

NEBRASKA

2008 WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS



COACHES AND STAFF



DAN KENDIG

Head Coach • 15th Season • 342-127-4 • Kentucky (1979)

When Nebraska Head Coach Dan Kendig was hired in 1993, his goals were to return the Nebraska gymnastics program to national prominence and to have Nebraska in a position to win a national title, while also maintaining the highest standards of academic excellence for Husker student-athletes.

Kendig has not only accomplished those goals, but made them a standard for excellence in his 14-year tenure, as Nebraska is considered among the nation's elite in both the gym and the classroom.

In the past 14 seasons of the existence of the NCAA Super Six Finals, Nebraska is one of only six programs, along with Georgia, Alabama, UCLA, Utah and Michigan, to qualify for eight or more team finals, and the Huskers have earned NCAA Championship berths in 12 of the past 13 years. Under Kendig, 24 NU gymnasts have combined to earn 91 All-America honors since 1995, nearly 10 times NU's previous total during the program's first 18 seasons.

At the conference level, the results are equally as impressive. Nebraska has won 11 of the past 14 conference titles, including an unprecedented six straight Big Eight/Big 12 crowns from 1994 to 1999. In addition, Nebraska has had at least one individual conference champion in each of the past 14 seasons and 10 all-around champions, while six gymnasts have been conference newcomers of the year.

Since Kendig arrived at NU, his teams have compiled an outstanding 342-127-4 record (.723), including a 239-49-2 regular-season record and a 102-78-2 postseason mark. He has also earned national, regional or conference coach-of-the-year honors in eight of the past 13 seasons.

Nine of Nebraska's nation-best 13 CoSIDA Academic All-America awards in women's gymnastics have come under Kendig, while he has also produced two NCAA Woman of the Year finalists -- Shelly Bartlett in 1997 and Richelle Simpson in 2005. In addition, Kendig coached Joy Taylor when she became the 1996 CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year, as well as Simpson, who was recognized with a 2005 NCAA Top Eight Award. Kendig has guided numerous other academic all-conference and NACGC/W Scholastic All-America honorees in his time at Nebraska.

For his accomplishments with the Husker gymnastics program, Kendig was honored by his peers as the NCAA Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2003.

Success in 2007

Under Kendig's guidance in 2007, Nebraska compiled a 26-12 season record and qualified for its ninth straight and 18th overall NCAA Championships appearance. By finishing third in their preliminary session, the Huskers surged into the Super Six Finals, finishing sixth (195.975). In the final night of competition at the Super Six Finals, Nebraska finished behind Georgia (197.85), Utah (197.25), Florida (197.225), UCLA (196.925) and Stanford (196.825).

Four Huskers earned six All-America awards to close the year, with Honda Award nominee Emily Parsons leading the way with first-team honors on vault and floor. Tricia Woo was a first-team honoree on beam, while Michele Zabawa took home first-team accolades on vault and a second-team nod on bars. Desiré Sniatynski also earned second-team All-America status on bars.

The First Decade: Setting a Standard

Kendig's first decade at Nebraska produced its share of memorable moments, including nine conference titles, eight NCAA Championships appearances and the NACGC academic team title in 1995.

In his first season as head coach in 1994, Kendig led the Huskers to their first Big Eight title since 1990, while earning conference coach-of-the-year honors. Seven gymnasts, including Kim DeHaan, who was selected the Big Eight Newcomer of the Year, earned all-conference honors, and Nebraska's fourth-place regional finish was its best in four years.

In 1995, Nebraska continued to move toward national prominence. Behind conference titles from Martha Jenkins and DeHaan, Nebraska repeated as Big Eight champions. At the Midwest Regional held in Lincoln, NU finished second, allowing the Huskers to return to nationals for the first time since 1990. The Huskers placed 11th at the NCAA Championships, and Taylor became the sixth Husker in school history to earn All-America honors, placing 15th on bars.

Kendig's 1995 squad also earned considerable praise in the classroom. Nebraska was named NACGC academic gymnastics team champions, compiling a 3.561 team grade-point average, while seven Huskers were named to the Big Eight Academic Honor Roll, including Nicole Duval, who repeated as a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American, and Taylor, who was named a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-American.

The 1996 Huskers closed the book on the Big Eight with a dominating performance at the final conference meet. Kendig was named coach of the year for the third straight season, and NU won its 12th and final Big Eight title. Individually, DeHaan and Taylor combined to win all four individual event titles, marking the first time that NU swept all four crowns at the conference meet. Taylor also won the all-around, while Misty Oxford was named Big Eight Newcomer of the Year.

