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Nebraska women's basketball has established itself as one of the nation's emerging programs under Coach Connie Yori. The Huskers have made nine postseason tournament appearances since 2004, including NCAA Sweet 16 trips in 2010 and 2013. Nebraska has averaged nearly 21 wins per season since 2003-04.

The Huskers competed as a member of the Big Ten Conference for the first time in 2011-12. Nebraska played for the Big Ten Tournament title in 2012, before playing for a share of the conference regular-season title in its final home game in the history of the Bob Devaney Sports Center in 2013.

The Huskers, who moved into the technologically advanced Hendricks Training Complex in the fall of 2011, continue to build excitement with their facilities by adding the Pinnacle Bank Arena as their new home court in 2013-14. The Huskers have annually ranked among the top 20 teams nationally in attendance, and season ticket sales are up 50 percent heading into 2013-14.

In the last four seasons, Nebraska has made two trips to the NCAA Sweet 16, posted the three highest season victory totals in school history and had three players drafted by the WNBA, including first-round picks Kelsey Griffin and Lindsey Moore.

Over the last four years, the Huskers have averaged nearly 24 wins per season and have had players earn 14 all-conference awards. Coach Connie Yori has been named the conference coach of the year in both the Big Ten (2013) and Big 12 (2010) while claiming every major national coach-of-the-year honor in 2010.

“Our players have driven the rise of our program. Nebraskans like a team that plays with great heart and great character. We've got really good character women in our program right now. I feel like character really counts.”

Connie Yori
Nebraska Head Coach



BASKETBALL



Nebraska's rise to prominence in women's basketball has been built on the foundation of hard-working players who have put their talents together to form tremendous team chemistry. Chelsea Aubry, the captain of the 2012 Canadian Olympic Team, laid the groundwork as Coach Yori's first recruit to NU.

Aubry, who enters her seventh season as a professional in 2013-14, was followed by Danielle Page, who enters her sixth season as one of the top professional players in France in 2013-14.

Kelsey Griffin came next, setting the standard for future Huskers. The 6-2 forward was a first-team All-American and National Player-of-the-Year finalist in 2010. The three-time first-team all-conference pick powered Nebraska's run to a perfect regular season, a Big 12 title and a No. 1 seed in the 2010 NCAA Tournament. Nebraska's first Senior CLASS Award winner was also NU's Female Student-Athlete of the Year. She went on to be the No. 3 pick in the 2010 WNBA Draft and earned WNBA All-Rookie honors.

Nebraska's 2010 NCAA Sweet 16 team included seniors Cory Montgomery and Yvonne Turner, who both went on to successful pro careers.

The youngster on the 2010 team, point guard Lindsey Moore, added to the Husker legacy by leading the program to the 2013 NCAA Sweet 16 before claiming a first-round pick in the WNBA Draft.

In 2013-14, two-time All-American and National Player-of-the-Year candidate Jordan Hooper hopes to continue growing Nebraska's winning tradition.

"We want talented basketball players with great skill levels and knowledge of the game, but we also want great students who want to become great people after their careers are over."

Connie Yori
Nebraska Head Coach

NEBRASKA VALUES



SUCCESS ON THE COURT

- Two NCAA Sweet 16 Appearances (2010, 2013)
- NCAA Tournament No. 1 Seed (2010)
- Top 25 Final National Rankings (2010, 2012, 2013)
- Five NCAA Tournament Appearances Since 2007
- Nine Postseason Tournaments Since 2004
- Averaged 24 Wins Per Season Since 2009-10
- Three Conference Title Games in Last Four Years

SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM

- Every Senior in 23 Years Coached by Connie Yori Has Earned Her Degree
- 14 Huskers Have Earned Degrees Since 2010

SUCCESS IN THE COMMUNITY

- Two-Time Nebraska Life Skills Team Champion
- Senior CLASS Award (Kelsey Griffin, 2010)
- Nebraska Female Student-Athlete of the Year (Kelsey Griffin, 2010)
- Nebraska Student-Athlete Advisory Committee President Kaitlyn Burke (2011-12)

N COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Annually Ranked Among Top 20 Nationally in Attendance (16th in 2013)
- Seven Straight Crowds of 10,000 or more (2010)

