

# WELCOME TO NEBRASKA SWIMMING & DIVING

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Nebraska’s 11-member sophomore class led by 2018 NCAA qualifier Autumn Haebig (back), along with (kneeling, from left) Gabby Baratta, Jessica Pentlarge (second row, from left) Allison Kopas, Izzie Murray, Grace Tiernon, Rachel Powers (third row, from left) Clara Walstad, Madison Coughlen, Sutton Marvin and Mira Rhodes, hope to help the Huskers to new heights at the Big Ten and NCAA level in 2018-19.

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 Enrollment: 25,820  
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 Colors: Scarlet and Cream  
 Founded: 1869  
 Conference: Big Ten

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## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the University of Nebraska Athletic Department is to serve our student-athletes, coaches, staff and fans by:

Displaying **INTEGRITY** in every decision and action;

Building and maintaining **TRUST** with others;

Giving **RESPECT** to each person we encounter;

Pursuing unity of purpose through **TEAMWORK**;

Maintaining **LOYALTY** to student-athletes, coworkers, fans and the University of Nebraska.

# MEDIA INFORMATION & SERVICES



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COMMUNICATIONS CONTACT



**KYIIA ROLLAG**  
COMMUNICATIONS CONTACT

## HUSKERS.COM

For the most up-to-the-minute coverage of Nebraska swimming and diving on the World Wide Web, visit Huskers.com, the official web site of the University of Nebraska Athletic Department. In addition to updated results, statistics and meet stories, you can find photos, player and coach biographies, schedule and roster information and weekly releases on the Husker swimming and diving program.

## NEBRASKA COMMUNICATIONS

The 2018-19 Nebraska swimming and diving guide is designed to assist the media in their coverage of Husker swimming and diving. Nebraska's swimming and diving communications contacts for the 2018-19 season are Kyiia Rollag and Blake Otte. Additional information on Husker swimming and diving may be obtained by contacting the Communications Office at (402) 472-0694 or by e-mailing Kyiia Rollag at krollag@huskers.com or Blake Otte at botte@huskers.com. Rollag can also be reached by text message or cell phone at (402) 718-7985 and Otte can be reached at (303) 915-8439. Please take a moment to review the following policies and services intended to assist you in coverage of Nebraska swimming and diving.

## MEDIA FACILITIES

The Bob Devaney Sports Center invites the media to view competitions from the results table, located on the north side of the Devaney Natatorium, with the media relations and meet staff. Photographers are allowed to shoot anywhere in the pool area, provided that photographers do not interfere with competition. Flash photography is not permitted at the start of the race.

## POST-MEET INTERVIEWS

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## COACH & STUDENT-ATHLETE INTERVIEWS

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# THIS IS NEBRASKA SWIM & DIVE





**U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS (OMAHA)**



**ABIGAIL KNAPTON  
2-TIME FIRST TEAM  
ALL-AMERICAN  
(2017-18)**

**ALL-AMERICA TRADITION**



**IZZIE MURRAY**

**5 CSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICANS IN 2018**



**DEVANEY NATATORIUM**

A close-up photograph of a young man with dark hair slicked back, smiling broadly. His skin is wet with water droplets, and he is wearing a black tank top. The background is a blurred view of blue water with white foam, suggesting a swimming pool or ocean. The lighting is bright, creating a high-contrast, energetic feel.

**NEBRASKA  
ALL-AMERICANS  
& OLYMPIANS**



**PENNY HEYNS, 2-TIME GOLD MEDALIST**



**THERESE ALSHAMMAR, 6-TIME OLYMPIAN**



**JULIA RUSSELL, 18-TIME ALL-AMERICAN**



**LAUREN BAILEY, ALL-AMERICAN**



# CHAMPIONSHIP FACILITIES



**PINNACLE BANK ARENA**



**HAWKS FIELD**



**BOB DEVANEY SPORTS CENTER**



**BARBARA HIBNER STADIUM**

# HUSKER POWER

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**HENDRICKS COMPLEX WEIGHT ROOM**



**HENDRICKS COMPLEX OASIS**



# NEBRASKA

## ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE LAB

“THIS FACILITY IS  
**UNBELIEVABLE.**”

WORLD SOCCER STAR DEMBA BA, WHO TRAINED AT THE  
NEBRASKA ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE LAB IN 2017



