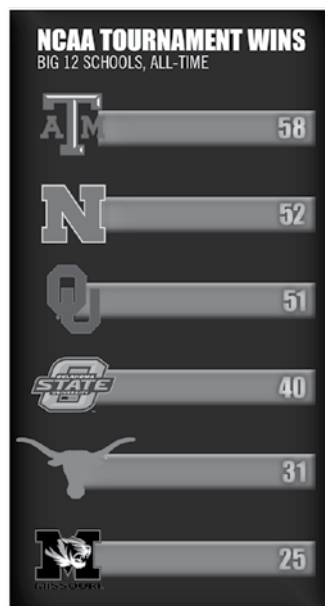
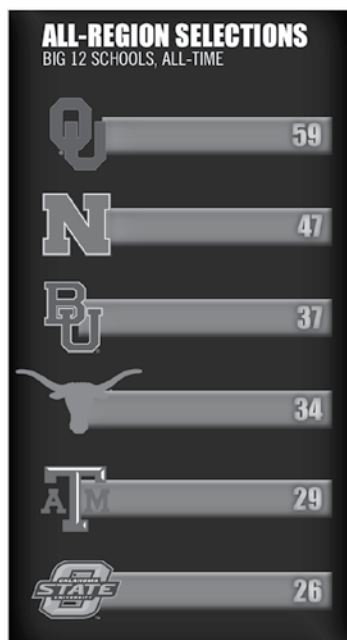
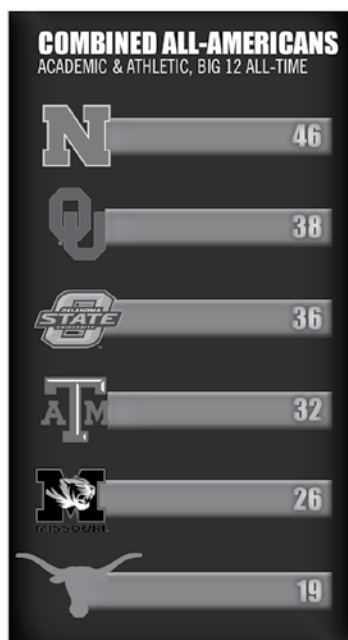
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- 52** Nebraska's 52 all-time NCAA Tournament wins rank eighth nationally.
- 26** Nebraska's 26 all-time CoSIDA Academic All-Americans lead the nation.
- 19** Nebraska's 19 all-time NCAA Tournament appearances rank 10th nationally.
- 10** Nebraska was recognized as the 10th-winningest program in the NCAA era in 2007.
- 7** Nebraska's seven all-time Women's College World Series appearances rank seventh nationally.



## BIG 12 DOMINANCE

The Big 12, established in 1996, is widely regarded as one of the top softball conferences in the country. The league has sent at least one team to the WCWS every season since 2000. Even with some of the best programs in the nation residing within the conference, Nebraska has still risen to the top. The Huskers are the second-winningest program in the Big 12 Conference, winning nearly 70 percent of their league games, while claiming six titles and six runner-up finishes. The Huskers have played for more Big 12 postseason titles than any other team, appearing in the championship game seven times in 14 years. Individuals have also seen great success, as Nebraska ranks second in the conference in All-Big 12 selections and the Huskers lead the conference in All-Big 12 pitchers.



### Nebraska By the Numbers

- 59**  
Nebraska ranks second with 59 all-time All-Big 12 selections.
- 52**  
Nebraska's 52 all-time NCAA Tournament wins rank second.
- 47**  
Nebraska's 47 all-time All-Region picks rank second.
- 46**  
Nebraska's 46 combined All-Americans lead the Big 12.
- 10**  
Revelle's 10 academic All-Americans lead the Big 12.
- 7**  
Nebraska's seven WCWS trips are tied for the Big 12 lead.
- 6**  
Nebraska's six Big 12 titles rank third in the Big 12.
- 3**  
Nebraska's three postseason titles rank second in the Big 12.
- 1**  
NU boasts the only undefeated season in Big 12 history (1998).

# DOMINANT DECADE



Nebraska has finished in the top five at the Women's College World Series twice since 1998. The Huskers tied for fifth in 2002, including a victory over Michigan (pictured).