After advancing to the NCAA Championships for the second straight season, the Huskers barely missed a bid to the Super Six by the slimmest of margins -- .025 of a point -- finishing 10th. DeHaan earned All-America honors on bars by finishing 11th. The 1996 squad also boasted a pair of first-team CoSIDA Academic All-Americans in Taylor and DeHaan, marking the third straight season NU had at least one academic All-American. Taylor, who was selected as the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year, and DeHaan both sported perfect 4.0 GPAs.

In 1997, Kendig's Huskers rewrote the record book, setting school records on each apparatus in posting a 22-2 regular-season mark, NU's best record in seven years. The Huskers, behind seven all-conference selections, captured the inaugural Big 12 title, as Shelly Bartlett won the all-around title and two event titles, while Heather Brink tied Bartlett for the bars crown and was selected as the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year.

After finishing third at regionals, the Huskers recorded one of the most memorable moments in school history at the NCAA Championships in Gainesville, Fla. After missing the Super Six Finals in 1996, the Huskers claimed a berth in the team championship by hitting all 24 routines in the preliminary session, forcing a tie with top-ranked Utah. Nebraska won the tiebreaker, which was the score of the sixth gymnast in each event, 234.725-234.350, to make its first appearance in the Super Six Finals in program history. The Huskers finished sixth, as Bartlett, Brink, Oxford and DeHaan captured 10 All-America awards.

In 1998, NU posted a 14-4 regular-season mark and won its fifth straight league title to mark the first time in Big 12 history a women's gymnastics team had won five titles in a row. Nebraska also paced the Big 12 in the classroom, as eight gymnasts earned academic All-Big 12 honors, including seven first-team honorees. Courtney Brown, Laura Ohlendorf and Oxford were named NACGC Scholastic All-Americans.

Honors and Awards

- Two-time NCAA Coach of the Year (1999, 2003)
- Five-time Big 12 Coach of the Year (1997-98, 2000-03-07)
- 12 NCAA Championship appearances
- Nine NCAA Super Six Finals appearances
- 91 All-Americans
- Eight Big 12 Conference team championships
- Three Big Eight Conference team championships
- 13 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans
- Two-time NCAA Regional Coach of the Year

Coaching History

- Head Coach, Nebraska (1994-present)
- Head Coach, Cornell (1993)
- Head Coach, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (1984-92)
- Assistant Coach, Nebraska (1981-83)
- Assistant Coach, Kentucky (1978-80)

All-Americans Under Kendig

- Shelly Bartlett (1997: AA, V, UB)
- Heather Brink (1997: AA, V; 1998: V; 1999: AA, V, UB, FX; 2000: AA, V, UB, BB, FX)
- Courtney Brown (1999: V, BB, FX)
- Stephanie Carter (2006: FX)
- Kim DeHaan (1996: UB; 1997: UB, FX)
- Kristi Esposito (2004: AA, BB; 2005: BB)
- Jen French (2001: BB; 2003: FX)
- Tami Harris (2001: UB; 2002: UB; 2003: V, FX)
- Julie Houk (2000: UB; 2001: UB; 2002: UB; 2003: UB)
- A.J. Lamb (2000: FX; 2002: AA, V, UB; 2003: AA, BB, FX)
- Libby Landgraf (2002: UB; 2003: AA, UB, FX; 2004: V, UB)
- Vanessa Meloche (2006: UB)
- Bree Dority O'Callaghan (2001: UB)
- Misty Oxford (1997: V, BB, FX; 1999: AA, FX)
- Emily Parsons (2005: AA, V, BB, FX; 2006: AA, V, FX; 2007: V, FX)
- Amy Ringo (2000: FX)
- Richelle Simpson (2002: AA, V, UB, BB; 2003: AA, V, UB, BB, FX)
- Desiré Sniatynski (2005: UB; 2006: UB; 2007: UB)
- Kylie Stone (2006: V)
- Joy Taylor (1995: UB)
- Nicole Wilkinson (2000: BB)
- Tricia Woo (2006: BB, FX; 2007: BB)
- Michele Zabawa (2004: V; 2005: UB; 2006: UB; 2007: V, UB)



awards, as Parsons came away with first-team honors on floor and second-team accolades in the all-around, beam and vault. Esposito was a first-team honoree on beam, while Zabawa and Desire' Sniatynski earned second-team recognition on bars. Simpson, a nine-time All-American, was honored as the AAI American Award winner, making her the first Nebraska gymnast to accomplish such a feat. Simpson was also named Nebraska's Female Student-Athlete of the Year, earned a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and was honored with the NCAA Top Eight Award.

The 2006 season saw the Huskers go 26-11-1 in a fifth-place NCAA Championships finish. On the first day of national championship competition, NU finished first in their preliminary session for the program's best opening performance since 2003. Seven Huskers took home 10 All-America awards to close the year, with Parsons leading the way with first-team honors on vault, floor and the all-around. Tricia Woo was a first-team honoree on floor and a second-team winner on beam, while Vanessa Meloche took home first-team accolades on bars. Zabawa and Sniatynski also earned second-team All-America status on bars, while Stephanie Carter and Kylie Stone were named to the second team on floor and vault, respectively.

