

COACHES



Head Coach John Cook



JOHN COOK

Head Coach • Ninth Year • University of San Diego (1979)

The philosophy of John Cook can be summarized in two simple words.

Dream Big.

When Cook took over the reins of the Nebraska volleyball program following the 1999 season, the challenge facing him was daunting. Cook replaced one of the sport's legendary coaches in Terry Pettit, who won 694 matches and guided the Huskers to 18 consecutive NCAA appearances and six national semifinals.

Cook, who left an emerging power in Wisconsin to guide the tradition-rich Husker program, had his own vision for Nebraska volleyball. He saw a program that had even more potential to grow. His goals included consistently selling out home matches at the NU Coliseum, expanding the media exposure for his program and continuing the tradition of athletic and academic excellence started by Pettit.

Cook saw the long-range potential in reaching across the Husker Nation and making them a vital part of the program's success. He also believed Nebraska could shine by hosting the sport's championship in the largest setting college volleyball had ever seen.

When others saw risks, Cook saw opportunities.

In 2006, Cook's dream was realized, as the Husker Nation had an opportunity to see Nebraska raise the bar in college volleyball first-hand. From record-setting, sold-out crowds at the Qwest Center Omaha to a team that maximized its potential in winning the school's third national title, the Huskers enjoyed a truly remarkable season.

The Huskers entered the season with many questions, as they were forced to replace three All-Americans, including AVCA National Player-of-the-Year Christina Houghtelling, who missed the 2006 season after shoulder surgery. With four first-year starters on the court, including freshmen starters at both setter and middle blocker, and the expectations of trying to reach the national semifinals just 45 miles away from campus, 2006 shaped up to be Cook's toughest coaching job to date.

Nebraska took on all challenges head-on, going 33-1 and becoming only the third team in NCAA history to be ranked No. 1 the entire season. The Huskers went on the road and overcame a 2-0 deficit to defeat Minnesota to reach the national semifinals, marking the first time that Nebraska had won a regional outside the state. The win over the Gophers set the stage for a watershed moment in college volleyball. Behind sellout crowds of over 17,000, the Huskers captured the school's third national title with victories over No. 4 UCLA and No. 2 Stanford.

The Huskers enjoyed one of the most prolific offensive seasons in school history, leading the nation in kills per game and ranking second in hitting percentage. Four players earned AVCA All-America honors, highlighted by Sarah Pavan, who became Nebraska's first Honda-Broderick Cup winner and fourth AVCA National Player of the Year.

In 2007, the Huskers continued to raise the bar for the sport, setting a pair of NCAA single-match attendance records and winning the Big 12 title for the fourth consecutive year. The Huskers, who capped an extraordinary streak of 26 straight weeks ranked No. 1 in the AVCA poll, advanced to the regional final before a loss to Cal ended a 30-2 season. A school-record five Huskers earned AVCA All-America awards, while Pavan, Houghtelling and Tracy Stalls all earned first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

Consistent excellence has been a hallmark of Cook's Nebraska squads since he took over the reins on Dec. 15, 1999. Over the last eight years, Cook has guided Nebraska to a pair of national titles, four NCAA semifinal

appearances and seven Big 12 titles. He has guided NU to a 250-16 overall record and a 154-6 league mark. Overall, Cook is 86-13 against ranked teams at Nebraska, and the Huskers have 15 wins against top-five teams during the last eight years.

With Cook at the helm, Nebraska has produced numerous individual honors including, an Olympian, a Honda-Broderick Cup winner, three AVCA Division I National Players of the Year, two NCAA Top Eight Award winners, two Honda Award winners, 27 AVCA All-Americans, three CoSIDA Academic All-Americans of the Year, 13 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, five Big 12 Players of the Year and three Big 12 Co-Players of the Year. The Huskers have also combined for 29 All-Big 12 Conference awards and 48 academic All-Big 12 certificates.

Cook's accomplishments haven't gone unnoticed, as he is a two-time AVCA National Coach of the Year, earning the prestigious honor in 2000 and 2005, and a two-time Big 12 Coach of the Year. He is one of only five active coaches - and one of six all-time - to be a two-time AVCA National Coach of the Year.

The 2005 campaign was a special one for the Nebraska program. The Huskers advanced to the national title match for the fifth time in school history. Nebraska returned to the national semifinals for the first time since 2001 and finished with a 33-2 record. The Huskers led the nation in blocking (4.12 per game) and ranked in the top 10 nationally in assists, kills and hitting percentage. Four Huskers earned AVCA All-America honors, while Houghtelling was named AVCA National Player of the Year.

Nebraska also drew overwhelming fan support, shattering school records in attendance (5,969 fans per match) and selling out the entire season ticket allotment in just nine days.

Cook's vision is for the Huskers to remain at the forefront of college volleyball to enhance the sport at both the local and national levels. Nebraska enters 2008 with an NCAA-record 106 consecutive sellouts at the NU Coliseum and will host the 2008 NCAA Championship in Omaha.

Cook has also been instrumental in helping to expand the program's visibility throughout the state and the Midwest. In 2004, the Huskers hosted a regular-season match against Creighton in North Platte so that the fans

John Cook File

Coaching Honors

- 2008 USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Award
- 2005 AVCA Division I National Coach of the Year
- 2005 AVCA Division I Central Region Coach of the Year
- 2005 Big 12 Coach of the Year
- 2001 Big 12 Coach of the Year
- 2000 AVCA Division I National Coach of the Year
- 2000 AVCA Division I Central Region Coach of the Year
- 1997 Big Ten Co-Coach of the Year
- 1997 NACDA/USOC Collegiate Coaches Award

Coaching Ledger

- Nebraska Head Coach, 2000-present
- Nebraska Associate Head Coach, 1999
- Nebraska Assistant Coach, 1988-91

Other Coaching Experience

- Wisconsin Head Coach, 1992-98
- U.S. Men's National Team, 1992
- San Diego VB Club, 1986-88
- UC-San Diego, 1983-84
- Francis Parker High, 1981-88

Collegiate Coaching Record

- Overall: 381-87 (.814)
- Nebraska: 220-14 (.940)
- Big 12: 135-5 (.964)
- Big Ten: 89-51 (.636)

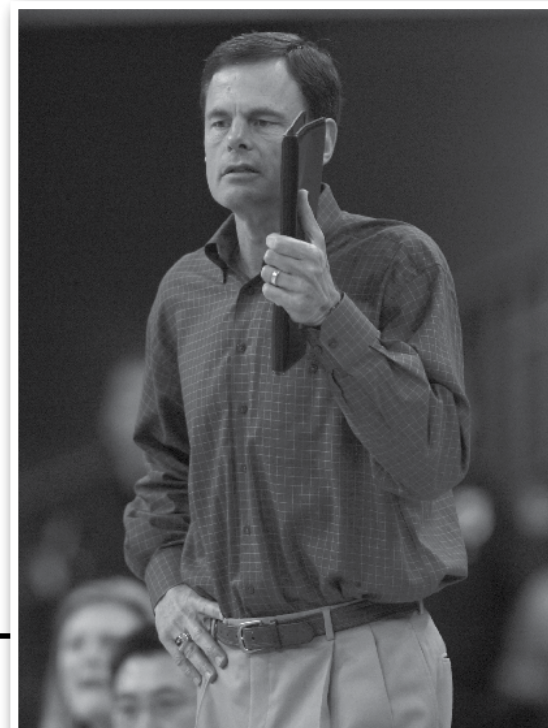
More About Cook

Education

- University of San Diego, 1979
Bachelor's Degree, History
- San Diego State University, 1991
Master's Degree, Teaching and Coaching Effectiveness

Family

- Wife: Wendy
- Children: Lauren (17), Taylor (14)
- Birthdate: April 19, 1956





The Cook Family (from left): Lauren, John, Taylor and Wendy.

in the western part of the state could see the Huskers in person. In addition, Cook's efforts have helped Nebraska enjoy one of the most extensive multi-media packages in the country, as every match is carried live on a state-wide radio network and nearly every contest is shown either live on television or streamed live on the Internet.

"It is a reflection of Nebraska volleyball and the program, and not about one person or one player," Cook said when accepting the AVCA Coach-of-the-Year Award in 2005. "We're trying to be a leader in the sport. We're trying to take risks and dream big, and fortunately I'm surrounded by a lot of people who have that vision. I'm really proud of what we're doing to try and enhance the sport."