UNIVERSITY SUPPORT & FACILITIES

- Pinnacle Bank Arena (2013-14)
- Hendricks Training Complex (2011-12)
- Big Ten Conference (2011-12)
- Nebraska Student Life Complex (2010-11)

SUCCESS AFTER NEBRASKA

- Lindsey Moore - WNBA First Round (2013)
Current WNBA and International Pro Career
- Kelsey Griffin - WNBA First Round/All-Rookie (2010)
Current WNBA and International Pro Career
- Cory Montgomery - WNBA Third Round (2010)
- Danielle Page - WNBA Free Agent (2008)
Current International Pro Career in Europe
- Kiera Hardy - WNBA Third Round (2007)
Continued Pro Career in Europe
- Chelsea Aubry - 2012 Canadian Olympic Captain
Current International Pro Career
- Yvonne Turner - Current International Pro Career
- Elena Diaz - Colombian National Team





NCAA TOURNAMENT EXCITEMENT

Nebraska has earned nine postseason tournament berths since 2004, including five NCAA Tournament bids in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2013.

In 2010, Nebraska claimed its first NCAA Tournament No. 1 seed, as the top team in the Midwest Region. The Huskers advanced to the NCAA Regional semifinals at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo., by defeating Northern Iowa and UCLA in Minneapolis, Minn.

Thousands of Big Red fans followed Nebraska to Minneapolis and Kansas City to support the Huskers in their first NCAA Sweet 16 trip. Nebraska has made 11 NCAA Tournament trips since 1988 (1988, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013) and owns seven NCAA Tournament victories. The Huskers won a pair of NCAA Tournament games on their way to the 2013 NCAA Sweet 16.

“This is the second time Nebraska has made the Sweet 16. The team is really excited. It was fun. We're enjoying the moment and playing for each other.”

Jordan Hooper, Nebraska Class of 2014
Two-Time WBCA Honorable-Mention All-American
Two-Time First-Team All-Big Ten

“I am so privileged and blessed to spend this season with my teammates and best friends. Each season is really about the memories and the bonds you make with your teammates. I just want to make the most of it.”

Kelsey Griffin, Nebraska Class of 2010
2010 First-Team All-American/Big 12 Player of the Year
2010 WNBA All-Rookie Team

WNBA & BEYOND



Nebraska players have made an impact in recent years in the WNBA. In 2010, All-American Kelsey Griffin (top left) claimed the No. 3 overall pick in the WNBA Draft. In her first season with the Connecticut Sun, Griffin earned one of five spots on the 2010 WNBA All-Rookie Team. Griffin was No. 2 in rebounding among all rookies. Griffin completed her fourth WNBA season in 2013, starting every game for the Sun.

Point guard Lindsey Moore (top right) became Nebraska's third WNBA first-round draft pick in history in 2013, going to the Minnesota Lynx with the No. 12 overall pick. Moore helped the Lynx win the Western Conference and advance to the WNBA Finals in her rookie season.

Husker forward Cory Montgomery was chosen in the third round of the 2010 WNBA Draft by the New York Liberty. She has continued her professional career in Europe and Australia.

In 2008, Husker forward Danielle Page earned a WNBA spot as a free agent with the Connecticut Sun. Page spent the entire 2008 season with the Sun before heading overseas to continue her professional career.

N In 2007, three-time first-team All-Big 12 guard Kiera Hardy (bottom left) was drafted in the third round by the Connecticut Sun. Hardy did not earn a final roster spot with the Sun, but spent two professional seasons overseas.

Chelsea Aubry has enjoyed success at the international level. The 6-2 forward led Team Canada to the World Championships in 2006 and 2010, before becoming the first Husker to play in the Olympics in 2012. A Canadian captain, Aubry was a National Team member from 2005 to 2012, and plays professionally in Australia with Kelsey Griffin on the Bendigo Spirit.

Anna DeForge (bottom right) has enjoyed a long professional career after earning All-America honors at Nebraska in 1998. DeForge was an all-star for Indiana in 2007, after earning her first all-star nod with the Phoenix Mercury in 2004. DeForge continues to play professionally in Europe.

The Huskers' first-ever WNBA player was Nebraska native Nicole Kubik. The 5-10 guard from Cambridge was Nebraska's first WNBA first-round pick in 2000, before making her professional debut later that season for the Phoenix Mercury.





