

# NEBRASKA'S 71 FIRST-TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

All-Time (Chosen by CoSIDA): 53 Players; 15 Double Winners; 67 Total (first-team) Last 34 seasons: 46 Players; 13 Double Winners; 59 Total  
 \*Four others chosen academic All-American by other groups, giving NU 71 first-team academic All-Americans.



*Bob Oberlin*  
Center, 1952-53



*Don Fricke\**  
Center, 1960



*Pat Clare\**  
Back, 1960



*Jim Hugel*  
End, 1962



*Dennis Claridge*  
Back, 1963



*Jim Osberg\**  
Off. Guard, 1965



*Tony Jeter\**  
Off. End, 1965



*Marvin Mueller*  
Def. Back, 1966



*Randy Reeves*  
Def. Back, 1969



*Jeff Kinney*  
Halfback, 1971



*Larry Jacobson*  
Def. Tackle, 1971



*Frosty Anderson*  
Off. Back/End, 1973



*Rik Bonness*  
Center, 1975



*Tom Heiser*  
Off. Back, 1975



*Vince Ferragamo*  
Quarterback, 1976



*Ted Harvey*  
Def. Back, 1976-77



*Jim Pillen*  
Def. Back, 1978



*George Andrews*  
Def. Tackle, 1978



*Rod Horn*  
Def. Tackle, 1979



*Randy Schleusener*  
Off. Guard, 1979-80



*Kelly Saalfeld*  
Off. Line, 1979



*Jeff Finn*  
Off. End, 1980



*Ric Lindquist*  
Def. Back, 1981



*Randy Theiss*  
Off. Tackle, 1981



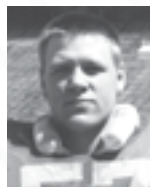
*Dave Rimington*  
Center, 1981-82



*Scott Strasburger*  
Def. End, 1983-84



*Rob Stuckey*  
Def. Line, 1983-84



*Mark Traynowicz*  
Off. Line, 1984



*Dale Klein*  
Place-Kicker, 1986



*Tom Welter*  
Off. Line, 1986



*Jeff Jamrog*  
Def. End, 1987



*Mark Blazek*  
Def. Back, 1987-88

## NATION-LEADING 16 NCAA TODAY'S TOP TEN AWARDS

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

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

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

Nine of Nebraska's Top Ten picks were football players, making the Husker grid program the most decorated in the country.

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

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

### Nebraska Honorees

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

## NFF SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

- 1959–Harry Tolly, QB
- 1969–Randy Reeves, DB
- 1973–Frosty Anderson, B/E
- 1975–Tom Heiser, B
- 1976–Vince Ferragamo, QB
- 1980–Randy Schleusener, OG
- 1982–Dave Rimington, C
- 1984–Scott Strasburger, DE
- 1988–Mark Blazek, DB
- 1989–Gerry Gdowski, QB
- 1990–Pat Tyrance, ILB
- 1991–Pat Engelbert, NG
- 1992–Mike Stigge, P
- 1993–Trev Alberts, OLB
- 1994–Rob Zatechka\*, OT
- 1997–Grant Wistrom, RE
- 1998–Joel Makovicka, FB
- 2000–Kyle Vanden Bosch\*, RE
- 2001–Tracey Wistrom, TE
- 2002–Chris Kelsay, RE
- 2012–Rex Burkhead, IB

\* Vincent dePaul Draddy Award Winner

## COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HALL OF FAME

- 2004–Dave Rimington, C
- 2009–Pat Tyrance, LB

## DICK ENBERG AWARD

- 2003–Coach Tom Osborne

## WOODY HAYES DIVISION I MALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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

## NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1970–Randy Reeves, DB
- 1971–John Decker, S
- 1972–Larry Jacobson, DT
- 1973–Dave Mason, D
- 1974–Dan Anderson, OG
- 1976–Tom Heiser, B
- 1977–Vince Ferragamo, QB
- 1978–Ted Harvey, DB
- 1979–Jim Pillen, MG
- 1980–Tim Smith, SE
- 1980–Randy Schleusener, OG
- 1981–Jeff Finn, TE
- 1982–Ric Lindquist, DB
- 1985–Scott Strasburger, DE
- 1988–Jeff Jamrog, DE
- 1989–Mark Blazek, DB
- 1990–Gerry Gdowski, QB