Three Straight 30-Win Seasons

Cook immediately started to create his own legacy after taking over for Pettit. In his first season at the helm, Cook was named the AVCA National Coach of the Year after guiding the Huskers to a 34-0 record and the 2000 national championship. The Huskers, who became just the second team in NCAA history to cap an undefeated season with a national title, were ranked No. 1 in the AVCA/USA Today Top 25 poll for 14 straight weeks.

The Nebraska players flourished under Cook, whose responsibilities included working directly with the setters during his first two seasons. Sophomore setter Greichaly Cepero earned AVCA National Player-of-the-Year honors. Three Huskers claimed AVCA All-America certificates, and

five Nebraska players were named to the All-Big 12 teams. Laura Pilakowski earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, and a conference-best seven Huskers earned academic All-Big 12 recognition.

In 2001, Cook's second season, Nebraska fell just two wins short of capturing another NCAA title. The Huskers, who were ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 in the AVCA poll all season, went 20-0 in the Big 12 while Cook was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year. NU finished the season with a 31-2 record after falling to eventual national champion Stanford in the NCAA semifinals.

Nebraska broke the school record for opponent hitting percentage and placed four players on the AVCA All-America teams. Right side hitter Nancy Metcalf (Meendering) was selected as an NCAA Top Eight Award winner and was also named the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year.

Pilakowski and Cepero joined Metcalf on the CoSIDA Academic All-America teams, as Pilakowski earned second-team honors and Cepero received third-team recognition.

In Cook's third season, the Huskers continued their remarkable success. NU finished the season ranked fifth in the AVCA poll with a 31-2 record to secure its third straight 30-win season. Nebraska produced the most dominant conference season in school history, going 20-0 and losing just two sets en route to winning the league championship for the third straight year. Cepero and Amber Holmquist again earned first-team AVCA All-America honors, and Pilakowski was recognized on the second team.

Cook's Season-by-Season Record

(Overall: 411-89, Nebraska: 250-16, Big 12: 154-6, Big Ten: 89-51)

Year	Record	Pct.	Big Ten/Big12	Pct.	Place	District Rk.	National Finish	AVCA
1992 (UW)	14-17	.452	9-11	.450	7th	--	--	NR
1993 (UW)	19-13	.593	11-9	.550	5th	t12th	NCAA Second Round	NR
1994 (UW)	21-12	.636	11-9	.550	5th	8th	NCAA First Round	NR
1995 (UW)	22-15	.595	9-11	.450	7th	--	NIVC Champions	NR
1996 (UW)	25-8	.758	13-7	.650	5th	4th	Regional Semifinals	15th
1997 (UW)	30-3	.909	19-1	.950	t1st	2nd	Regional Finals	5th
1998 (UW)	30-5	.857	17-3	.850	2nd	3rd	Regional Finals	7th
2000 (NU)	34-0	1.000	20-0	1.000	1st	1st	National Champions	1st
2001 (NU)	31-2	.940	20-0	1.000	1st	1st	NCAA Semifinals	3rd
2002 (NU)	31-2	.940	20-0	1.000	1st	1st	Regional Finals	5th
2003 (NU)	28-5	.850	17-3	.850	2nd	2nd	Regional Semifinals	13th
2004 (NU)	30-2	.938	20-0	1.000	1st	1st	Regional Finals	5th
2005 (NU)	33-2	.943	19-1	.950	1st	1st	NCAA Finals	2nd
2006 (NU)	33-1	.971	19-1	.950	1st	1st	National Champions	1st
2007 (NU)	30-2	.938	19-1	.950	1st	1st	Regional Finals	5th
Totals	411-89	.822	243-57	.810	--	--	--	--

Husker Players & National Honors

In his eight seasons at NU, John Cook has produced 12 AVCA All-Americans who have combined for a national-best 27 awards. In 2007, five Huskers earned AVCA All-America certificates, breaking the school mark of four set by the 2001, 2005 and 2006 teams. The 2007 list was highlighted by Sarah Pavan, who became only the fourth player in NCAA volleyball history to become a four-time, first-team AVCA All-American.

Cook's players have also excelled academically on a national level. In Cook's eight seasons at NU, eight CoSIDA Academic All-Americans have combined for 13 awards, as Pavan, Christina Houghtelling and Tracy Stalls all earned first-team Academic All-America honors.

Honda-Broderick Cup Winners

- Sarah Pavan, RS 2006

Olympians

- Nancy Metcalf (Meendering), RS 2004

AVCA National Players of the Year

- Greichaly Cepero, S 2000
- Christina Houghtelling, OH 2005
- Sarah Pavan, RS 2006

Honda Sport Award Winner

- Greichaly Cepero, S 2000
- Sarah Pavan, RS 2006

U.S. National Team Members

- Nancy Metcalf (Meendering), RS 2002-present
- Tracy Stalls, MB 2007-present
- Greichaly Cepero, S 2002-03

First-Team AVCA All-Americans

- Greichaly Cepero, S 2000 & 2002
- Laura Pilakowski, OH 2000
- Nancy Metcalf (Meendering), RS 2001
- Amber Holmquist, MB 2001 & 2002
- Sarah Pavan, RS 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007
- Melissa Elmer, MB 2004 & 2005
- Christina Houghtelling, OH 2005
- Jordan Larson, OH 2006

Second-Team AVCA All-Americans

- Amber Holmquist, MB 2000
- Jenny Kropp, MB 2001
- Greichaly Cepero, S 2001
- Laura Pilakowski, OH 2002
- Melissa Elmer, MB 2003
- Jennifer Saleaumua, OH 2004
- Tracy Stalls, MB 2006 & 2007
- Rachel Holloway, S 2007
- Christina Houghtelling, OH 2007

Third-Team AVCA All-Americans

- Jennifer Saleaumua, OH 2005
- Rachel Holloway, S 2006
- Jordan Larson, OH 2007

First-Team CoSIDA Academic All-American

- Nancy Metcalf (Meendering), RS 2001
- Laura Pilakowski, OH 2002
- Christina Houghtelling, OH 2005 & 2007
- Sarah Pavan, RS 2005, 2006 & 2007
- Tracy Stalls, MB 2007

Second-Team CoSIDA Academic All-American

- Laura Pilakowski, OH 2000 & 2001
- Amber Holmquist, MB 2002
- Anna Schrad, OH 2003

Third-Team CoSIDA Academic All-American

- Greichaly Cepero, S 2001

Pilakowski was named a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American, and Holmquist was a second-team pick. Cepero, Holmquist and Pilakowski shared Big 12 Player-of-the-Year accolades.

Cook faced perhaps his greatest coaching challenge at Nebraska during the 2003 season, when the Huskers had to replace three All-Americans and their first-ever libero. With so much young talent, Cook opted to run a 6-2 (two-setter) offense to utilize as many players as possible. NU went on to finish the season with a 28-5 record, an 11-4 mark against NCAA Tournament teams, and an appearance in its 10th straight Sweet 16.

The 2004 season may have been one of Cook's best coaching jobs, as a youthful squad that had as many as five freshmen or sophomores on the court went 30-2 and was ranked No. 1 in the country heading into the NCAA Tournament. The Huskers displayed a suffocating defense, leading the nation in both opponent hitting percentage (.103) and blocks per game (4.02) before falling to two-time defending NCAA champion USC in five sets in the regional final. Three Huskers earned AVCA All-America honors, while Pavan was chosen as the AVCA National Freshman of the Year. That group of Huskers became the centerpiece of Nebraska's consecutive NCAA Finals teams in 2005 and 2006.

Building the Badgers

Cook, who served as an assistant under Pettit for three seasons from 1988 to 1991, took over the Nebraska head coaching job after serving as associate head coach during the 1999 season. Before returning to Nebraska in 1999, Cook led Wisconsin to six straight postseason appearances in seven seasons as the Badgers' head coach.

Cook's accomplishments at Wisconsin earned him praise as one of the game's top young coaches. Cook built the Badgers into a top-10 program during his seven-year career in Madison, which included back-to-back trips to the NCAA regional finals in 1997 and 1998.

In his final match at Wisconsin, Cook's Badgers fell to the Huskers in a three-hour, five-set battle in the 1998 Pacific Regional Championship in the NU Coliseum. Wisconsin ended the season ranked seventh in the final USA Today/AVCA Coaches Poll with a 30-5 record.