HUSKERS IN THE WNBA

Lindsey Moore (Covington, Wash., 2013)

- No. 12 Overall Pick in WNBA Draft (Minnesota Lynx)

Kelsey Griffin (Eagle River, Alaska, 2010-13)

- WNBA All-Rookie Team (2010, Connecticut Sun)
- No. 3 Overall Pick in WNBA Draft (Minnesota Lynx)

Yvonne Turner (Omaha, Neb., 2013)

- San Antonio Silver Stars (Training Camp Contract)

Cory Montgomery (Cannon Falls, Minn., 2010)

- Third-round selection of New York Liberty

Anna DeForge (Niagara, Wis., 2000-08)

- Two-Time WNBA All-Star
- Indiana Fever, Phoenix Mercury, Detroit Shock, Minnesota Lynx

Danielle Page (Monument, Colo., 2008)

- Connecticut Sun

Kiera Hardy (Kansas City, Mo., 2007)

- Third-round selection of the Connecticut Sun

Nicole Kubik (Cambridge, Neb., 2000)

- First-round pick of Los Angeles Sparks in 2000
- Played for Phoenix Mercury in 2000

ANNA DEFORGE, TWO-TIME WNBA ALL-STAR

Former Husker Anna DeForge has enjoyed a long and impressive pro career after her playing days at Nebraska. Still active as a professional player in Europe in 2013-14, DeForge is a two-time WNBA All-Star.

An honorable-mention All-American and first-team All-Big 12 pick in 1998, DeForge made her last All-Star appearance with Indiana in 2007. She also helped the Fever to the second round of the 2007 WNBA Playoffs. In the first round, DeForge tied her career high with 31 points in a loss to Connecticut, before pumping in 26 points in a Game 2 win over the Sun.

DeForge began her career as a first-round pick of the American Basketball League San Jose Lasers in 1999. In 2000, she became the first Husker to earn a WNBA roster spot with the Detroit Shock. DeForge spent 2001 and 2002 away from the league before regaining a roster spot with the Phoenix Mercury in 2003. She earned her first WNBA All-Star appearance with the Mercury in 2004. She spent 2005 in Phoenix before joining the Indiana Fever in 2006. She played for the Minnesota Lynx in 2008.

Internationally, she has played professionally in Poland, Spain and Turkey. She is competing for USK Praha in the Czech Republic in 2013-14 at age 37. She also played for the Montenegro National Team from 2010 to 2012.

PINNACLE BANK ARENA



The Nebraska women's basketball program enters a new era in 2013-14 with the move into the \$179 million Pinnacle Bank Arena. Located in downtown Lincoln, the 15,000-seat arena is the centerpiece of a bold and dynamic city plan. A landmark venture that shows the cooperative spirit across the community, the arena will be the permanent home of Nebraska men's and women's basketball while serving as one of the Midwest's hottest spots for the nation's top touring shows.

The arena, which is just steps away from both Memorial Stadium and Hawks Field and Bowlin Stadium at Haymarket Park, will also serve as a hub for a new outdoor entertainment district in Lincoln, known as the Railyard. In addition to the economic impact of thousands of Husker fans at each basketball home game, the Haymarket area has seen the addition of several major hotels, upscale housing options and many new dining and entertainment options.

Top: The South entrance of Pinnacle Bank Arena faces the new Railyard outdoor entertainment district in downtown Lincoln. The arena seats more than 15,000 fans and includes 36 suites, 20 loge boxes and 832 club seats. It also includes 11 permanent concession stands, 14 portable locations and 85 total points of sale. The arena is also home to a new Huskers Authentic Team Store.

Bottom: The women's locker room entrance includes a large "N" identical to the design in the Hendricks Training Complex. The Huskers also will enjoy spacious locker room, team room and athletic medicine areas in the new arena.



NEW HOME COURT OF THE HUSKERS



Top: Nebraska's new home court was built with the entire state in mind. In fact, the outline of the state of Nebraska even graces center court. The concession areas also keep the Nebraska spirit in mind, including the Sandhills BBQ, Chimney Rock Cantina, Goldenrod's and Meadowlark's.



Middle: Pinnacle Bank Arena's ribbon cutting ceremony attracted Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman, Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler, Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Perlman, Director of Athletics Shawn Eichorst and Husker basketball coaches Connie Yori and Tim Miles.

Bottom: The Railyard entertainment will include a courtyard, an outdoor ice skating rink and a giant 750-square-foot screen known as The Cube.