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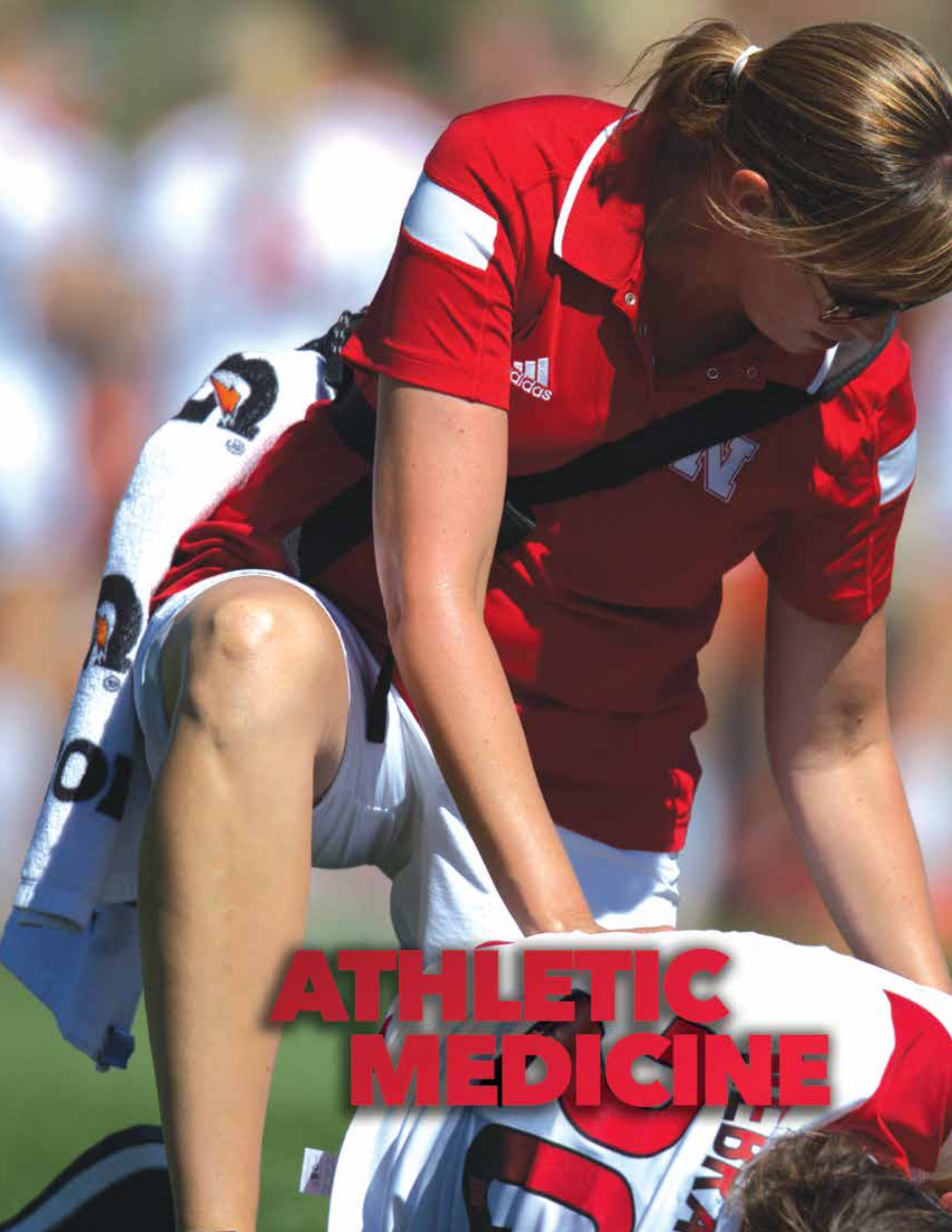
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**ATHLETIC  
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# ACADEMIC SUCCESS