Kendig's Husker Connection

Kendig's ties to Husker gymnastics date back to 1981, when he served as an assistant under Judy Schalk for three seasons. In his first stint at Nebraska, the Huskers won two Big Eight titles and made NCAA appearances in 1982 and 1983. The 1983 squad was one of only five NU squads in school history to win an NCAA regional.

In 1983, Kendig became the head coach at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he stayed until 1992. His teams captured NCAA Division II national titles in 1988 and 1989, won six regional titles and produced 37 All-Americans.

During the 1993 season, Kendig served as head coach at Cornell, where he coached three academic All-Americans. Kendig, who earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Kentucky in 1979, then returned to his NU roots after the 1993 season. At that time, he also became an instructor at the Woodward Gymnastics Camp in Woodward, Pa. In his 25 years at Woodward, Kendig has advanced from an instructor to a program director to a master staff instructor.

In 1999, Nebraska enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in program history, going 26-10, winning the Big 12 title and qualifying for the NCAA Championships. NU returned to the Super Six for the first time since 1997, finishing sixth, as Brink, Oxford and Brown earned eight All-America honors. In addition, four gymnasts captured Scholastic All-America honors, while all 10 athletes who were eligible for academic all-conference honors earned first-team or honorable-mention accolades.

The 2000 season was a special one for Kendig and the Huskers, as Nebraska celebrated its program's silver anniversary season with a 36-9 record, the first regional title since 1983 and a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Championships, equaling the best finish in school history. NU was ranked as high as third nationally, and set numerous team and individual school records. Individually, Heather Brink won the NCAA all-around and vault titles and became the first Husker gymnast to win the Honda Award, emblematic of the nation's top gymnast.

The Huskers reached new heights in 2001, smashing the school total team score record by more than three quarters of a point with a 197.75. NU topped the previous record team score seven times that year, highlighted by a commanding performance at the Big 12 Championships, where Nebraska set school records on bars (49.725) and team away scores (197.65).

Individually, Bree Dority O'Callaghan and Jess Wertz joined Brink by scoring perfect 10.0s. Dority O'Callaghan scored a 10 on the uneven bars at the conference championship, while Wertz captured her first 10 on vault at the Arizona State Invitational. Alecia Ingram swept the Big 12 Newcomer and Gymnast-of-the-Year awards, marking the first time in league history that a freshman won both titles.

The Huskers also shined in the classroom, placing sixth nationally with a team GPA of 3.455. Nebraska was one of three teams that qualified for the NCAA Super Six Finals, while placing in the top 10 of the NACGC Scholastic Rankings in 2001. Nebraska also led the conference with five academic All-Big 12 selections, marking the second straight season that every Husker who was eligible to earn academic all-conference honors was recognized.

In 2002, the Huskers finished with a 23-8 record, a fifth Big

12 title, a third consecutive regional title and a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships. NU's 2002 team excelled in the classroom as well, earning a team GPA of 3.4015.

Kendig's 2003 squad, arguably the strongest team Nebraska has ever produced, finished with a 27-4 overall record, a sixth Big 12 title, a fourth consecutive regional title and a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Championships at the Devaney Center. The Huskers set school team records on vault, floor and total scores with a stellar 198.30 against Iowa State. Simpson captured the NCAA all-around and floor titles to lead a group of seven gymnasts who earned a total of 16 All-America honors, the most awards Nebraska has received in a single year.

The Next Chapter for Success

Through Kendig's tenure in 2004, the Huskers compiled a 15-9-1 record and a second-place finish at the NCAA Southeast Regional in Lincoln. NU traveled to its sixth consecutive NCAA Championships, where NU finished in 10th place. Four gymnasts earned first- and second-team All-America awards at the NCAA Championships — Libby Landgraf (V, UB), Jamie Saas (BB), Kristi Esposito (AA, BB) and Michele Zabawa (V). Gina Bruce earned NU's only perfect 10.0 score on the vault versus Missouri on Jan. 31.

While the Huskers were excelling in the arena, they also shined in the classroom, earning a team GPA of 3.53. Led by first-team academic All-American Libby Landgraf, seven gymnasts — Tiffany Byrd, Stephanie Carter, Carrie Gloudemans, Landgraf, Jamie Saas, Richelle Simpson and Natasha Gowda — captured NACGC All-America honors. Nebraska also had every gymnast on the team honored on the 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll.