Head Coach Rhonda Revelle and her staff, charged with building upon one of the most storied foundations in collegiate softball, have been determined to continue the Nebraska softball tradition to the present day. From 1998 to 2009, the Huskers competed in 11 NCAA Tournaments, advancing to a pair of Women's College World Series and finishing in a tie for fifth place in each trip. Nebraska won nearly 70 percent of its games from 1998 to 2009, while capturing six Big 12 championships and finishing among the nation's top 15 in the final NFCA/USA Today coaches poll seven times. The 1998 Huskers also put together the only undefeated season in Big 12 history, finishing 16-0 en route to the regular-season title, then going 4-0 while winning the Big 12 postseason championship. Individuals have also seen success recently, earning nine All-America awards and six academic All-America certificates since 1998.



In a stellar career from 1997 to 2000, Jennifer Lizama earned three NFCA All-America awards while helping the Huskers to three Big 12 titles and the 1998 Women's College World Series.

## More than a Decade of Excellence: NU from 1998 to 2009

- 11**  
Nebraska advanced to 11 NCAA Tournaments.
- 9**  
Led by nine All-Americans, NU was ranked nine times.
- 6**  
NU ranked in the top 10 nationally in attendance six times.
- 3**  
Nebraska recorded its only three 50-win seasons.

# BEYOND NEBRASKA

Three Huskers helped lead Canada to a fourth-place finish at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the country's best finish ever. NU Associate Head Coach Lori Sippel (middle) was Canada's head coach, posting a 3-5 record. Volunteer coach Sheena Lawrick (left) was Canada's starting first baseman, while junior Robin Mackin (right) appeared in two games in the circle for the Canadians.



Former Husker Nicole Trimboli was named Most Valuable Player of the 2008 NPF Championship Series, as she led the Chicago Bandits to the National ProFastpitch title.

The success and legacy of the Nebraska softball program is not limited to the Cornhusker State or a four-year college career. Using the training and tools taught at NU, former players have gone on to continue their playing careers on both the professional and international scenes. A Big 12-best two Huskers competed at both the 2004 Sydney Olympics and 2008 Beijing Olympics. Lori Sippel, a pitcher for Team Canada in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, also coached the Canadians in Beijing. In the professional ranks, the NU program has produced more National ProFastpitch All-Stars than any other collegiate program except UCLA. Former Huskers have competed on some of the grandest stages in the sport, and Robin Mackin proved there's room on those stages for those still in school, as she pitched for Team Canada at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

## Playing Past Nebraska

**5**

A Big 12-high five Huskers played in the NPF's first season.

**3**

NU ranked second nationally with three NPF all-stars.

**2**

Two Huskers competed in each of the last two Olympics.

**1**

NU is one of three Division I rosters with a 2008 Olympian.

# BOWLIN STADIUM



The Huskers have ranked in the top 10 nationally in attendance in six of the eight seasons since Bowlin Stadium opened in 2002. Nebraska's best attended season came in 2004. That season, the Big 12 champion Huskers ranked fourth nationally with an average of 955 fans per game. Since 2003, the Huskers have drawn 17 crowds of 1,000 or larger.

## Five Largest Bowlin Stadium Crowds:

- 1,844 – vs. Iowa (May 17, 2003)
- 1,585 – vs. Lehigh (May 20, 2004)
- 1,417 – vs. California (May 22, 2004)
- 1,318 – vs. California (May 23, 2004)
- 1,242 – vs. Creighton (May 21, 2004)



## HOME OF CHAMPIONS: 2004 Field of the Year

Located on 32 acres one-half mile west of the NU campus, Haymarket Park is a one-of-a-kind facility. Bowlin Stadium, the 2004 SportsTurf Managers Association College/University Division Field of the Year, is part of the complex that was built for \$29.53 million in 2001.

Bowlin Stadium can accommodate up to 2,500 fans. It features 750 chairback seats with an up-close view of the action, as well as berm seating behind both dugouts and in the outfield and bleacher seating on the first base concourse. The dimensions of the field are 200 feet down both foul lines and 220 feet in center, and the Huskers are 110-45 at Bowlin Stadium, good for a .710 winning percentage.