Cook compiled a 161-73 ledger at the helm of the Badgers, including an 89-51 league mark in one of the



nation's toughest conferences. He was named the Big Ten Co-Coach and AVCA District 2 Coach of the Year in 1997 after leading the Badgers to a share of the Big Ten title with a 19-1 mark and school-best 30-3 overall record.

In his seven years at Wisconsin, the Badgers advanced to six straight postseason tournaments, qualifying for the NCAA Tournament in 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997 and 1998. In 1995, Wisconsin won the National Invitational Volleyball Championship with a perfect 6-0 record.

During his tenure at UW, he coached four All-Americans, nine AVCA All-District award winners, 11 All-Big Ten honorees and two Big Ten Freshmen of the Year. He also coached 21 academic All-Big Ten selections during his seven seasons.

Other Coaching Experiences

Cook also brings Olympic and championship experience to the Husker staff. As the first assistant coach with the U.S. Men's National Volleyball team, Cook aided the United States to a bronze medal in the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. The team's defensive coordinator, he was also in charge of scouting and supervising the team's flexibility, strength and conditioning programs.

For his Olympic coaching experience, Cook was honored in June of 1993 at the NACDA/USOC Collegiate Coaches Recognition Awards Luncheon.

In the summer of 2004, Cook served as head coach of

the Women's National Volleyball Training Team, guiding his squad to the title in the Women's Open Division of the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships in Atlanta, Ga.

In May of 2008, he was honored for his contributions to the college and international levels, as he received the USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Award.

During his first tenure at Nebraska (1989-91), the Huskers advanced to the NCAA semifinals two of the three seasons, including a runner-up finish in 1989. Nebraska also went 36-0 in conference play, capturing three Big Eight Conference championships each of those three seasons. During that time, he served as Pettit's recruiting coordinator, chief scout and strength and conditioning coordinator. Cook was also the liaison with the academic advising center.

In the U.S. Olympic Festival competition, Cook served as head coach of the bronze medal-winning North team in 1989 and was an assistant coach with the third-place West team in 1987.

A co-founder of the San Diego Volleyball Club, Cook served as a coach with the club from 1986 to 1988. The club won two Southern California Regional Championships and finished among the final four teams twice in the USVBA Junior Olympics for girls 18 and under.

Cook also served as the head assistant coach at the University of California-San Diego from 1983 to 1984, where he aided the Tritons to an NCAA Division III national championship in 1984 and a second-place national finish in 1983. Cook's coaching credentials also include leading Francis Parker High School in San Diego to two California state championships. During his six-year coaching stint from 1981 to 1988, he had a .900 winning percentage with an overall record of 162-18, including a 90-match winning streak.

A well-known speaker on volleyball skills, Cook travels around the nation participating in clinics. During his stay at Wisconsin, he served as the host of the Badger Coaching Symposium every spring.

A graduate of the University of San Diego, Cook earned his bachelor's degree in history in 1979. He completed his master's degree in teaching and coaching effectiveness from San Diego State in 1991.

Cook and his wife Wendy, a former two-time All-America setter at San Diego State, are the parents of two children, Lauren, 17, and Taylor, 14.

Cook vs. All Opponents

Opponent	Overall	Wis.	Neb.	Opponent	Overall	Wis.	Neb.	Opponent	Overall	Wis.	Neb.	Opponent	Overall	Wis.	Neb.
Alabama	2-0	1-0	1-0	George Mason	2-0	2-0	0-0	Middle Tennessee	1-0	0-0	1-0	Santa Clara	3-0	0-0	3-0
Alabama A&M	1-0	0-0	1-0	George Washington	0-1	0-1	0-0	Minnesota	11-6	8-6	3-0	South Carolina	1-0	0-0	1-0
American	2-0	1-0	1-0	Georgia	2-1	1-1	1-0	Missouri	15-1	0-0	15-1	South Dakota State	1-0	0-0	1-0
Arizona	2-0	0-0	2-0	Georgia Tech	0-1	0-0	0-1	Missouri State	1-0	1-0	0-0	South Florida	1-0	1-0	0-0
Arizona State	1-0	0-0	1-0	Hawaii	4-2	0-1	4-1	Nebraska	0-3	0-3	0-0	Southern California	2-3	2-1	0-2
Arkansas	1-1	1-1	0-0	Hofstra	1-0	1-0	0-0	New Mexico	1-0	1-0	0-0	Stanford	3-2	0-1	3-1
Arkansas-Little Rock	1-0	1-0	0-0	Houston	0-1	0-1	0-0	New Mexico State	1-0	0-0	1-0	Stephen F. Austin	1-0	1-0	0-0
Ball State	4-0	2-0	2-0	Idaho	1-0	1-0	0-0	New Orleans	1-0	0-0	1-0	Tennessee	1-0	0-0	1-0
Baylor	16-0	0-0	16-0	Illinois	11-4	10-4	1-0	North Carolina	2-0	2-0	0-0	Tennessee-Martin	1-0	0-0	1-0
Bowling Green	1-1	1-1	0-0	Illinois State	1-0	0-0	1-0	Northern Illinois	2-2	2-2	0-0	Texas	15-2	1-0	14-2
Butler	2-0	2-0	0-0	Indiana	11-3	11-3	0-0	Northern Iowa	2-0	0-0	2-0	Texas A&M	18-0	2-0	16-0
California	0-1	0-0	0-1	Iona	1-0	0-0	1-0	Northwestern	15-0	14-0	1-0	Texas-Arlington	1-0	1-0	0-0
Cal Poly	2-0	0-0	2-0	Iowa	12-2	12-2	0-0	Notre Dame	7-0	3-0	4-0	Texas Tech	16-0	0-0	16-0
Central Florida	1-0	1-0	0-0	Iowa State	17-0	1-0	16-0	Ohio State	9-7	7-7	2-0	Tulane	1-0	0-0	1-0
Clemson	1-0	0-0	1-0	Kansas State	15-3	0-1	15-2	Oklahoma	16-0	0-0	16-0	UCLA	5-2	0-1	5-1
Colgate	1-0	1-0	0-0	Kansas	16-0	0-0	16-0	Oral Roberts	3-0	1-0	2-0	UC-Santa Barbara	2-0	1-0	1-0
Colorado	16-2	1-1	15-1	Kentucky	0-1	0-1	0-0	Pacific	3-1	0-1	3-0	Valparaiso	1-0	0-0	1-0
Colorado State	3-0	0-0	3-0	Long Beach State	1-2	0-0	1-2	Penn State	3-14	1-14	2-0	Virginia	1-0	1-0	0-0
Creighton	5-0	0-0	5-0	LSU	1-0	0-0	1-0	Pepperdine	4-0	1-0	3-0	Virginia Tech	1-0	1-0	0-0
Dayton	1-0	0-0	1-0	Louisville	4-0	2-0	2-0	Pittsburgh	5-0	4-0	1-0	Washington	0-1	0-0	0-1
DePaul	3-0	3-0	0-0	Loyola-Chicago	5-1	5-1	0-0	Princeton	1-0	0-0	1-0	West Virginia	1-0	1-0	0-0
Duke	3-0	1-0	2-0	Marquette	3-0	3-0	0-0	Purdue	10-4	10-4	0-0	Western Michigan	1-0	1-0	1-0
Eastern Illinois	2-0	2-0	0-0	Maryland	2-0	1-0	1-0	Sacramento State	1-0	1-0	0-0	Wichita State	2-0	0-0	2-0
Florida	2-2	0-2	2-0	Miami	1-0	0-0	1-0	Saint Louis	1-0	1-0	0-0	Wisconsin	1-0	0-0	1-0
Florida A&M	0-1	0-0	0-1	Michigan	9-7	7-7	2-0	Saint Mary's	1-0	0-0	1-0	UW-Green Bay	3-0	3-0	0-0
Fresno State	1-0	1-0	0-0	Michigan State	13-4	10-4	3-0	San Diego	4-0	2-0	2-0	UW-Milwaukee	2-0	2-0	0-0

Q&A WITH COACH COOK

What is your coaching philosophy?

There are four things that come to mind. No. 1, I see myself as a teacher. It was always my dream to be a teacher, and coaching is teaching. No. 2, next to my family and my faith, the people involved with Nebraska volleyball are the most important thing in my life.

Third, at Nebraska, we like to recruit great athletes. Then we will figure out what those athletes are the most exceptional at and design our system to best take advantage of those qualities. How can we make each athlete the best volleyball player they can be? That's the question we try to answer. And finally, our players are committed to academic excellence and becoming complete student-athletes.