**2ND/3RD TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS**

**35 honorees since 1970**

- 1970- Bill Kosch, S (2nd); Dave Walline, DT (2nd); John Adkins, DE (3rd)
- 1971- Bill Kosch, S (2nd); Dick Rupert, G (2nd)
- 1973- Ritch Bahe, RB (2nd)
- 1977- Stan Waldemore, T (2nd)
- 1980- Rick Lundquist, DB (2nd)
- 1982- Randy Theiss, OT (2nd); Kris Van Norman, S (2nd); Bill Weber, DE (2nd)
- 1987- Micah Heibel, FB (2nd)
- 1988- Jon Nelson, OL (2nd); Jake Young, C (2nd)
- 1989- Pat Tyrance, ILB (2nd)
- 1990- Pat Englebert, MG (2nd)
- 1992- Rob Zatechka, OT (2nd)
- 1993- Ken Mehlin, OG (2nd)
- 1994- Aaron Graham, C (2nd)
- 1995- Brian Schuster, FB (2nd); Steve Ott, OG (2nd); Steve Volin, OT (2nd)
- 1996- Jon Hesse, LB (2nd)
- 1997- Scott Frost, QB (2nd); Chad Kelsay, RE (2nd); Jon Zatechka, OG (2nd)
- 1998- Brian Shaw, LB (2nd)
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- 2003- Judd Davies, FB (2nd); Pat Ricketts, CB (2nd)
- 2004- Kellen Huston, DB (2nd)
- 2006- Dane Todd, FB (2nd)
- 2008- Todd Peterson, WR (2nd); Tyler Wortman, LB (2nd)
- 2011- Sean Fisher, LB (2nd)
- 2012- Sean Fisher, LB (2nd)



*John Kroeker  
Punter, 1988*



*Gerry Gdowski  
Quarterback, 1989*



*Jake Young  
Center, 1989*



*David Edeal  
Center, 1990*



*Pat Tyrance  
Linebacker, 1990*



*Jim Wanek  
Off. Guard, 1990*



*Pat Engelbert  
Nose Guard, 1991*



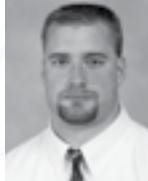
*Mike Stigge  
Punter, 1991-92*



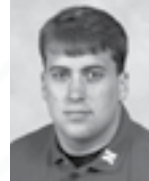
*Trev Alberts  
OLB, 1993*



*Terry Connealy  
Nose Tackle,  
1993-94*



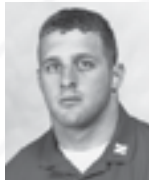
*Rob Zatechka  
Off. Tackle, 1993-94*



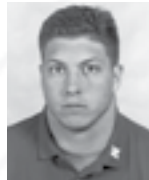
*Matt Shaw  
Tight End, 1994*



*Aaron Graham  
Center, 1995*



*Grant Wistrom  
Rush End, 1996-97*



*Joel Makovicka  
Fullback, 1997-98*



*Chad Kelsay  
Rush End, 1998*



*Bill Lafleur  
Punter, 1998*



*Mike Brown  
Rover, 1999*



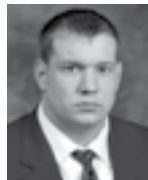
*Kyle Vanden Bosch  
Rush End, 1999-2000*



*Tracey Wistrom  
Tight End, 2001*



*Chad Sievers  
Linebacker, 2004*



*Kurt Mann  
Center, 2005*



*Dane Todd  
Fullback, 2005*



*Austin Cassidy  
Def. Back, 2010-11*



*Rex Burkhead  
I-Back, 2011-12*

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

**BIG 12 POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 1999-Brian Shaw, LB
- 2003-Judd Davies, FB
- 2006-Dane Todd, FB
- 2012-Conor McDermott, TD
- 2012-Sean Fisher, LB

**NACDA/DISNEY SCHOLAR-ATHLETE**

- 1994-Trev Alberts, OLB
- 1995-Rob Zatechka, OT

- 1996-Aaron Graham, C
- 2001-Dave Volk, OT

**BURGER KING DIVISION I SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

- 1999-Brian Shaw, LB

**BURGER KING SCHOLAR-ATHLETE**

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

**CFA/HITACHI SCHOLAR-ATHLETE**

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

**TOYOTA LEADERSHIP**

- 1987-John McCormick, OG
- 1988-Mark Blazek, DB
- 1990-Gerry Gdowski, QB

- 1991-Pat Tyrance, ILB
- 1992-Trev Alberts, OLB
- 1993-Trev Alberts, OLB

**AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM**

- 1992-Troy Branch, LB
- 1993-Troy Branch, LB
- 1994-Donta Jones, OLB
- 1995-Aaron Graham, C
- 1996-Jared Tomich, RE
- 1999-Dan Alexander, IB
- 2001-Patrick Kabongo, DT
- 2002-Troy Hassebroek, WB
- 2003-Sandro DeAngelis, PK
- 2005-Mark LeFlore, WR
- 2006-Dane Todd, FB
- 2011-Jared Crick, DT
- 2012-Rex Burkhead, IB (captain)

**FOUR-TIME ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE HONOREES**

- Mike Stigge, Punter (1989-90-91-92)
- Rob Zatechka, Off. Tackle (1991-92-93-94)
- Brian Shaw, Linebacker (1996-97-98-99)
- Dave Volk, Off. Tackle (1998-99-00-01)
- Chris Kelsay, Rush End (1999-00-01-02)
- Judd Davies, Fullback (2000-01-02-03)
- Trevor Johnson, Rush End (2000-01-02-03)
- Todd Peterson, Wide Receiver (2005-06-07-08)



*Rex Burkhead became the 15th Nebraska player to be a two-time first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American.*