In 2005, NU followed up with a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Championships, working through adversity with the loss of an injured Simpson in the postseason. Four gymnasts grabbed seven All-America

Kendig Year By Year

Year	School	Regular	Postseason	Record	Pct.
2007	Nebraska	16-4	10-8	26-12	.723
2006	Nebraska	14-5-1	12-6	26-11-1	.684
2005	Nebraska	11-5	10-8	21-13	.618
2004	Nebraska	9-2-1	6-7	15-9-1	.600
2003	Nebraska	17-1	10-3	27-4	.871
2002	Nebraska	14-2	9-6	23-8	.742
2001	Nebraska	18-1	8-6-1	26-7-1	.779
2000	Nebraska	25-5	11-4	36-9	.800
1999	Nebraska	19-2	7-8	26-10	.722
1998	Nebraska	14-4	2-4	16-8	.667
1997	Nebraska	22-2	6-9-1	28-11-1	.713
1996	Nebraska	19-3	6-5	25-8	.758
1995	Nebraska	19-4	6-5	25-9	.727
1994	Nebraska	14-5	3-3	17-8	.680
Total	14 Years	239-49-2	102-78-2	342-127-4	.723
1993	Cornell			4-10-1	.409
Total	One Year			4-10-1	.409



DANNA DURANTE

Associate Head Coach • Sixth Season • Arizona State (1995)



National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches.

In her four years at Nebraska, Durante has coached such talents as Richelle Simpson, whose stellar performance on the balance beam at the 2003 NCAA Event Finals landed her runner-up and first-team All-America honors in her junior year. Simpson became the first Husker to score a perfect 10.0 in school history on beam, and her perfect beam and floor routines against Oklahoma in 2003 marked the first time in school history that a gymnast had scored a perfect 10.0 in two separate events during one meet.

Honors and Awards

- 2007 National Assistant Coach of the Year
- 2002 West Regional Assistant Coach of the Year
- 1999 West Regional Assistant Coach of the Year
- Two-time All-American (Beam)
- Three-time All-Pac 10 (Beam)
- Qualified for 1988 U.S. Olympic Trials

Coaching History

- Associate Head Coach, Nebraska (2006-present)
- Assistant Coach, Nebraska (2003-06)
- Assistant Coach, Washington (1998-02)
- Coach, Arizona Sunrays and Royal (Fla.) Gymnastics Clubs (1996-97)

All-Americans Under Durante

- Kristi Esposito (2005: BB; 2004: BB)
- A.J. Lamb (2003: BB, FX)
- Emily Parsons (2007: FX; 2006: FX; 2005: FX, BB)
- Jamie Saas (2004: BB)
- Richelle Simpson (2003: BB, FX; 2002: BB)
- Tricia Woo (2007: BB; 2006: FX, BB)

Associate Head Coach Danna Durante (pronounced dur-RAN-tee) begins her sixth season at Nebraska, serving as the Huskers' beam coach and floor choreographer. In addition, Durante assists with off-campus recruiting for the Huskers. The 2007 National Assistant Coach of the Year, Durante was promoted to associate head coach in 2006 after serving as an assistant for four years. She has coached six Husker gymnasts to 15 All-America honors on beam and floor.

Beam and Floor: Stellar in 2007

Durante has contributed to Nebraska's continued success in the gymnastics arena, as the 2007 Huskers compiled a 26-12 record en route to a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Four Huskers took home six All-America awards, highlighted by Emily Parsons, who earned two first-team honors, including her third straight on floor. Tricia Woo also garnered first-team accolades on beam, making her Nebraska's only All-American on the event last season.

Nebraska captured 11 individual beam titles under Durante's watch in 2007. Parsons, the anchor of the Huskers' vault, beam and floor lineups, won nine titles, including her third straight Big 12 beam crown. Woo completed her season with two first-place finishes on beam, as well as a second-place showing with a 9.90 at the preliminaries of the NCAA Championships.

On floor, NU surged ahead of the competition with a total of 14 individual titles. The floor team was led by Parsons, who took home nine top finishes, highlighted by the NCAA West Regional floor title. Kylie Stone earned four floor crowns, while Desire' Sniatynski grabbed one. The Huskers' floor and beam lineups boasted top-five national rankings for nearly half of the 2007 season.

For her success at Nebraska, Durante was honored as the 2007 National Assistant Coach of the Year by her peers in the

Before Nebraska

Before joining the Nebraska coaching staff, Durante was a five-year assistant on Bob Levesque's staff at the University of Washington, where she helped the Huskies to the 1999 NCAA West Regional title and a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Durante handled choreography duties for the Huskies, while also coaching beam and floor. She was honored as the West Regional assistant coach of the year in 1999 and 2002.

"I had high expectations about Nebraska when I arrived, but my experiences have surpassed even those lofty expectations," Durante said. "I'm honored to be a part of this great community and organization. The Husker Nation is truly a family atmosphere. The history and deep traditions of all the athletic programs are phenomenal."