What do you enjoy most about coaching at Nebraska?

There are two things which make coaching at Nebraska so special. First, it is the passion of the people across the state for our team. There is a love affair between our players and the fans across the Husker Nation.

Second, is that our players are great young women who work hard, make great choices and are excellent students. In 2006, we won an NCAA title, as well as the Life Skills Award for the athletic department. We have a group of people who are committed to giving back to the community and understand that there is more to college life than volleyball.

When you are recruiting a potential student-athlete, what are Nebraska's biggest selling points?

I think the best thing for a recruit to do is see our team play. We play at a high level, but what may be most important, is how we play. It's a very exciting brand of volleyball based on great athletes moving very quickly and transitioning very fast. We've always had a reputation of taking great athletes and training them to become exceptional volleyball players.

We have a great tradition with our academic support staff and the Hewitt Center. We lead the nation in academic All-America honors, NCAA Top Eight Award winners and the majority of our players go on to graduate school following their playing careers.

I think another important factor is the exposure our program receives. Our goal is to be on the cutting edge. We

are the only program in the country that has its own radio network with a flagship station that is one of the strongest in the state, a state-wide weekly television program and all of our matches shown live on the Internet.

Our school's rich volleyball tradition over the years also plays an important role in recruiting. In many cases, people know they were meant to be here.

What do you look for in a recruit?

Academically we have a tradition of great student-athletes. Because the program's emphasis is on being accountable, the program attracts people who have already been successful in the classroom. But we've also taken some people who were merely good students and helped them become great students.

In addition to looking for great student-athletes, the players we attract to Nebraska are ones who not only have the athletic ability to be successful, but also are highly competitive. They don't shy away from challenges, whether it is in practices or in matches because they know it will allow them to reach their full potential as a player.

We are also in a unique situation at Nebraska where our student-athletes have a platform to make a difference in people's lives. We look for people who are going to embrace that opportunity and give back to the community.

Talk about your program's emphasis on developing players for their post collegiate careers?

At Nebraska, we believe that the program we put in place gives our players a chance to play beyond their college career. When I was with the men's national team for the 1992 Olympics, I got an understanding of what it takes to be the best in the world. We've tried to implement that at Nebraska and call it Training the Whole Athlete.

It just doesn't mean we are going to make them a great volleyball player. Obviously, we are going to do that and our program's success reflects that. We are going to train them mentally on how to compete at the highest level and continue on if they elect to do so. It is also about getting them to understand the self-discipline it takes to work in the weight room, understanding their bodies and knowing how to take care of them in areas such as stretching, recovery and nutrition.

Charting John Cook

NCAA Winningest Programs Since 2000

No.	Team	Record	Pct.
1.	Nebraska	250-16	.940
2.	Florida	247-26	.905
3.	Hawaii	243-31	.887
4.	USC	216-35	.861
5.	Penn State	232-38	.859
6.	Stanford	227-45	.835
7.	Louisville	213-48	.816
8.	Long Beach State	205-51	.801
9.	Florida A&M	188-47	.800
10.	Northern Iowa	214-57	.790

NCAA Winningest Active Coaches

No.	Coach, Current School	Record	Pct.
1.	Russ Rose, Penn State	925-159	.853
2.	Dave Shoji, Hawaii	953-169-1	.849
3.	Mary Wise, Florida	632-120	.840
4.	John Dunning, Stanford	645-135	.827
5.	John Cook, Nebraska	411-89	.822
6.	Brian Gimmillaro, LBSU	630-148	.810
7.	Mick Haley, USC	709-169-1	.808
8.	Andy Banachowski, UCLA	1,060-281	.790
9.	Leonid Yelin, Louisville	417-118	.779
10.	Bobbi Petersen, Northern Iowa	203-61	.769

(record at four-year colleges only)

Our mission in this program is two-fold. One is prepare them if they want to have a professional career. Second, many of our former players are going into coaching, and they are leaving Nebraska armed with lots of information. If they can go into coaching, they have the ability to make a tremendous impact on the lives of other people with that information. It is a two-fold mission, and we feel that our program has a great understanding and implements it as well as anyone in the country in a college setting.

What do you hope student-athletes take from their years with the Nebraska volleyball program?

First, when they leave, we hope they still want to play volleyball. One of the ways we measure that is by how many of them go into coaching. Over 50 percent of our graduated players are in coaching now, whether it is at the college, high school or club level.

The second thing we want them to understand is the importance of giving back. At Nebraska, our players are viewed by the public and kids in the state with almost a rock star status. What we hope they learned at Nebraska is to use that platform to create a positive message and take that lesson throughout their lives.

How important is the NU Coliseum to Husker volleyball?

I have coached at Nebraska in some capacity for over a decade, and time and time again, I've seen the Coliseum will the Huskers to wins in close matches. I don't know if it's the ghosts or spirits of the building, or maybe just the intense energy of the fans, but playing in the Coliseum has become pivotal to our success.

It's exciting for the players to know that no matter who the opponent may be, the Huskers will play in front of a sold-out crowd. We annually rank among the national attendance leaders and have 106 consecutive sellouts at the NU Coliseum. Our fans give us an unmatched home court advantage.

Nebraska's .940 winning percentage under John Cook is the nation's best since the start of the 2000 season.





LIZZY STEMKE

Assistant Coach • Second Year • Wisconsin (2004)



Coaching Ledger Seasons at Nebraska

- Assistant Coach, 2007-present

Other Coaching Experience

- Assistant Coach:
University of North Carolina, 2005-06
- Volunteer Assistant Coach:
University of Central Florida, 2003
- Setting Coach:
Triangle Setting Academy, 2007
- Assistant Coach/Setters:
Wisconsin Power Volleyball Club, 2004
- Assistant Coach/Setters:
All-American Volleyball Camps, 2004
- Founder/Assistant Coach:
Team Orlando Volleyball Club, 2003-2004
- Assistant Coach:
Next Level Volleyball Camp, 2004

Playing Ledger

- Mulhouse (France), 2004-05
- Carolina (Puerto Rico), 2003
- U.S. National Team, 2001-03
- University of Wisconsin, 1998-01

More About Stemke Education

- Wisconsin, 2004
Bachelor's Degree, Communication Studies

Family

- Husband: Kevin



Kevin and Lizzy Stemke

Former All-American and U.S. National Team member Lizzy Stemke is in her second season in the Husker program. Prior to joining the Nebraska staff in February of 2007, Stemke spent two years at the University of North Carolina.

At Nebraska, Stemke trains the Husker setters and serves as co-recruiting coordinator. Her additional duties include serving as the team video coordinator and as a liaison for academics and community involvement. She also assists with summer camps and coaching clinics, as well as assisting in Nebraska Volleyball Academy clinics.

Stemke played a major role in the Huskers' success in 2007, as Nebraska finished second in the nation with 16.42 assists per game and third nationally with a .327 hitting percentage en route to 30 wins and a Big 12 title. Rachel Holloway finished her Nebraska career by collecting her second AVCA All-America award, while ranking among the national leaders with 13.58 assists per game.

Before Nebraska

At North Carolina, Stemke served as setters' coach, handled opponent scouting and video exchange, recruiting, team travel and community outreach. In her first season as an assistant at UNC, the Tar Heels won the ACC title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Stemke also has experience coaching both at the collegiate and club levels. She spent the 2003 season as a volunteer assistant at the University of Central Florida, as the Golden Knights won the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship and reached the round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in school history before finishing with a 23-7 record.

During her time in Florida, Stemke also co-founded the Team Orlando Volleyball Club and acted as its head recruiter and setter and defense clinic coordinator. She has also spent time working with the Wisconsin Power Volleyball Club, the All-American Volleyball Camps, Next Level Volleyball Camp and the Triangle Setting Academy.

Playing Experience

Stemke enjoyed a distinguished career at the University of Wisconsin from 1998 to 2001. A three-year starter at setter for the Badgers, she helped Wisconsin to a 112-23 record, a pair of Big Ten titles and an NCAA runner-up finish in 2000 to Nebraska. One of only three two-time AVCA All-Americans in school history, she ranked fourth nationally in assists as a senior in 2001, with 13.72 per game when she was named Big Ten Player of the Year. She was recruited to Wisconsin by current Nebraska Head Coach John Cook, whose last year as Badgers' head coach was 1998.