The complex also includes medical and laundry facilities, coaches' offices and team lockers and lounges (below) for the softball coaches and players, all of which are located in the softball office building overlooking the field.



# SPORT FACILITIES





Nearly every Husker sport enjoys a venue that ranks among the nation's best. Nebraska is dedicated to providing its athletes top-notch game-day and practice atmospheres in every sport. NU annually hosts several Big 12 and NCAA Championship events, including softball, volleyball, baseball, soccer, track and field, gymnastics, golf, wrestling and swimming and diving. The Huskers have hosted an NCAA Regional at Bowlin Stadium four times in the past six seasons (2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007).



Top left: Nebraska's baseball team ranks among the nation's leaders in attendance at Hawks Field at Haymarket Park.

Top right: The world-renowned Husker Power program utilizes one of the largest weight rooms in the country.

Middle: Nebraska's teams compete in some of the nation's finest facilities in front of large crowds.

Bottom left: Memorial Stadium is packed for every home game and features a giant HuskerVision replay board. The Mitsubishi replay screen is one of the largest in any college stadium in the United States, measuring 117-feet, 7 1/8-inches wide by 33-feet, 7 3/16-inches high, roughly five times the width of the original screens inside Memorial Stadium. There are also a total of four HD replay boards in the two end zones.

Bottom right and middle right: The Hawks Championship Center gives the Husker softball team a year-round indoor practice facility. In addition to a grass-like playing surface, the facility includes six spacious batting cages.

# ATHLETIC MEDICINE

Providing expert care to nearly 600 Husker student-athletes, Nebraska features one of the most well-trained and highly skilled athletic medicine staffs in the country.

Under the guidance of Director of Athletic Medicine Dr. Lonnie Albers, Head Athletic Trainer and Physical Therapist Jerry Weber and Softball Athletic Trainer Kristy Young, the 2009-10 Nebraska athletic medicine staff consists of five doctors, two therapist/athletic trainers, five athletic trainers and seven graduate assistant athletic trainers.

Nebraska's team of orthopaedists is led by Chief of Staff Dr. Pat Clare, a nationally respected orthopaedic surgeon with more than 30 years of service to Husker athletics.

The Athletic Medicine Center features a hydrotherapy area that includes a three-level laned pool, which allows student-athletes across all of Nebraska's sports to work out simultaneously. The Hydroworx 1000 Treadmill Pool is equipped with two cameras underwater for evaluation and assessment, while hot and cold plunge tanks are also available to the Huskers.





The medical facilities at Nebraska have long been among the nation's best, and NU's athletic medicine center within the Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex will keep the Huskers on the front line of technology for decades to come. In addition to Nebraska's North Stadium facility, the NU Coliseum, the Bob Devaney Sports Center and Haymarket Park - including Bowlin Stadium - all feature athletic medicine areas.

Assistant Athletic Director Dr. Lonnie Albers (left) leads Nebraska's athletic medicine staff. Nebraska's athletic medicine team consists of nearly 20 full-time or graduate assistant staff members caring for Husker student-athletes across all sports.



## NUTRITION



Nebraska caters to the needs of student-athletes at home and on the road. Nebraska's Sports Nutritionists Josh Hingst and Lindsey Remmers work with all 23 of Nebraska's sports by educating athletes on topics such as increasing lean body mass, losing body fat, staying hydrated, nutritional strategies for competition, maximizing recovery following workouts and supplement use. Athletes are given individualized nutrition plans that can be applied in Nebraska's Performance Buffet at the Hewitt Dining Center, which is open each day for lunch and dinner. Student-athletes also utilize a fueling station called the landing (above left) to provide fluids, and nutritional foods before and after workouts and practices to maximize performance and recovery.

# 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 (36) 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 nine of the conference's first 13 years.

## Huskers Continue Academic Tradition 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 one of 60 student-athletes 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 improving their Exhausted Eligibility Graduation Rate to 94 percent.