Durante competed for Arizona State from 1992 to 1995, earning All-Pac-10 honors in 1992, 1994 and 1995. She shared the ASU record on the beam after turning in five 10.0 scores in her career and was named to the Pac-10's All-Academic team as a senior.

Before joining the Washington program in 1998, Durante spent two years working as a coach with the Arizona Sunrays and Royal (Fla.) Gymnastics Club.

The Tulsa, Okla., native was a two-time member of the U.S. Gymnastics Federation National team in 1988 and 1990. Durante qualified for the 1988 Olympic Trials and won top honors in the all-around in 1986 and 1987 at the South African Cup. She has competed internationally in Germany, France, Bulgaria and South Africa, and was also a two-time member of the U.S. Gymnastics Federation National Team. In addition, Durante served as a USAG Elite Level Judge from 1996 to 2000.

Personal

A 1995 graduate of Arizona State with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science/exercise wellness, Durante and her husband, Joe, have one daughter, Samantha (8), and two sons, Jaxson (6) and Jordan (4).



The Durante Family -- (Clockwise from top) Samantha, Joe, Jaxson, Jordan and Danna.

TIM GARRISON

Assistant Coach • Second Season • Cal State Fullerton (1995)

Assistant Coach Tim Garrison enters his second season at Nebraska, having joined the NU staff in 2006. Garrison serves as the Huskers' vault, floor and conditioning coach. In his first year, he coached two Huskers, Emily Parsons and Michele Zabawa, to three All-America awards on vault and floor.

Vault and Floor: The Power Source of 2007

Garrison took Nebraska's vault and floor lineups to unprecedented skill levels in 2007, as nine-time All-American Emily Parsons debuted a Yurchenko 1 1/2 twist on vault, and every Husker dismounted with a double pike on floor. With Garrison's help, NU compiled a 26-12 record en route to a sixth-place finish at its ninth straight NCAA Championships. Four Huskers took home six All-America honors, including Parsons, who earned two first-team honors on vault and floor.

Nebraska captured a dominant 14 individual event titles on floor under Garrison's tutelage in 2007. Parsons, who anchored the Huskers' vault, beam and floor lineups, won nine crowns on floor, including the Big 12 Conference and NCAA West Regional titles. Stone earned four first-place finishes on floor, and Sniatynski took one. NU's floor team also boasted a top-five national ranking for nearly half of the 2007 season.

On vault, Parsons surged ahead of the competition with a total of 11 individual titles. The junior also earned her first career perfect 10.0 on vault at NC State's Hearts Invitational and was tied or ranked No. 1 outright for the first six weeks of the season, wrapping up the year at No. 3 nationally.

Before Nebraska

Garrison served as head coach for 10 years (1996 to 2006) at the Southern California Elite Gymnastics Academy (SCEGA) and represented the United States as a coach in multiple international meets. While at SCEGA, he coached numerous elite gymnasts, including former UCLA competitor Jalyne Dantzschler, current Bruin Brittani McCullough and former All-American Rachel Tidd of Utah. Ten of Garrison's former students are currently competing in college gymnastics.

In 2001, Garrison coached Tidd to the World Championships in Ghent, Belgium, where she captured a team bronze and finished eighth on beam. Garrison also guided Tidd to the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, and she placed 10th in the all-around.

Prior to his tenure at SCEGA, Garrison coached at SCATS Gymnastics in Orange County, Calif., from 1994 to 1996. He also served as an assistant coach to the women's gymnastics team at Cal State Fullerton from 1992 to 1994. In 1989,



Garrison coached at Karolyi's Gymnastics in Houston, Texas, alongside famed former U.S. Olympic Team coach Bela Karolyi.

With nearly two decades of coaching experience, Garrison has garnered five Southern California Coach-of-the-Year awards. He was honored in 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Personal

A native of Conroe, Texas, Garrison graduated from Cal State Fullerton in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in physical education. He competed at Cal State Fullerton for one season in 1992. Tim and his wife, Rachel, have three daughters: Rayley (11), Taige (6) and Teagan (5). Rachel serves as director of the girls' club program at the Nebraska School of Gymnastics, which begins gymnastics instruction for children 18 months and older. In 2007, Tim and Rachel coached the NSG Level 5 girls' team to a Nebraska state championship.