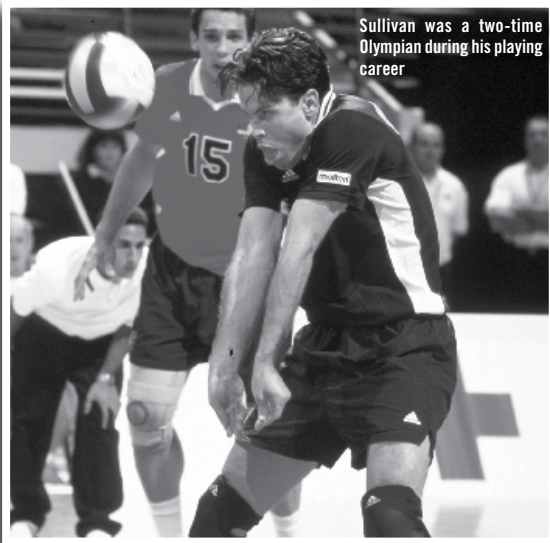
Following her collegiate career, Stemke spent two years with the U.S. National Team. In 2002, she was a member of the silver medal-winning team at the World Championships. She also helped the U.S. team win a bronze medal at the 2003 Pan-American Games. Following her time with the national team, Stemke spent two seasons playing professionally. In 2003, she was named the MVP of the Puerto Rican League. She then spent one season playing in the Pro A League in France.

Stemke earned her bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Wisconsin in 2004. The former Lizzy Fitzgerald, she is married to Kevin Stemke.

Stemke comes from a family heavily involved in college athletics. Her father, Billy Fitzgerald, played baseball and basketball at Tulane from 1967 to 1969 and is in the school's athletic hall of fame. Her older brother, Edmond, played basketball at Ole Miss (1992-94), while her older sister, Meg, played volleyball at Florida (1992-95) and was the head volleyball coach at Central Florida until 2007. Her youngest brother, Robert, played baseball at the University of Tennessee (2002-05).

ERIK SULLIVAN

Assistant Coach • First Year • UCLA (1995)



The newest member of the Husker volleyball staff, Erik Sullivan begins his first season as an assistant coach with the Husker program after being named to the position on Feb. 14, 2008. In his role with the Huskers, Sullivan will handle player training and will work with the middle blockers while serving as recruiting co-coordinator. He also handles opponent scouting and game preparation and oversees Nebraska's summer camp program.

A two-time U.S. Olympian, Sullivan came to Nebraska from the University of Colorado, where he served as an assistant for the past four years. According to Nebraska Coach John Cook, Sullivan's combination of high-level playing and coaching experience made him stand out among a talented field of candidates.

"I feel that Erik is one of the up-and-coming young coaches in the country and was a good fit for what we were looking for on our staff," Cook said. "As a player, he played at the highest level, representing the United States in two Olympics and playing professionally. Since moving into coaching, he has worked with not only the Colorado program, but also at the club level and in the USA program. He has coached in the Big 12 for four years and understands the programs in our league, which was an important consideration for us."

Sullivan said his extensive playing background with the national team and professionally has helped shape his coaching philosophies.

"The thing I learned playing around the world is that you can win in different ways," Sullivan said. "There is not one model or style that leads to success. Many of the players at Nebraska have aspirations of playing either professionally or at the national team level, and I can help in their preparation and with the demands of continuing a volleyball career following college."

Before Nebraska

In his four years at Colorado, Sullivan helped the Buffaloes to three straight NCAA appearances and helped tutor a pair of players who earned All-Big 12 recognition, including two-time all-region selection Allie Griffin, who is currently playing on the AVP Tour. He worked primarily with the outside hitters and team passing during his time in the Buffaloes' program. In 2006, he helped Colorado knock off No. 1 Nebraska, the only loss on the NCAA Champion Huskers (33-1) schedule that season.

Playing Experience

Sullivan, 35, brings a wealth of playing experience into the Husker program, including eight years with the U.S. National Team. He started for Team USA at libero at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games and served as co-captain of Team USA at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

His defensive successes are well documented. He earned Best Defensive Player in the World at the 1998 World Championships and that same year he earned the USA National Team's Tom Haine Players' Award. Sullivan was touted as the America's Cup Best Reception Player in 2000 and the Best Libero at the 2001 World Championship Qualifier. He was the Best Defensive Player at the 1997 NORCECA Zone Championships and the Best Reception Player at the 1999 NORCECA.

Sullivan's playing experience has also stretched to the professional ranks in Europe. His professional resume includes stints in Naefels, Switzerland (1995-97), Malaga, Spain (1999), Apeldoorn, The Netherlands (2000-01) and Odintsovo, Russia (2003).

Back in the United States, Sullivan played professionally on the Four-Man Volleyball Beach Tour in 1996-97. He was named the tour's Rookie of the Year in 1996 and was tabbed the tour's Left Side Player of the Year in 1997.

In addition to his playing experience, Sullivan served as director of the Pikes Peak Volleyball Club in Colorado Springs, Colo., from 2001 to 2002 and served as coach of the club's 17 & Under contingent.

A two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) second-team All-American at UCLA, Sullivan led the Bruins to a pair of national titles during his four-year playing career (1992-95). Sullivan finished his career as UCLA's all-time leader in matches with 10 or more digs (25) and ranked second in career digs (747). As a senior in 1995, Sullivan captained the Bruins to an NCAA title while ranking ninth nationally in digs (2.5 dpg). He graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in physiological science in the spring of 1995.

A native of Encinitas, Calif., Sullivan is married to the former Amanda Heavner of Santa Barbara, Calif. The couple has a daughter, Shaye (6) and a son, Cade (1).



Coaching Ledger Seasons at Nebraska

- Assistant Coach, 2008-present

Other Coaching Experience

- Assistant Coach:
University of Colorado, 2004-07
- Club Director:
Six Dogs Volleyball Club, 2004-07
- Director:
Pikes Peak Volleyball Club, 2001-02

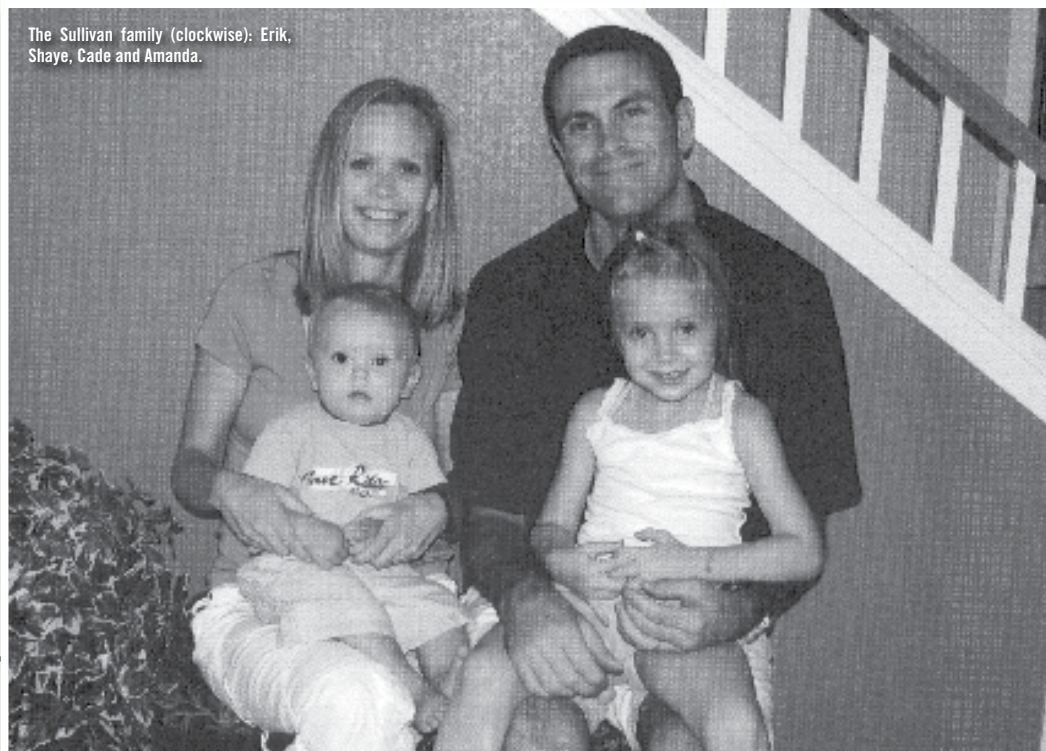
Playing Ledger

- U.S. National Team, 1997-2004
- Odintsovo (Russia), 2003
- Apeldoorn (The Netherlands), 2000-01
- Malaga (Spain), 1999
- Naefels (Switzerland), 1995-97
- UCLA, 1992-95

More About Sullivan

Education

- UCLA, 1995
Bachelor's Degree, Physiological Science



The Sullivan family (clockwise): Erik, Shaye, Cade and Amanda.