HENDRICKS TRAINING COMPLEX



The Nebraska women's basketball program moved into a new home on Oct. 13, 2011, with the official opening of the Hendricks Training Complex. The \$18.7 million addition to the southwest side of the Bob Devaney Sports Center is the new practice home of the men's and women's basketball and wrestling programs. The Hendricks Training Complex provided 80,000 new square feet to NU's facilities, while also renovating 4,000 square feet inside the Devaney Center. The entire facility was specifically designed to maximize performance and efficiency for current and future Husker student-athletes, while providing technologically advanced settings to succeed.



The grand lobby of the Hendricks Training Complex (bottom left) includes a 5,500-pound granite basketball fountain with a net-like base. The lobby also includes a giant video wall with 14 monitors.

The Players' Corridor (bottom right) is a common hallway leading to the men's and women's basketball team areas. An LED sensor lighting system with 3-D basketballs captures the motion of the Huskers to follow them down the hallway.



PRACTICE HOME OF THE HUSKERS



Nebraska's practice gym (top) is just steps away from the team room, video room and locker room on the main level of the Hendricks Training Complex. In between the gym, a satellite athletic medicine area provides easy taping and immediate treatment for the Huskers.



Nebraska's team lounge (bottom right) includes three 65-inch TVs, along with a food preparation area (middle left) that includes a full-size refrigerator and a microwave. The lounge is in between the practice court and video room (bottom left), which includes a wall-sized video screen and 23 theater-style chairs with swivel arm tables.

Nebraska's locker room (middle right) features giant "N" graphics on the floor and ceiling, while the 20 personalized lockers include iPads.



CHAMPIONSHIP FACILITIES





Nebraska's top facilities are not limited to the women's basketball program. Nearly every Husker sport enjoys a venue that ranks among the nation's best. Nebraska provides its student-athletes top-notch game-day and practice atmospheres in every sport.

The nationally prominent Nebraska volleyball team moved into the Devaney Center for the first time in 2013, after the building received a \$20 million renovation. The baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball, volleyball and wrestling programs have all benefitted from new practice facilities within the last two seasons.

Left: Memorial Stadium entered 2013 with a nation-leading 325 consecutive sellouts. The stadium expanded by more than 5,000 seats in 2013, while adding an innovative academic/athletic research wing in the East Stadium. The Osborne Athletic Complex provides Nebraska student-athletes with top-notch training facilities. The main entrance to the Osborne Athletic Complex and Traditions Lobby features an impressive waterfall and a wall that honors those who contributed to the massive project, as well as memorabilia and trophies from all of Nebraska's bowl games.

Top right: Nebraska's teams compete in some of the nation's finest facilities in front of large crowds. The nationally prominent volleyball team is leading the nation in attendance in its first season in the Bob Devaney Sports Center in 2013.



Middle: The Nebraska soccer and tennis programs will benefit from new homes in 2014-15, while the softball, wrestling and track and field programs enjoy some of the finest facilities in the nation.

Bottom right: Hawks Field at Haymarket Park provides the Huskers with the finest baseball stadium in the Big Ten Conference. Nebraska shares its home ballpark with the Lincoln Saltdogs, an independent minor league team.



HUSKER POWER

The model strength and conditioning program in the nation, Husker Power plays a major role in the continuing success of Nebraska athletics. Nebraska's strength program was the first in the nation. With 13 staff members, including Women's Basketball Strength Coach Rusty Ruffcorn, it is one of the most comprehensive strength and conditioning organizations in the nation.

Nebraska's strength training facilities have set the standard in collegiate strength training since the early 1970s. Not only does it feature the Charles and Romona Myers Performance Center in the Osborne Athletic Complex, it also features a weight room utilized by the basketball teams in the Hendricks Training Complex.





THREE REASONS FOR SUCCESS

Program - The Husker Power Strength and Conditioning Program is geared for maximum improvement of performance on the court. Each athlete receives their own individual computerized program each year.

Supervision - The Husker Power staff has nine full-time strength and conditioning specialists and four interns. Women's Basketball Strength Coach Rusty Ruffcorn works directly with the women's basketball program to help Husker athletes prepare for a successful athletic career.