Honors and Awards

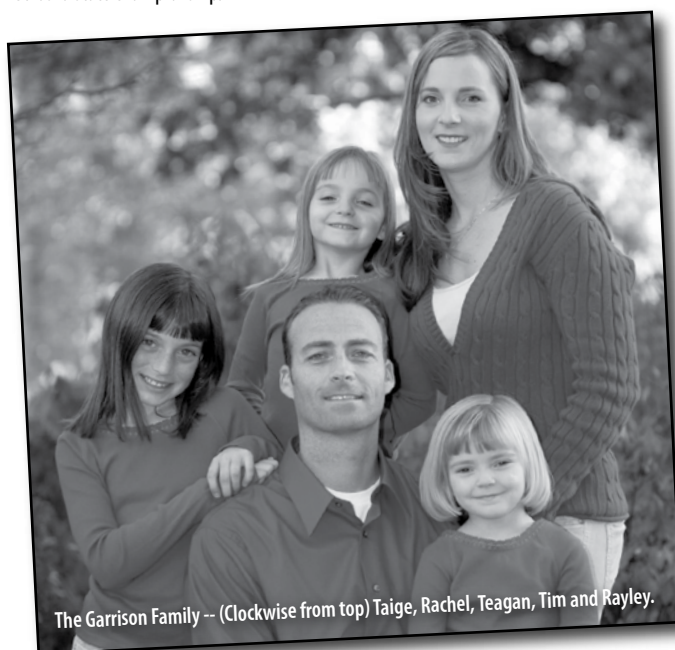
- Five-time Southern California Coach of the Year (1999, 2001-04)
- Coached Rachel Tidd to the U.S. Olympic Team Trials and 2001 World Championships

Coaching History

- Assistant Coach, Nebraska (2006-present)
- Head Coach, SCEGA (1996-06)
- Assistant Coach, Cal State Fullerton (1992-94)
- Coach, SCATS Gymnastics (1992-94)

All-Americans Under Garrison

- Emily Parsons (2007: V, FX)
- Michele Zabawa (2007: V)



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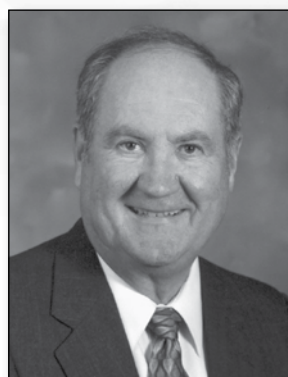
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HARVEY PERLMAN

Chancellor • Sixth Year • Nebraska (1963)

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).

Perlman, a Nebraska native, was raised in York, Neb., 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 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 NU 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 Perlman's 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.



STAFF

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JO POTUTO

Faculty Representative • 11th Year • Rutgers' Douglass College (1967)

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

In April 2007 Potuto completed a four-year term as one of the Big 12 Conference's three representatives on the NCAA Division I Management Council, the chief administrative and legislative body of Division I. She also has been a member of the Division I Committee on Infractions (COI) since 1998 and currently serves as the committee chair. The COI meets six times annually to conduct hearings, make findings of culpability and impose sanctions on institutions for violations of NCAA bylaws.

Potuto also serves as a member of the executive committee of the Division IA Faculty Athletics Representatives and on a committee to review NCAA rules governing enforcement, infractions and waiver processes. Among her Big 12 Conference committee responsibilities, Potuto is the conference liaison to the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA), where she also served as the Division I representative on the executive committee. In 2002, Potuto was named Outstanding Faculty Athletics Representative by the All-American Football Foundation.

Potuto is an expert on issues related to gender equity in collegiate sports and generally on the NCAA enforcement and infractions process. In Fall 2004 Potuto testified before the House Subcommittee on the Constitution regarding due process in NCAA infractions hearings. With regard to other current issues in sports, Potuto is a past adviser to the Uniform Law Commissioners Committee to draft a sports agent statute, and she also drafted rules governing search and seizure and

hearings for the Nebraska Racing Commission.

At Nebraska, Potuto is an ex officio member of the academic senate's intercollegiate athletics committee and of the subcommittee to evaluate academic support services. She also served on Nebraska's NCAA site certification steering committee. Potuto 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.

Potuto teaches constitutional, procedural and criminal law as well as a course in sports law. She joined the Nebraska law faculty as an assistant professor in 1974 and was named to the Larson professorship in 1988. Potuto 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. While on sabbatical during the 1983-84 academic year, Potuto was an assistant prosecutor in the Essex County (Newark, N.J.) prosecutor's office. She also spent five summers working in the prosecutor's office in Morris County, N.J.

Potuto earned her bachelor's degree in journalism at Rutgers' Douglass College and her master's degree in English literature at Seton Hall in 1971. She received her juris doctorate at the Rutgers Law College in 1974. 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.





TOM OSBORNE

Interim Athletic Director • Hastings College (1959)

In a strong move aimed to bring a new leadership style to the athletic department, University of Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Perlman drew rave reviews from the Husker faithful across the country when he selected Tom Osborne to serve as Interim Athletic Director. Osborne became the 13th person to serve in the top position in the department when he replaced Steve Pederson on Oct. 16, 2007.

Osborne agreed to take on the responsibility as interim athletic director on an open-ended basis. Perlman said he would seek a permanent replacement for the position at some point in the future, but that Osborne would remain in the post until that time.