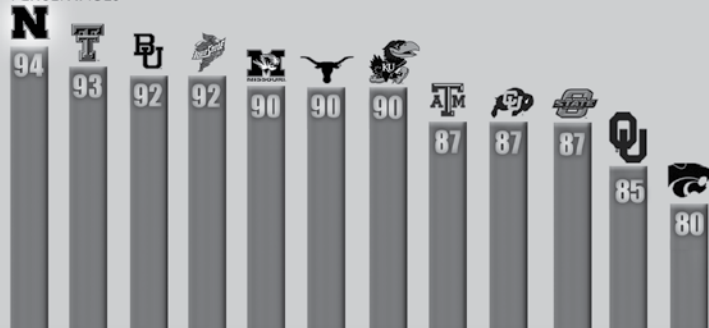
Top left: 2008-09 Nebraska Student-Athletes of the Year Nick Sullivan and Amanda Gates.

Middle right: Several Husker softball players have earned their degrees before their playing career has ended, including Jessica Yoachim, Trisha Tannahill and Lizzy Aumua in 2006.

Bottom left: Nebraska student-athletes graduate at a Big 12-leading rate, including former infielder Devin Porter, who graduated in December of 2007.



BIG 12 EXHAUSTED ELIGIBILITY RATES PERCENTAGES



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

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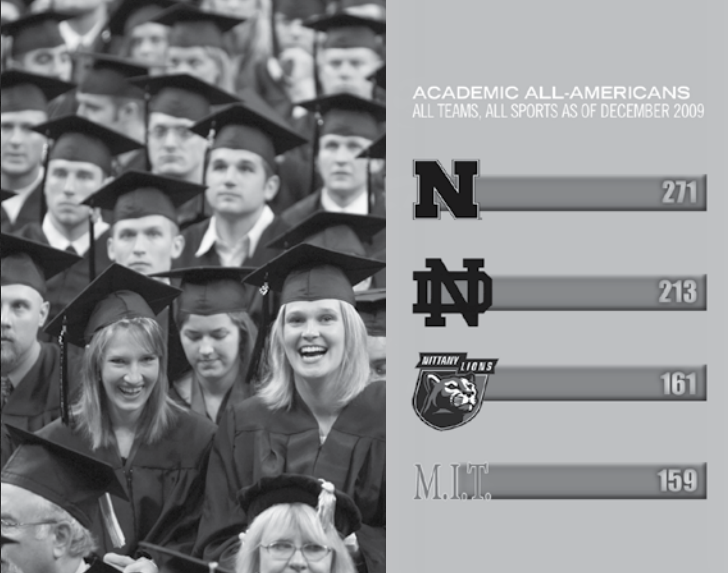
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## Nebraska's 2008-09 Academic Highlights

- 271 All-Time CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (all sports, leads nation)  
98 Football Academic All-Americans (leads nation, all sports)  
36 Volleyball Academic All-Americans (leads nation, female sports)  
26 Softball Academic All-Americans (No. 2 nationally, 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 Scholarships (2 of 87 nationally, \$7,500 each)  
Amanda Gates (Volleyball), Nick Sullivan (Baseball)
- 2 NCAA Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship Winners (2 of 13 nationally, \$6,000, Amanda Gates, Volleyball, Joslyn Dalton, Track & Field)
- Dr. Prentice Gautt Big 12 Postgraduate Scholarships (\$7,500 each)  
Amanda Gates (Volleyball), Nick Sullivan (Baseball)
- Big 12-Leading 172 Academic All-Big 12 Selections, 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)
- 94 percent - Nebraska's Exhausted Eligibility Graduation Rate (1993-2002 - Leads Big 12)
- 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)





Nebraska's Hall of Distinction recognizes the more than 5,000 Nebraska student-athletes in history who have graduated from the University and lettered in a varsity sport, as well as Husker academic All-Americans and NCAA Top VIII Award recipients.