**ERIN OELTJEN**  
**THREE-TIME CSCAA**  
**SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICAN**



**ANNA FILIPCIC, SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICAN**

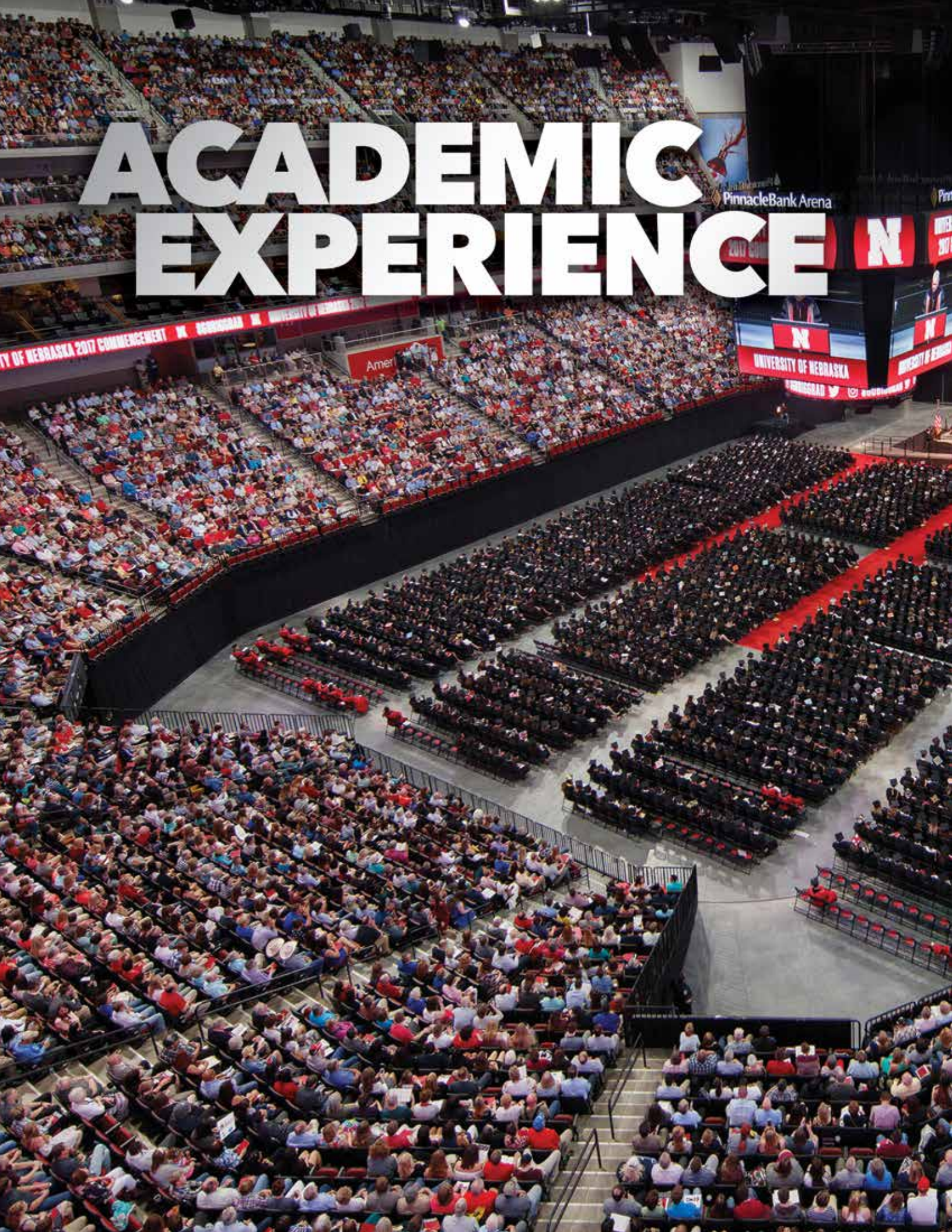


**BRIA DEVEAUX, ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN**



**3-TIME NEBRASKA HERMAN TEAM GPA WINNERS**

# ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE



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**ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS**  
DIVISION I SCHOOLS, ALL TIME

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# LIFE SKILLS





**SERVICE TRIP TO NICARAGUA, 2017**



**KATT SICKLE, HEART & SOUL AWARD**



**ANNUAL HUSKER HEROES EVENT**

# THE UNIVERSITY OF **NEBRASKA**





## THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

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. Nebraska, which joined the Big Ten Conference in 2011, is a member of the Big Ten Academic Alliance, a consortium of Big Ten universities and the University of Chicago, which has generated unique opportunities for students and faculty by sharing expertise, leveraging resources and collaborating on programs.

## BIG TEN ACADEMIC ALLIANCE

As a member of the Big Ten, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is a member of the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), formerly the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, which is the academic consortium of the universities in the Big Ten Conference. The consortium was renamed on June 29, 2016. The BTAA includes all 14 Big Ten Institutions and the University of Chicago. The Big Ten Academic Alliances and the institutions together have annual research expenditures topping \$10.2 billion — more than the Ivy League and the University of California System combined — and they educate a total of nearly 600,000 students with approximately 50,000 full-time faculty members.