"I am very pleased that Tom Osborne has agreed to help bring some leadership and direction to our athletic program," Perlman said. "Tom is committed to making the entire program successful. He brings the right experience, and an understanding of Nebraska and our aspirations."

A Hall of Fame football coach, Osborne has more than the backing of Cornhusker fans as he enters a new phase in his career — he also has the credentials to lead the Nebraska Athletic Department to new heights.

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 3rd 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 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 Team Mates 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 sidelines 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 sidelines 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 waved.

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 (.836, 255-49-3).

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, as 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 as assistant coach to Bob Devaney, helping the Huskers win back-to-back national championships in 1970 and 1971. Osborne succeeded Devaney, who also served as Nebraska's Athletic Director from 1967 to 1993, in 1973.

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



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BOB BURTON

Associate Athletic Director • Seventh Year • Nebraska (1985)

Bob Burton joined the Nebraska athletic department in 1998 and currently serves as an associate athletic director. He spent three years as associate athletic director for compliance/sports administration before being named to the position of senior associate athletic director from 2001 to 2006.

Burton is responsible for ensuring that operating principles of conduct for the NU athletic department are in compliance with NCAA and Big 12 Conference rules and regulations. In addition to overseeing Nebraska's compliance programs, Burton also helps set policy, develops short- and long-term goals and objectives, and

assists in creating strategic plans for the athletic department. Since 2005, Burton has expanded his responsibilities by assisting the development office in areas of fundraising and building relationships with athletic department supporters.

Burton also

provides direct administrative supervision to the sports of golf, tennis, gymnastics, track and field, cross country, bowling, rifle, softball, wrestling and swimming and diving. He oversees the operation of Haymarket Park and equipment issues.

Burton filled a similar position at Oklahoma State as the assistant athletic director for sports administration and compliance from 1993 to 1997. He oversaw OSU's Olympic sports programs as well as the training and strength and conditioning, wrestling, men's and women's track and field and men's and women's tennis programs.

Burton came to Nebraska from Texas Tech, where he served as an associate athletic director for compliance for one year. While at Texas Tech, Burton helped complete the NCAA investigation into the Red Raider athletic department and analyzed the entire compliance system at the institution. He also helped identify and implement financial aid and eligibility systems, including changes in personnel and restructuring of the compliance department.

Burton, who was a member of the NCAA Division I women's soccer committee for three years and currently is a member of the NCAA Division I bowling committee, served as a legislative administrator for the NCAA from 1989 to 1993. At the NCAA, he was involved in the development of legislation, interpretation of regulations and reviewed legal issues related to the application of the association's regulations. He served as an NCAA liaison to committees and conducted comprehensive education to several intercollegiate athletic conferences. He has served on



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the National Association of Athletic Compliance Coordinators Executive Committee and the subcommittee of Big 12 Directors of Compliance.

He received his bachelor's degree in finance from Nebraska in 1985 and his juris doctorate from the Nebraska College of Law in 1989. A native of Falls City, Neb., Burton and his wife, Krista, have a daughter, Elly, and sons Robert Falk, McClain John, Abram and Lawslo.



The Burton Family -- (Clockwise from top) Bob, Lawslo, Krista, Abram, Robert Falk and Elly.

RHONDA REVELLE

Senior Women's Administrator • Third Year • Nebraska (1984)

One of the most highly respected softball coaches in the nation, Rhonda Revelle was named Nebraska's senior women's administrator on Jan. 1, 2006. Revelle, who has continued in her role as the head coach for the perennial national power Husker softball program, replaced Dr. Barbara Hibner in the position Hibner held for 28 years.

In her role as senior women's administrator, Revelle represents the Nebraska athletic department on the national level, while attending senior administrative meetings within the athletic department.

Along with her role as Nebraska's senior women's administrator, Revelle is entering her 16th season as the Huskers' softball coach. In 2005, Revelle became the first female coach in Nebraska history to record 500 victories.

The Husker softball team has won at least 35 games in each of the past 10 years and is one of only nine teams nationally to advance to each of the last 13 NCAA Tournaments. Revelle has also guided the Huskers to a league-best six Big 12 Conference titles, including a sweep of the 2004 Big 12 regular-season and tournament crowns. She also led the Huskers to Big 12 Tournament titles in 1998 and 2000, along with regular-season league crowns in 1998 and 2001.

Revelle led Nebraska to the 2002 NCAA Women's College World Series while earning 2002 NFCA Midwest Regional Coach-of-the-Year honors.

A two-time Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year (1998, 2001), Revelle demonstrated her administrative expertise on the national level by serving as the President of the National Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association (NFCA) from 1999 to

2002. She also served as the second vice-president of the NFCA from 1995 through 1998, after serving on the NFCA All-American Committee (1989-92, 1993-94).