## THE NEBRASKA ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- **Academic Counseling** – Academic counselors assist student-athletes in navigating the University of Nebraska system. 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.
- **Tutorial Support** – Unlimited tutorial support is available from day one up to college graduation. Subject and mentor tutors provide academic support and study strategies. Supplemental Instruction provides targeted group review sessions to help ease the transition to college academics, while improving study strategies and building academic self-esteem.
- **Study Hall** – Student-athletes either attend a structured study hall, typically two hours, 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.
- **Mentoring** – Incoming student-athletes are required to meet with a mentor on a weekly basis to assist in the transition from high school to college. Mentors collect syllabi, gather and report academic progress and teach success strategies.
- **Educational Assessments** – 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. If necessary,

referrals are made to a consulting psychologist. 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. Programs include, Ladies First, International Night and Your Degree First.
- **New Student-Athlete Orientation** – Designed 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. 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 work stations and professional supervision. A full-time computer technician provides assistance, and laptops are available for team travel.

# LIFE SKILLS

The mission of Nebraska's award-winning Life Skills Program is to provide proactive education, resources and support throughout college and beyond, best preparing Husker student-athletes for life after sports. Services foster transition, retention, responsible decision-making, leadership, volunteerism and career development.

Nebraska is a pioneer in life skills support and programming. In 1998, Nebraska was one of five Division I schools nationally to win the prestigious Program of Excellence Award recognizing a strong commitment to total person development. In 2005, Keith Zimmer, Associate A.D. for Life Skills, was the recipient of the Dr. Gene Hooks Award recognizing him as the top life skills administrator in the country.

## Proactive Education

**Life Skills Seminar** – Incoming student-athletes complete a 16-week fall semester seminar addressing a variety of life skills topics ranging from leadership to money to relationships and study skills. **Team Workshops** – Campus and community experts facilitate team-specific life skills education workshops. **Student-Athlete Assemblies** – Meetings feature Athletic Director Tom Osborne and nationally recognized life skills trainers.

## Personalized Support/Individual Sessions

**Resume Development** – Each student-athlete works with a life skills staff member to create a personal resume with periodic meetings to make updates through graduation. **Game Plan Creation** – Life skills counselors create a “Game Plan for Life” outlining specific goals to enhance marketability before graduation. **Sports Psychology/Performance Enhancement** – Sports psychology resources are available to assist with performance enhancement.

## Community Outreach

Nebraska student-athletes combine to impact over 100,000 people statewide on an annual basis. **Team Service Requirement** – Each team participates in a minimum of two service projects per year. **School Outreach** – Individuals participate in school outreach campaigns in both classroom and assembly settings. **Hospital Visits** – Huskers are frequent hospital visitors providing cheer and encouragement to patients. **Mondays Matter** – Monday evening outreach to various local community agencies placing athletics in the proper perspective. **Miscellaneous Outreach** – Outreach requests are received daily from across the state requesting involvement from Husker student-athletes. **Mentoring Programs** – Student-athletes serve one hour per week as youth mentors.

## Leadership/Citizenship

Life Skills promotes leadership development and provides recognition opportunities for extraordinary citizenship. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee** – Elected team representatives from each of the 23 sports serve as the “voice” of the student-athlete population to discuss student-athlete welfare, legislation and service events. **Your Degree First** – Leadership group provides programming and specialized support to student-athletes of color, women and international student-athletes. **HERO Leadership Award** – Individual recognition to Huskers who have consistently gone above and beyond to serve as exemplary role models. **Brook Berringer Citizenship Team** – Annual “Good Works”



Top: The new \$10.5 million Nebraska Student Life Complex is currently under construction and will nearly triple the size of the academic space available for student-athletes. Bottom: Alex Hupp receives a HERO award for service and leadership from Athletic Director Tom Osborne.

team honoring football players for dedicated service in memory of late Husker Brook Berringer. **Life Skills Award of Excellence** – Presented to the single men's and women's team that scores the highest point total in the year-long life skills team competition.

## Career Commitment

In addition to the creation of a personalized resume and game plan, the following career resources are available to every Husker. **Student-Athlete Career Fair** – An event attended by approximately 25 companies. **Networking/Nexpo Night** – Former Huskers and every UNL college educate student-athletes about major and career options. **Assessments** – On-line assessments help individuals discover talents and match them with a major and career. **Practical Experience** – Programs are in place to facilitate shadowing and internship placements. **Job Preparation** – Experts give advice on cover letter writing, interviewing skills and evaluating job offers.