LINDSAY PETERSON

Director of Volleyball Operations • Third Year • Nebraska (2003)

Former Husker volleyball standout Lindsay Peterson is in her third year as Director of Operations for the Nebraska volleyball program. A former Husker volleyball captain and one of the greatest defensive players in school history, Peterson was hired in August of 2006 after serving assistant coaching stints at Northern Colorado and Virginia Tech.

At Nebraska, Peterson handles a variety of duties for the Husker volleyball team, including team travel, budgeting, coordinating tournaments and camps and assisting visiting teams. She also serves as a liaison for volleyball support units, including facilities and events, media relations, marketing, compliance, HuskerVision, the ticket office, alumni and The Match Club. She also provides radio color commentary during Nebraska's road matches. In addition to her duties on the Husker staff, Peterson coaches at the Nebraska Volleyball Academy and led the NVA Club Red team to a USA Junior Olympic National title in 2007.

Before Nebraska

Peterson came to Nebraska after serving as an assistant coach in the

Northern Colorado program from March of 2005 to July of 2006. At Northern Colorado, she worked extensively with the setters and liberos and helped with recruiting in the Midwest. In 2005, she helped a pair of Northern Colorado players earn first-team Division I Independent honors, including libero Abby Mayne, who was named Division I Independent Co-Defensive Player of the Year after averaging 4.44 digs per game.

After serving as an undergraduate assistant coach at Nebraska in 2003, Peterson was on the staff at Virginia Tech in 2004, helping the Hokies finish with a 13-16 record, including a 7-9 mark in the program's first season in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Playing Experience

During her playing days, Peterson was a four-year performer in the Nebraska program from 1999 to 2002, helping the Huskers to a 123-10 record, including a national title in 2000.

Peterson played in 133 matches as a Husker, including 438 of a possible 440 career sets. She finished her career holding the school record with 1,111 career digs,

despite playing three positions during her Nebraska career. She competed as a setter her freshman year and a defensive specialist her sophomore and junior years before taking over the newly created libero role her senior season (2002). Peterson was the team captain in 2002, averaging 3.35 digs per set, a total that was fourth in school history at the time. As a setter in 1999, she posted a then-freshman record 724 set assists and was a second-team All-American Farm Team selection.

In the classroom, Peterson was a three-time, first-team academic All-Big 12 selection, a six-time selection to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll and finished her degree in business administration at Nebraska in 2003, when she served as an undergraduate assistant coach. In that role, she assisted with recruiting, game day preparation and various coaching duties.

A native of Burchard, Neb., the former Lindsay Wischmeier led Lewiston High School to a pair of Class D-2 State Championships (1995 and 1997), and D-2 Player-of-the-Year honors while also being a three-time academic all-state selection. She married Ty Peterson in May of 2007.

RYAN WALTHALL

Volunteer Assistant Coach • Second Year • Penn State (2007)

Ryan Walthall begins his second season as a volunteer coach in the Husker program. In his role at Nebraska, he helps in team training during practices, video scouting and film breakdown and assists with day-to-day administrative office duties.

A four-year letterwinner at Penn State for Coach Mark Pavlik, Walthall played in 95 matches during his collegiate career. Walthall was a member of four national semifinal squads, helping Penn State to the national championship match in 2006.

As a senior in 2007, he ranked 15th nationally and led Penn State with an average of 2.33 digs per set, as the Nittany Lions went 22-8 and reached the national semifinals. He reached double figures in digs 11 times, including a season best of 16 digs in a win over George Mason.

As a junior, he moved to libero midway through the season and helped PSU to a 21-9 mark and a national runner-up finish. He averaged 2.05 digs per set and had six double-figure dig totals in his final 13 matches. Walthall had a career-high 17 digs

in a win over Rutgers-Newark, one shy of the PSU single-match record. He totaled double figures in digs in both of the Nittany Lions' matches in the NCAA Championships.

Walthall served as a defensive and serving specialist during his first two seasons at Penn State. He totaled 11 service aces as a sophomore and averaged 2.30 assists per set as a freshman, including a career-high 22 against St. Francis.

A native of Irvine, Calif., Walthall attended Woodbridge High School, where he was a Volleyball Magazine Fab 50 selection and team MVP as a senior. He was also the Co-MVP of the Southview League as a senior. In addition to his high school experience, he also played club volleyball for the LBC, helping the team to the 2003 Junior Olympic National Championship.

Walthall earned his bachelor's degree in recreation, parks and tourism management at Penn State in May of 2007.



Ryan Walthall helped Penn State to four straight national semifinal appearances during his collegiate career.

NEBRASKA VOLLEYBALL SUPPORT STAFF



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Student Athletic Trainer



Brett Hansen
Computing Services



Jill Heuer
Volleyball Office
Student Assistant



Ron Hruska
Biomechanical Consultant



Steve Johnson
Public Address Announcer



Logan Meier
HuskerVision



Dan Meske
Student Manager



Jessica Pickering
Office Manager



Jenna Rathke
Marketing Intern



Jessica Schwager
Media Relations
Student Assistant

Jolene Emricson

Athletic Trainer • Seventh Year

Jolene Emricson is in her seventh season as the athletic trainer for the Nebraska volleyball team. In her role, she evaluates and treats injuries as well as oversees rehabilitation programs for the Husker volleyball team and supervises the athletic training needs of the NU women's basketball team.

Before arriving in Lincoln, Emricson spent one year as the athletic trainer for the men's lacrosse team at the University of Denver, where she also assisted with the men's ice hockey team. Emricson, who is from Colorado Springs, Colo., earned a bachelor of arts degree from Metropolitan State College of Denver in human performance and sport with a concentration in athletic training. While at Metro State, Emricson worked with the women's soccer, women's basketball and baseball programs. She received her master's degree in education from the University of Nebraska in May of 2004.

Dennis Leblanc

Senior Associate A.D. for Academics, Compliance and Planning • 22nd Year

Dennis Leblanc was named Nebraska's senior associate athletic director for academics, compliance and planning in 2007. He was named an associate athletic director in 1998 and has directed the academic program since 1993. Leblanc has been with the academic support program for student-athletes since 1987.

Under Leblanc, Nebraska has become the national leader in CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for football and all sports, NCAA Today's Top Eight Award honorees and recipients of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Postgraduate Scholarship. Over the past decade, Nebraska's academic support program for student-athletes has received outstanding reviews from The Gender Equity and Sports Management consultants from Andrus, Daniel and McCulloch, Sports Services Inc., the NCAA Certification Review Team and the Nebraska Faculty Intercollegiate Athletic Committee.

Leblanc is an active member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A). In May of 2007, Leblanc received the Hero Mentor Award through the American Red Cross, which annually recognizes a person for outstanding leadership and mentoring. In 2002, he received the prestigious Lan Hewlett Award, presented to an athletic administrator in recognition of distinguished performance in providing personal, academic and professional guidance to student-athletes. Leblanc earned his undergraduate degree from Bethany College, and a master's degree from Wichita State. He and his wife, Coreen, have four children, including daughters Olivia and twins Madeleine and Mackenzie, and a son, Christian.

Shamus McKnight

Assistant Media Relations Director • 12th Year

Shamus McKnight is in his fifth year working with the Husker volleyball program and 12th year at Nebraska. McKnight handles all media relations efforts for Nebraska's baseball and volleyball programs. He has been responsible for eight media guides that have earned "Best in the Nation" awards from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), including the 2007 Nebraska volleyball media guide which was chosen as the nation's best for the second time in four years.

McKnight served as the NU media relations office intern for two years (1997-99) and handled media relations for men's and women's gymnastics and assisted with football duties. A 1996 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College, he also served stints at Central Connecticut State University and the U.S. Senior Golf Open.

Kelly Mosier

Video Production Coordinator • Second Year

Kelly Mosier joined the Nebraska Athletic Department in February of 2007 as the video production coordinator for HuskerVision. In his role at HuskerVision, he coordinates the video board at the NU Coliseum, is in charge of shooting the annual team highlight tape and is the executive producer for the Husker Volleyball Show, a half-hour television show that airs across the state of Nebraska.