Along with her softball coaching success, Revelle has demonstrated her commitment to the Lincoln community. In 2003, Revelle was named the Downtown YMCA Co-Volunteer of the Year after serving as the co-chair of the 2003 YMCA Cycle-a-Thon for Strong Kids Campaign.

In 2004, she was named the honorary chairperson of the United Way Combined Campaign, after serving as the honorary co-chairperson of the 2002 Lincoln Youth Council "Let 'Em Play" Campaign.

A member of the University of Nebraska's Cather Circle, Revelle also served as an instructor in Nebraska's Emerging Leaders program in 2001.

A 1984 graduate of the University of Nebraska, Revelle helped the Huskers to the 1982 NCAA Women's College World Series and a Big Eight Conference title in 1982, while earning All-Big Eight honors on the field. She was also a five-time Amateur Softball Association All-American as a player.

Revelle began her career as an assistant coach at Nebraska Wesleyan in 1986, before being promoted to the head coaching position at Wesleyan in 1987. In 1988, Revelle served as an assistant coach at Cal State-Hayward before accepting an assistant coaching position at San Jose State from 1988 through 1992.

In 1993, she returned to her alma mater to begin one of the most dominant eras in Nebraska softball history. After establishing the foundation for success in 1993 and 1994,



Revelle led a resurgence in the Husker softball program in 1995, finishing with a 43-20 record and a third-place finish in the Big Eight standings. In 1996, Revelle led the Huskers to their first of 13 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

After leading the Huskers to their first Big 12 title with a perfect 16-0 league record in 1998, Revelle guided NU to three consecutive 50-plus victory seasons from 2000 to 2002, culminating with Nebraska's appearance in the College World Series in 2002.

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- Brevet judge (1997-present)
- Elite judge (1992-96)
- Level 10 judge (1980-92)
- Diploma for Remarkable Volunteer Contribution (International Olympic Committee)

TOM KOLL

Volunteer Coach • Second Season • Nebraska-Omaha (1983)

Tom Koll enters his second season as a volunteer coach for the Nebraska women's gymnastics team in 2007. A respected club coach with over 30 years of experience, Koll is owner, head coach and program director of Premier Gymnastics, which he opened in 1983 in Omaha, Neb.

Before Nebraska

Koll is actively involved with USA Gymnastics, for which he has served as National Junior Olympic Program Chairman since 1992, Women's Program Committee Chairman since 2000 and Vice-Chair for Women on the Executive Committee. From 1997 to 2004, he choreographed USAG Junior Olympic compulsory exercises and in 2001, Koll was awarded the Diploma for Remarkable Volunteer Contribution by the International Olympic Committee.

Koll also boasts an impressive dance and choreography background, as he danced with the University of Nebraska-Omaha's "Moving Company" from 1978 to 1983 and the Omaha Ballet from 1979 to 1983.

As head coach at Premier Gymnastics, Koll has guided three gymnasts to earn spots on the Junior Olympic National Team. He also served as a Level 10 judge (1980-1992), an elite judge (1992-1996) and became a Brevet judge in 1997.

Koll is a frequent traveler who oversees numerous

regional and national clinics in the United States, Mexico and El Salvador. He has spoken at gymnastics congresses and symposiums around the United States and authored articles featured in respected American gymnastics and dance publications, including *USA Gymnastics* magazine, *USA Gymnastics Technique* magazine and the *National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges* magazine.

Personal

Koll graduated from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1983 with degrees in French and physical education. A native of Omaha, he has two children, Blake (23) and Lauren (21).



TOM DUFRESNE

Athletic Trainer • Ninth Season • Nebraska (1980)

Tom Dufresne, MPT, ATC, begins his ninth year at Nebraska and eighth year as the head trainer and physical therapist for the Nebraska gymnastics team. Dufresne's primary responsibilities include coordination of primary health care and treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries.

Before Nebraska

Dufresne began his college athletic training career at Nebraska, where he was the head student trainer in 1979. After graduation, he began a nine-year stint at UCLA, where he was an assistant football trainer and head athletic trainer for the men's gymnastics team. Dufresne not only worked with such future NFL stars as Troy Aikman and Marcus Patton, but also with Bruin Olympic athletes, including Peter Vidmar, Mitch Gaylord, Tim Daggett and Chris Waller.

After completing the Masters Program in Physical Therapy at Samuel Merritt College in Oakland, Calif., Dufresne served as director of rehabilitation at a Bakersfield, Calif., hospital for three years before returning to Nebraska in 1997.

Dufresne is an instructor of rehabilitation and athletic training for Nebraska's student

training program. Several of his rehabilitation students are now working at other Division I universities.

Personal

Originally from Ventura, Calif., Dufresne graduated from Nebraska in 1980. His brother, Mark, was a letterman on the NU football team in 1976 and 1977. Tom and his wife, Iffat, have been married for 22 years.