## Postgraduate Assistance

Nebraska is committed to helping student-athletes pursue postgraduate plans and scholarships. **Career Nights** – Student-athletes learn from the experts to gain valuable insight on timelines, application procedures, entrance requirements, personal essays and more. **Scholarships** – Seniors in their final season of athletic eligibility can apply for postgraduate awards.



## LEADING THE WAY

As one of the nation's premier public institutions, the University of Nebraska is committed to undergraduate learning and world-class research. In early 2001, Nebraska was named to a national list of 16 schools that serve as a role model for other institutions by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Quality instruction is emphasized in Nebraska's 147 undergraduate majors, which are spread through nine undergraduate colleges.

The University of Nebraska was chartered by the Nebraska Legislature in 1869 as the state's public university and land-grant institution. Founded in Lincoln, the University of Nebraska was expanded in 1968 into a state educational system now comprising four campuses under the guidance of a Board of Regents and a central administration.

To discover more about the University of Nebraska visit [unl.edu](http://unl.edu).

To learn more about NU athletics, visit [Huskers.com](http://Huskers.com).



“I can honestly say that I do not remember a time when the prospects for enhancing the academic quality or reputation of this University were brighter.”

**Harvey Perlman**  
**University of Nebraska Chancellor**



Opposite page: The Bell Tower on campus is a focal point for students and alumni, often serving as a central meeting location on game days.

Top right: The Nebraska Student Union is the meeting place on campus where students can spend a little down time between classes. It has areas to use for studying as well as a food court.

Middle right: Named for UNL alumni Irene and Winslow Van Brunt, the Van Brunt Visitors Center is located at the gateway to the city campus. The UNL Van Brunt Visitors Center offers resources and information for visitors to the UNL campus, and is utilized extensively for recruiting new students by the UNL Office of Admissions, which has offices and staff located in the building.

Middle right: The Esther L. Kaufmann Center was completed in May 2001 and houses the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management.

Bottom Right: The Don L. Love Memorial Library is the main library in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln library system. Located on southern edge of City Campus, it is bounded by two lovely botanical areas, Love Garden and Cather Garden.

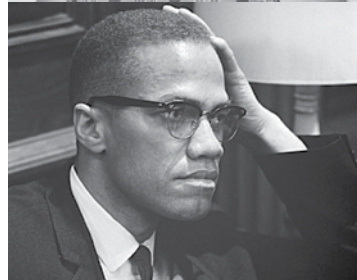




Featuring the advantages of an urban setting, the Star City is only minutes away from the scenic beauty and wide open spaces of America's Heartland. Living in Lincoln enables one to enjoy the benefits of life in a city, while residing in a community that:

- Is known as the Star City
- Has a population of 251,624
- Is the second-largest city in the Big 12 Conference
- Has been ranked among the 10 best places to live in the United States
- Is listed among the top five “most fit” cities in the nation
- Consistently lists one of the lowest crime rates in the nation among cities its size
- Offers more than 6,000 acres of parks, including 10 lakes, 11 municipal swimming pools, more than 80 miles of biking and hiking trails and 12 public golf courses





**Prominent People with Nebraska Ties**

Grover Cleveland Alexander (1887–1950)  
Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher

Fred Astaire (1899–1987)  
dancer and actor

Max Baer (1909–1959)  
boxer

Marlon Brando (1924–2004)  
Academy Award-winning actor

William Jennings Bryan (1860–1925)  
U.S. Secretary of State, U.S. Representative,  
Democratic Party nominee for president 1896, 1900,  
and 1908, and prosecuting attorney in Scopes Trial

Warren Buffett (1930-)  
investor; Forbes Magazine's 2008 Richest Man in the World

Richard N. Cabela (1936-)  
entrepreneur, founder of Cabela's sporting store

**Johnny Carson (1925–2005)**  
comedian

**Joba Chamberlain (1985-)**  
Professional baseball player for the New York Yankees

Dick Cheney (1941-)  
46th U.S. Vice-president

Henry Fonda (1905–1982)  
Academy Award-winning actor

Bob Gibson (1935-)  
Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher for St. Louis Cardinals