Before being hired on a full-time basis by the athletic department, Mosier served as a graduate student assistant in the University of Nebraska College of Journalism and Mass Communications. He was also a student production assistant in HuskerVision for three years before earning his bachelor's degree in journalism from Nebraska in 2006. He is currently pursuing his master's degree. A native of Davenport, Neb., Kelly and his wife, Nancy, have a son, Owen, who was born in April of 2007.

Laura Pilakowski

Strength Coach • Fifth Year

Certified strength and conditioning specialist, Laura Pilakowski began working as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Nebraska volleyball, softball, women's gymnastics and rifle programs in 2004. Before obtaining certification for her current position, Pilakowski was a two-time AVCA All-American volleyball player at Nebraska and three-time CoSIDA Academic All-American. As a student-athlete, she excelled in the weight room, where she was a two-time Husker Power Volleyball Lifter of the Year and the 2001 Husker Power Female Athlete of the Year. Pilakowski was also the 2002-03 Big 12 Female Sports person of the Year and an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winner. A three-time first-team All-Big 12 selection, she shared conference player-of-the-year honors as a senior in 2002.

Pilakowski is a native of Columbus, Neb., and graduated with highest distinction from Nebraska in December 2003 with a bachelor's degree in marketing.





HARVEY PERLMAN, J.D.

University of Nebraska Chancellor • Eighth Year • Nebraska (1963)

Order of the Coif, a law honors society.

He joined the NU law faculty in 1967 after spending a year as a Bigelow Teaching Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. He served on the Nebraska law faculty until 1974 when he joined the faculty at the University of Virginia Law School. He returned to Nebraska in 1983 when he accepted the deanship of the Nebraska Law College, a post he held until 1998 when he returned to the professoriate. He has also served as a visiting professor at Florida State University College of Law, the University of Puget Sound School of Law and the University of Iowa College of Law.

His area of legal expertise lies in torts and intellectual property. He is a member of the Nebraska State and American Bar Associations, the Council of the American Law Institute and is a commissioner of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He is co-author of "Intellectual Property and Unfair Competition" (5th edition, 1998) and co-reporter for the "Restatement of Unfair Competition" (1994). In February 2002, Perlman was named a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Fellow status denotes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to

the welfare of his or her community and is committed to the highest principles of the legal profession. Only the top one-third of one percent of the legal profession is eligible for nomination as a Fellow.

At the University of Nebraska, he chaired the search advisory committee for chancellor in 1991, chaired the Nebraska Bioethics Advisory Panel, and is a member of the Nebraska State Fair Board.

He serves on the Council of the American Law Institute, a leading national law reform organization, as one of Nebraska's Commissioners of Uniform State Laws, and as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Big 12 Athletic Conference. He is a member of the Bowl Championship Series Presidential Oversight Committee.

Perlman and his wife, Susan, an UNL alumna, are the parents of two daughters. Anne, who earned degrees from UNL and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, practices medicine in Lincoln and is married to UNL alumnus David Spinar; they are the parents of the Perlmans' three grandchildren, Will, Ava, and Marco, Husker fans all. Daughter Amie, who received bachelors and juris doctorate degrees from UNL, is a Nebraska assistant attorney general and is married to UNL alumnus Ron Larson.

Harvey Perlman was named the 19th Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on April 1, 2001. He had served as Interim Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since July 16, 2000.

A former dean of the University of Nebraska College of Law (1983-98), Perlman has also served as interim senior vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNL (1995-96).

A Nebraska native, Perlman was raised in York, and earned a bachelor of arts in history and a juris doctorate from the University of Nebraska. During his law school years, he was editor in chief of the Nebraska Law Review and was elected to the

Nebraska's Chancellors

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1876-1882	Edmund B. Farfield
1884-1889	Irvin J. Manatt
1891-1895	James H. Canfield
1895-1899	George E. MacLean
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1975-1976	Adam C. Breckenridge
1976-1980	Roy A. Young
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1981-1991	Martin A. Massengale
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1991-1995	Graham B. Spanier
1995-1996	Joan R. Leitzel*
1996-2000	James Moeser
2000-2001	Harvey S. Perlman*
2001-present	Harvey S. Perlman
	* Interim Chancellor

JOSEPHINE POTUTO, J.D.

University of Nebraska Faculty Representative • 10th year • Rutgers (1971)

Josephine (Jo) R. Potuto, the Richard H. Larson Professor of Constitutional Law, has been Nebraska's faculty representative (FAR) to the NCAA and Big 12 Conference since May 15, 1997.

She is the incoming chair of the Division IA Faculty Athletics Representatives. In 2002, she was named Outstanding Faculty Athletics Representative by the All-American Football Foundation.

Potuto just completed her third three-year term on the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions (chair since 2006). She serves on the Big 12 Conference of FARs and is a past Big 12 Conference representative on the NCAA Division I Management Council and on the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championship Committee.

Potuto is an expert on NCAA enforcement and infractions processes as well as the general NCAA committee structure. She has testified before the House Subcommittee on the Constitution regarding due process in NCAA infractions hearings and has made presentations to the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. Potuto is a past adviser to the Uniform Law Commissioners Committee to draft a sports agent statute, has drafted rules governing search and

seizure and hearings for the Nebraska Racing Commission, and also has written on issues of gender equity in college athletics.

At Nebraska, Potuto is a member of the academic senate's intercollegiate athletics committee. She also served on Nebraska's NCAA site certification steering committee.

Potuto teaches constitutional law, procedural and criminal law, federal jurisdiction, and sports law. She has been a visiting professor of law at the University of Arizona, Rutgers University, the Cardozo College of Law at New York's Yeshiva University, the University of Oregon, the University of North Carolina, and Seton Hall University. She has worked as an assistant prosecutor in the Essex and Morris County (N.J.) prosecutor's offices.

She was project director and a drafter of the Uniform Law Commissioners Sentencing and Corrections Act, as well as the drafter for the Nebraska Supreme Court Committee to Draft Criminal Jury Instructions. She is the author of three books and numerous articles. She also is a member of the American Law Institute.

Potuto earned her bachelor's degree in journalism at Rutgers' Douglass College; her master's degree in English literature at Seton Hall; and her juris doctorate at the Rutgers Law College. She is a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the U.S. District Courts for Nebraska and New Jersey.



Nebraska's Faculty Reps

1931-1946	T.J. Thompson
1947-1958	Earl Fullbrook
1959-1964	Charles S. Miller
1965-1968	Merk Hobson
1969-1970	John R. Davis
1971-1982	Keith L. Broman
1982-1997	James O'Hanlon
1997-present	Josephine Potuto

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA BOARD OF REGENTS

University of Nebraska Board of Regents

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The board meets regularly, primarily in Lincoln but also in Omaha and greater Nebraska. Persons wishing to provide information to the board or to appear before it should contact: Corporation Secretary, University of Nebraska, Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege, Lincoln, NE 68583.



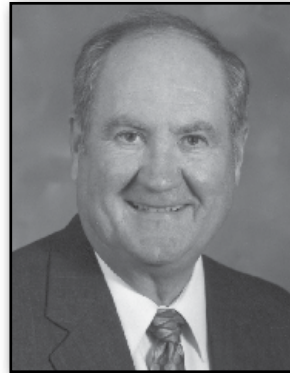
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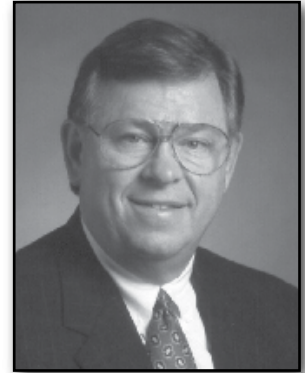
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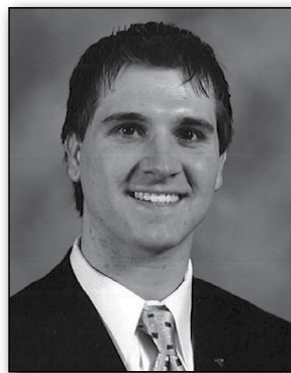
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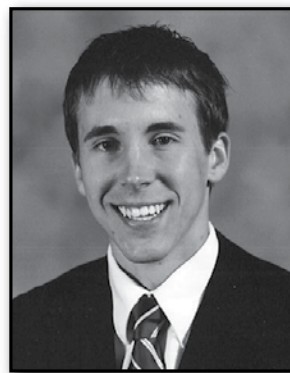
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Curtis McKnight
Nebraska-Medical Center



Lucas Seiler
Nebraska-Omaha



Emily Zimmer
Nebraska-Lincoln



TOM OSBORNE

Athletic Director • Second Year • Hastings College (1959)

A Hall of Fame football coach returned to his roots on Oct. 16, 2007, to become the 13th athletic director at the University of Nebraska. Tom Osborne accepted the position at the time because, Osborne said, "Harvey Perlman asked me."