## NATIONAL RANKINGS

- No. 1 Best-Value Law School (National Jurist Magazine)
- No. 1 Best-Value Online MBA in the World (Financial Times)
- No. 4 Best Online Graduate Education Programs (U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 4 Best Online Graduate Education Programs for Veterans (U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 9 Rising Star in Research Among U.S. Institutions (Springer Nature)
- No. 13 Best Online MBA Programs for Veterans (U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 21 Best Online MBA Programs (U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 24 in 'Best For Vets' Colleges (Military Times)
- Rated Among Top Half of First Tier of Top National Universities (U.S. News & World Report)
- Rated Among Top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges (Kiplinger's Personal Finance)



# THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

INNOVATION CAMPUS, CITY CAMPUS & DOWNTOWN LINCOLN

**70** MASTER PROGRAMS

**182** UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

**611** STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**25,820** UNL ENROLLMENT

**199,738** LIVING ALUMNI

**135** COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

**50** STATES REPRESENTED



**CITY CAMPUS**



**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER**



**MULTICULTURAL CENTER**



**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**



**“LINCOLN IS  
CLEARLY  
ON THE RISE.”**

VIA SILICON PRAIRIE NEWS

**NO. 1 MOST CONTENT CITY**

24/7 WALLSTREET

**HAPPIEST CITY IN AMERICA**

GALLUP WELL-BEING INDEX

**NO. 1 CITY IN BEST PLACES  
FOR BUSINESS AND CAREERS**

VIA FORBES

**NO. 2 CITY IN HIGHEST  
QUALITY OF LIFE**

HUFFINGTON POST

**NO. 6 BEST COLLEGE TOWN**

AIER

**TOP 10 MOST BEAUTIFUL  
CITIES IN THE USA**

THE CULTURE TRIP



**1** OF THE **75** LARGEST CITIES IN THE U.S.



# NATIONAL POWERS

2017 NCAA VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS





SCHOOL-RECORD 13 CONFERENCE WINS  
IN 2017-18

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**



12TH NCAA SUPER SIX FINAL IN 2018

**WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS**



5TH STRAIGHT TOP-10 NCAA FINISH  
IN 2018

**WRESTLING**



10TH STRAIGHT TOP-5 NCAA  
FINISH IN 2018

**BOWLING**

# OMAHA SETS MORE RECORDS AT U.S. TRIALS



*The CenturyLink Center in Omaha played host to the U.S. Olympic Trials for the third consecutive time in 2016. Six Husker swimmers competed in the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials, including Omaha natives Alexandra Bilunas and Erin Oeltjen.*

The state of Nebraska played host to the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha for the third consecutive time in 2016. The event, which has become a showcase event with sellout crowds of approximately 14,000 for each day of the trials, has given Nebraska a chance to showcase its love and support for swimming.

In 2016, six University of Nebraska swimmers provided the Huskers with a strong presence at the U.S. Olympic Trials. Led by Omahans Alexandra Bilunas (50 free) and Erin Oeltjen (100 back, 200 back), the Husker contingent proudly competed in the water

with the world's best swimmers.

The native Nebraskans were joined by Husker teammates Taryn Collura (Phoenix, Ariz., 50 free, 100 fly), Jordan Ehly (Albuquerque, N.M., 200 breast), Morgan McCafferty (Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 100 back) and Katt Sickle (Grain Valley, Mo., 400 free) at the trials. The 2016 Husker participants tripled the number from the 2012 trials (Bailey Pons, 400 free; Shannon Guy, 100 fly), demonstrating the steady rise of the Nebraska program on the national level.

The state of Nebraska, the Midwest and the entire swimming community took a monumental step on June 28, 2005, when USA Swimming



*Morgan McCafferty competed in the 100-meter backstroke at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha. The Reynoldsburg, Ohio, native was the youngest Husker swimmer to compete in the Trials.*

announced Omaha as the host city for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials. After the 2008 Trials proved to be a resounding success, as well as the subsequent 2012 Trials, officials from USA Swimming and the Omaha Sports Commission announced that return of the event to Omaha in 2016.

"It came down to the fact that the setup in Omaha for the athletes and coaches is just the best out of all the candidate cities," said Mike Unger, USA Swimming assistant executive director.

The 2008 Trials drew a record 160,003 fans over eight days and 15 sessions. The 2016 Trials smashed those numbers, with all 15 sessions sold out and attendance exceeding 200,000 for the first time. In 2004, attendance was just over 100,000.

The CenturyLink Center has served as a home away from home for Husker athletics the past several years. In 2015, the Nebraska volleyball team captured its fourth NCAA title and its second in Omaha. The 2006 Huskers claimed Nebraska's third NCAA volleyball title in Omaha as well. The CenturyLink Center also played host to the 2012 NCAA Volleyball Championships. Nebraska also hosted the Big 12 Wrestling Championships at the CenturyLink Center and the men's basketball team played there in a game against Oregon in 2007.