Alex Gordon (1984-)  
Professional baseball player for the Kansas City Royals

**Marg Helgenberger (1958-)**  
actress (*CSI*, *Mr. Brooks*, *In Good Company*)

Peter Kiewit (1900–1979)  
contractor, investor and philanthropist

Jaime King (1979-)  
actress (*My Name is Earl*)

Ted Kooser (1939-)  
Poet Laureate of the United States and Pulitzer Prize winner

**Larry the Cable Guy (1963-)**  
comedian

**Malcolm X (1925–1965)**  
civil rights leader

Nick Nolte (1941-)  
actor, producer

Edwin Perkins (1889–1961)  
inventor of Kool-Aid, philanthropist

**Andy Roddick (1982-)**  
tennis star, 2003 U.S. Open Champion

Gale Sayers (1943-)  
Football Hall of Fame running back for the Chicago Bears

Elliott Smith (1969–2003)  
singer-songwriter

Hilary Swank (1974-)  
2-time Academy Award-winning actress

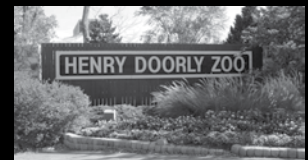
Gabrielle Union (1973-)  
actress (*10 Things I Hate About You*,  
*Bring It On*, *Ugly Betty*)

**James Valentine (1978-)**  
Maroon 5 guitarist

Paula Zahn (1956-)  
Former News anchor for CNN



Nebraska's largest city, Omaha, is less than an hour's drive from Lincoln and has a population of nearly 800,000. Omaha is home to Rosenblatt Stadium (top), the NCAA College World Series, the AAA Omaha Royals, the world-renowned Henry Doorly Zoo (bottom), the Joslyn Art Museum (bottom), and Qwest Center Omaha (top), which hosts the 2010 NCAA Wrestling Championships.



# NATIONAL POWERS

One of the nation's premier programs, Nebraska is successful in all 23 of its varsity sports. In 2008-09, five Husker teams finished among the top 10 in their respective sports. Nebraska has won 24 team national titles since 1970, including a fifth bowling crown in 2009, eight men's gymnastics titles, five football championships, three volleyball titles and three women's track and field championships.

Individually, several Huskers excelled in 2008-09. Jordan Burroughs and Nicholas Gordon captured individual national titles in their sports. Burroughs produced the only undefeated season in Nebraska wrestling history, going 35-0 on his way to the NCAA 157-pound crown. Gordon captured the NCAA indoor long jump championship with a leap of 26-4  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Bowler Cassandra Leuthold helped lead Nebraska to the NCAA bowling title as the championship's Most Outstanding Player. Jordan Larson capped her volleyball career as a three-time All-American, while becoming the first athlete in Big 12

history to be named Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the same season. Overall, Nebraska produced 21 individuals who captured 28 All-America awards in 2008-09.

Nebraska finished either first or second in the Big 12 in five sports, including volleyball's 11th title in the 13-year history of the league. The Huskers added Big 12 titles in wrestling and men's outdoor track, which marked the track and field program's 100th all-time conference crown. The NU football team tied for first in the Big 12 North under Coach Bo Pelini before winning the title outright in 2009.

The Huskers have been a Big 12 leader since the conference's inception. Nebraska owns 66 total team titles, including a league-high 21 crowns in track and field, 11 in volleyball, eight in soccer and women's gymnastics, seven in baseball, six in softball, two each in football and swimming and diving and one in wrestling.



Guard Ryan Anderson moved into the Nebraska career top-10 list for three-pointers in 2008-09, while leading Nebraska to its first .500 league record in a decade and a second straight postseason appearance.



Top: Ndamukong Suh was a Heisman Trophy finalist in 2009 while becoming the first defensive player to be named the AP College Football Player of the Year. Suh helped lead the football team to back-to-back nine-win seasons, including a 10-4 mark in 2009.