Perlman, UNL's chancellor, asked Osborne to lead the program where he had served so productively as head football coach. Two months later, on Dec. 20, 2007, he announced that the word "interim" had been removed from Osborne's title, and he would remain athletic director until at least July of 2010.

Holder of master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Nebraska in educational psychology, Osborne said he probably would not have considered coaching if he had not met Bob Devaney, who convinced him to become a volunteer graduate assistant on his staff.

"Bob epitomized the value of loyalty, and I will always be grateful for the confidence he showed in me," Osborne said. "Because of his leadership and empowerment as a coach and an athletic director, I was fortunate to serve 25 years as head coach."

Devaney put Osborne in charge of the offense that won two national titles and allowed him to concentrate on three areas he thought were important – a strong academic program for student-athletes, a strength and conditioning program and a more formalized program to attract walk-on players.

Each area has grown into an important asset for all 23 Nebraska sports programs, which Osborne now oversees. Within months of his Athletic Director appointment, Osborne quietly re-established an athletic department mission based on five core values – integrity, trust, respect, teamwork and loyalty.

Nebraska fans across the country and around the world have expressed confidence in Osborne's experience, his understanding of Nebraska and his desire to elevate the program back among the nation's elite.

Since retiring from football in 1997, Osborne has found several ways to stay active in his home state. His most visible post-coaching foray came in the political arena, as he served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from Nebraska's third congressional district from 2000 to 2006. He also made a gubernatorial bid in 2006 before turning to academia.

A native of Hastings, Neb., Osborne served as a senior lecturer at Nebraska in the College of Business Administration, teaching leadership and business ethics, in the fall of 2007. He completed the fall semester while working in the athletic department. Osborne has also worked as a consultant for local college athletic departments over the past two years.

"I've spent the majority of my life working with the athletic department at the university and I want to do what I can at this point to continue in the pursuit of excellence that has been previously established," Osborne said.

Widely known for his leadership, integrity, honor and compassion, Osborne has poured time and effort into building a unique mentoring program within the state. The TeamMates program, founded by Tom and his wife, Nancy, in 1991, provides support and encouragement to school-aged youth with the goal of seeing children graduate from high school and pursue a post-secondary education.

Osborne still actively provides leadership in the college football ranks despite being away from the sideline for a

decade. He is currently a voter on the coaches poll for the Master Coaches Poll.

While he may hold a key position that molds the future of Nebraska Athletics, many will always remember Osborne for his legendary service to the program as a football coach.

Osborne was named Nebraska's 25th head coach following the 1972 season and worked the sideline for 25 years, the longest tenure in school history. Under Osborne's direction, the program achieved remarkable success, exceeding any in its rich history. The Cornhuskers mounted a 255-49-3 record under Osborne, good for a winning percentage of .836. The 255 victories are the sixth-most all-time among major college football coaches while the winning percentage ranks fifth all-time.

His achievements were so highly regarded that the National Football Foundation waived its three-year waiting period so that he could be inducted into its Hall of Fame in December of 1998. He is one of only four coaches in history to have the mandatory three-year waiting period waived.

Osborne's coaching career came to a poetic end in the 1998 Orange Bowl. In his final game, the Huskers defeated No. 3 Tennessee, 42-17, giving him a share of a third national title in his final four seasons. The victory left Osborne as the first coach in college football history to retire as a reigning national champion, along with the nation's best active winning percentage.

Osborne guided the Huskers to back-to-back titles in 1994 and 1995, then capped his career by sharing the 1997 title with Michigan. Nebraska's back-to-back national titles in 1994-95 made Osborne the first coach to accomplish that feat since Bear Bryant led Alabama to titles in 1978-79. Under Osborne, NU became just the second school all time and the first since Oklahoma in 1955-56 to post back-to-back perfect national championship seasons. In fact, Osborne's last five Nebraska teams put together the best five-year run in collegiate football history with an amazing 60-3 record, including five consecutive 11-win seasons.

Osborne-coached Nebraska teams captured 13 conference crowns, including six of his last seven seasons on the sideline. All 25 of his Husker teams won at least nine games and went to a bowl, while 15 won 10-or-more games.

In the classroom, Osborne's teams were just as successful as they were on the field. Under Osborne's guidance, the Husker football program totaled 65 CoSIDA Academic All-America awards in 25 years, averaging more than two selections per season. To put Osborne's dedication to developing complete student-athletes in perspective, he accumulated more football Academic All-Americans in his 25 years as coach than any other football program in the nation has produced in its history. Notre Dame has produced the second-most football academic All-Americans all-time, totaling 50 selections dating back to 1952.

Prior to becoming head coach, Osborne spent five seasons under Devaney, helping the Huskers win back-to-back national championships in 1970 and 1971. In 1973, Osborne succeeded Devaney, who also served as Nebraska's Athletic Director from 1967 to 1993.

Osborne and his wife, Nancy, have three adult children, Mike, Ann and Suzanne and four grandchildren.

Administrative Experience

- Nebraska, Athletic Director (2007-present)
- U.S Congress, Third District (Nebraska) (2000-06)
- Nebraska, Head Football Coach (1973-97)
- Nebraska, Assistant Head Football Coach (1972)
- Nebraska, Assistant Football Coach (1967-71)

More About Osborne

Education

- Hastings College, 1959
Bachelor's Degree, History
- Nebraska, 1963
M.A. in Educational Psychology
- Nebraska, 1965
Ph.D. in Educational Psychology



PAT LOGSDON

Associate A.D./Senior Woman Administrator • 29th Year • Nebraska (1989)

A member of the Nebraska Athletic Department since 1979, Pat Logsdon was promoted to senior woman administrator on March 7, 2008, after also serving as associate athletic director for administration and assistant athletic director for administration.

Logsdon's duties include oversight on all administrative issues and operational functions of the Athletic Director's office; oversight in the areas of administration, athletic medicine, nutrition, football operations and equipment; developing and implementing administrative policies and procedures, assisting with strategic planning, reviewing and maintaining game and coaching contracts and oversight of the administrative budget.

Previously, Logsdon spent six seasons as NU's director of football operations, the first female in Division I to serve in that capacity. She handled organization of all recruiting functions, supervised compliance activities and coordinated

all football administrative operations, including travel and practice operations. Logsdon served three years as assistant to the director of football operations and 14 seasons as the football recruiting secretary.

Logsdon received a bachelor's degree in education from Nebraska in 1989. She is married to Rob Logsdon.



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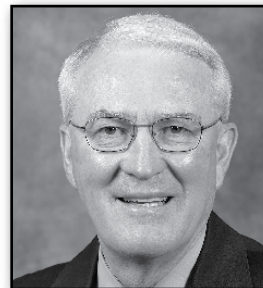
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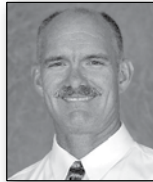
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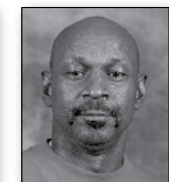
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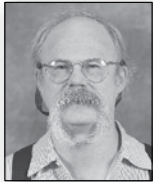
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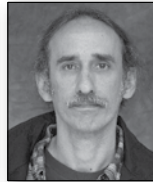
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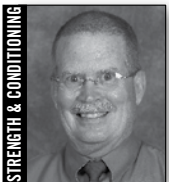


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Athletic Department Core Values

Integrity • Trust • Respect • Teamwork • Loyalty

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, co-workers, fans and the University of Nebraska

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Baseball 472-2269
Basketball, Men's 472-2265
Basketball, Women's 472-6462
Bowling 472-0404
Business & Finances 472-2273
Cheer Squads & Mascots 472-0775
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Football 472-3116
Golf, Men's 472-6472
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Gymnastics, Men's 472-6476
Gymnastics, Women's 472-3808
Huskers.com 472-7775
HuskerVision 472-4645
Licensing & Concessions 472-9446
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Lost & Found 472-1960
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Media Relations 472-2263
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