Facilities - The Charles and Romona Myers Performance Center in the Osborne Athletic Complex and the Hendricks Training Complex are the finest all-around athletic facilities in the nation, giving athletes the resources to achieve at the highest level.

“The University of Nebraska strength and development program is the model for others in the country.”

Phillip Hage, Editor,
Physician and Sports
Medicine Magazine

ATHLETIC MEDICINE

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

Under the guidance of Director of Athletic Medicine Dr. Lonnie Albers, Head Athletic Trainer and Physical Therapist Jerry Weber and Women's Basketball Athletic Trainer Julie Tuttle, the 2013-14 Nebraska athletic medicine staff consists of five doctors, 11 athletic trainers and six graduate assistant athletic trainers.

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



Above: Assistant Athletic Director and Director of Athletic Medicine Dr. Lonnie Albers coordinates the care of Husker student-athletes by using some of the best on-site technology in collegiate athletics.

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

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The medical facilities at Nebraska have long been among the nation's best, and NU's athletic medicine center within the Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex will keep the Huskers on the front line of technology for decades to come. In addition to Nebraska's North Stadium facility, the Bob Devaney Sports Center, Haymarket Park and Pinnacle Bank Arena all feature athletic medicine areas. The Devaney Center's Athletic Medicine facility underwent an extensive expansion as part of the Hendricks Training Complex addition in 2011.

Using the best on-site medical equipment and resources in college athletics, the Nebraska athletic medicine staff provides Husker student-athletes with highly skilled medical care throughout the year.



NUTRITION



Nebraska's Sports Nutritionists Lindsey Remmers and Scott Trausch work with all 24 of Nebraska's sports by educating athletes on topics such as increasing lean body mass, losing body fat, staying hydrated, nutritional strategies for competition, maximizing recovery following workouts and supplement use. Athletes are given individualized nutrition plans that can be applied in Nebraska's Performance Buffet at the Lewis Training Table, which was remodeled and expanded in the 2010 season. In addition to utilizing the Lewis Training Table each day for lunch and dinner, student-athletes also have access to fueling stations near strength and conditioning areas to provide fluids and nutritional foods before and after workouts to maximize performance and recovery.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The success of Nebraska student-athletes reaches far beyond athletic competition. More Husker student-athletes have been selected to CoSIDA Academic All-America teams (307) than any other school in the nation, and Nebraska has produced more NCAA Top Ten Award winners (16) than any other school. As it enters its third season of Big Ten Conference competition in 2013-14, Nebraska continues to set the standard for the approximately 1,400 NCAA member institutions.





The Husker football team leads all individual sport programs in the nation with 104 all-time CoSIDA Academic All-America awards. The Notre Dame football program ranks second among all sports nationally with 58 all-time academic All-Americans. In fact, Nebraska's 104 football academic All-Americans would rank among the top 25 schools (all sports, all divisions) in the nation in the number of total CoSIDA Academic All-Americans. The NU volleyball program has captured more academic All-America awards (37) than any other women's team in the nation, while the Husker softball program ranks second on that list with 29 selections. Nebraska also ranks among the top 10 schools in the nation in CoSIDA Academic All-Americans in baseball, women's basketball and men's and women's track and field/cross country. Over the past two years, the men's and women's track and field programs have produced 10 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans - the most in the nation during that span.

Huskers Build on Academic Tradition in 2012-13

Husker student-athletes produced another outstanding year in 2012-13, continuing NU's tradition of academic success. The Huskers added eight CoSIDA Academic All-Americans to their nation-leading total (307) to become the first school in history to reach 300 academic All-Americans. Nebraska's eight academic All-Americans led the Big Ten Conference and ranked among the highest totals in the nation across all divisions.

Academic All-Americans

All Sports as of August 2013

	307
	231
	204
	182

NU maintained its lead of 76 all-time CoSIDA Academic All-Americans over No. 2 Notre Dame. Since 2000, Nebraska has amassed a nation-leading 117 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, which would rank in a tie for 13th over the more than 60 years of the academic All-America program. Nebraska has produced at least one academic All-American in 42 consecutive seasons.