Bottom: All-American Nicholas Gordon captured the 2009 NCAA indoor national championship in the long jump with a winning leap of 26-4  $\frac{1}{4}$  in his final attempt. Following the season, Gordon earned a spot in the 2009 World Championships with a personal-best jump of 26-7  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

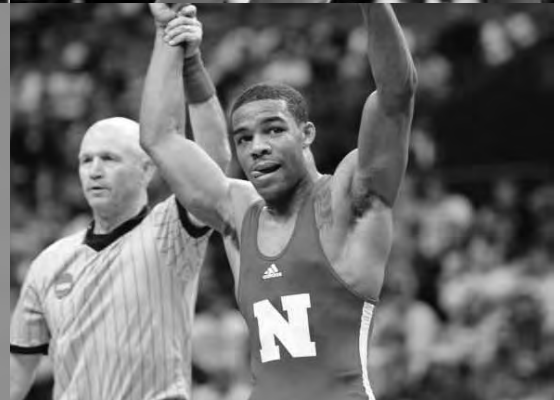


In 10 years under Coach John Cook, the Husker volleyball team has captured eight Big 12 titles, advanced to the NCAA semifinals five times, won two national championships and drawn the largest home crowds in NCAA history.

## BIG 12 LEADERS

The Huskers have won more Big 12 championships than any other league school in the following categories:

- Baseball Regular Season: 3
- Baseball Postseason: 4
- Baseball Overall: 7
- Men's Indoor Track: 9
- Men's Outdoor Track: 5
- Men's Track Combined: 14
- Women's Indoor Track: 5
- Men's and Women's Track: 21
- Women's Gymnastics: 8
- Soccer Postseason: 5
- Volleyball: 11



Top left: The Nebraska bowling team won the 2009 NCAA championship, marking the Huskers' third title in the six years that bowling has been an NCAA sport. All-American Cassandra Leuthold was named the championship's Most Outstanding Player.

Bottom: Molly Hill led the Nebraska softball team to its 14th NCAA Tournament appearance in 15 seasons in 2009. Hill was a first-team All-Big 12 selection and a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American, which marked her second straight academic All-America award.

Top: With the return of two-time first-team All-Big 12 first-team forward Kelsey Griffin, Nebraska will be gunning for its seventh straight postseason appearance in 2010.

Bottom: Jordan Burroughs made Husker history while winning the 2009 national title at 157 pounds. Burroughs finished a perfect 35-0 en route to winning the national championship, becoming the only Husker wrestler ever to post an undefeated season.

# NEBRASKA SOFTBALL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

## RICHARD RAIMONDI SCHOLARSHIP



In December of 2001, the family of former NU softball player Melanie Raimondi created the first fully endowed scholarship for a female athlete at Nebraska. The scholarship, which is named for her deceased father, Richard Raimondi,

is awarded annually to a member of the Nebraska softball team.

The recipients of the award have been: Amber Burgess (2002-03); KoKo Tacha (2003-04); Sheena Lawrick (2004-05); Lizzy Aumua (2005-06); Meghan Mullin (2006-07 and 2007-08); and Julie Brechtel (2008-09 and 2009-10).



Julie Brechtel was presented with the Richard Raimondi Memorial Scholarship by Dana Raimondi during the Big Red Fall Classic at Bowlin Stadium last fall.

"(Melanie) was never a star player, but her father was so proud of her being able to do that - get a Division I scholarship. He lived and breathed softball. He would have loved the new softball complex. I think he's going to be at every one of those games (in spirit)." --**Dana Raimondi**

## JULIE GEIS SCHOLARSHIP



Nebraska's second fully endowed softball scholarship is the Julie Geis Memorial Scholarship. Named in honor of the former Husker, it was fully endowed in August of 2006. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Husker softball player

from the state of Nebraska, as Julie was a native of Beaver Crossing.

The recipients have been: Amanda Buchholz (2002-03); Peaches James (2003-04); Katie Linke (2004-05); Jaime Borg (2005-06); Molly Hill (2006-07 and 2007-08); and Heidi Foland (2008-09 and 2009-10).



A four-year letterwinner, Julie Geis was a victim of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City. Geis was on the 105th floor of the World Trade Center south tower. In Geis' memory, her No. 15 jersey became the third retired jersey in program history on Oct. 12, 2001.

"Julie was the epitome of a Nebraska student-athlete. She grew up on the farm, worked hard, earned a scholarship, played ball and was very grateful for her education. She was a wonderful human being, a warm, generous and kind-hearted individual." --**Rhonda Revelle**