Senior I-back Rex Burkhead captured first-team academic All-America honors for the second straight season, while senior linebacker Sean Fisher earned second-team honors for the second straight year. Fisher added a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

While Burkhead and Fisher became the 25th and 26th two-time academic All-Americans in the history of the Husker football program, senior track and field student-athlete Bjorn Barrefors became the first four-time CoSIDA Academic All-American in school history. A six-time All-American as a multi-eventer, Barrefors was Nebraska's Male Student-Athlete of the Year and claimed an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. He was joined by 10-time All-American Mara Griva and Morgan Wilken in giving the track team a trio of academic All-Americans. All-America wrestler Josh Ihnen added his second straight academic All-America award, while eight-time gymnastics All-American Emily Wong captured the first academic All-America award of her career.

Gina Mancuso added a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America award to the Husker volleyball team's nation-leading total of 37, while helping the Huskers to an NCAA Elite Eight appearance on the court.

Senior Mary Weatherholt also capped the most brilliant career on and off the court in Nebraska women's tennis history. NU's Female Student-Athlete of the Year earned



Top: Nebraska Student-Athletes of the Year Bjorn Barrefors (left) of the track and field team and Mary Weatherholt (right) from the Husker women's tennis team earned multiple All-America awards in competition while leading two of Nebraska's strongest academic programs. Barrefors was an All-America multi-event competitor who became NU's first four-time CoSIDA Academic All-American. Weatherholt was the first Husker to earn All-America honors in both singles and doubles in 2013.

Middle: Catheryn Redmon, a two-year starter for the Huskers, earned her bachelor's degree from Nebraska in May of 2012.

Bottom: Harleen Sidhu was one of five Husker women's basketball players to receive their diplomas at the Devaney Center in May of 2012. Sidhu was a three-time academic all-conference selection for the Huskers.





All-America honors in both singles and doubles, while finishing as the runner-up at the NCAA Singles Championship. She added an Elite Eight finish with teammate Patricia Veresova at the NCAA Doubles Championship, after leading the Huskers to their first-ever NCAA Sweet 16 as a team. For her performances on the court, in the classroom and in the community, Weatherholt claimed the ITA/Cissie Leary National Award for Sportsmanship, one of the top honors in collegiate tennis.

In addition to Nebraska's continued success in creating CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, the Huskers produced a record 705 Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll selections during the fall and spring semesters of 2012-13. A total of 188 Huskers were honored as academic All-Big Ten recipients, while 105 NU student-athletes earned degrees in 2012-13.

Nebraska's 2012-13 Academic Highlights

- 307 All-Time CoSIDA Academic All-Americans across all sports (leads nation)
 - 104 Football Academic All-Americans (leads all sports, all time)
 - 37 Volleyball Academic All-Americans (leads all women's sports, all time)
 - 29 Softball Academic All-Americans (No. 2 among all women's sports, all time)
 - 35 Men's & Women's Track & Field Academic All-Americans (leads nation since 2002)
- Eight CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (4 first-team, 4 second-team)
 - First-Team: Rex Burkhead (Football), Bjorn Barrefors (Men's Track & Field), Gina Mancuso (Volleyball), Josh Ihnen (Wrestling)
 - Second-Team: Sean Fisher (Football), Mara Griva (Women's Track & Field), Morgan Wilken (Women's Track & Field), Emily Wong (Women's Gymnastics)
- Two NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winners (\$7,500)
 - Sean Fisher (Football), Bjorn Barrefors (Men's Track & Field)
- Big Ten Postgraduate Scholarship Winners (\$7,500)
 - Conor McDermott (Football), Megan Southworth (Softball)
- Big Ten Medal of Honor Winners
 - Bjorn Barrefors (Men's Track & Field, Mary Weatherholt (Women's Tennis)
- Big Ten Sportsmanship Award Winners
 - Rex Burkhead (Football), Emily Wong (Women's Gymnastics)
- 188 Academic All-Big Ten Selections Across All Sports (3.0 GPA)
- School-Record 705 Student-Athletes Honored on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Fall and Spring Honor Rolls (3.0 GPA or above)
- 84 Student-Athletes Earned Perfect 4.0 GPAs in either the Fall or Spring Semester
- 105 Student-Athletes Earned Degrees from August 2012 through May 2013 (August 2012-11; December 2012-36; May 2013-58)
- Male Student-Athlete of the Year - Bjorn Barrefors, Men's Track & Field (Computer Science)
- Female Student-Athlete of the Year - Mary Weatherholt, Women's Tennis (Business Administration)
- Men's Herman Award Winner - Men's Golf (3.648 GPA in 2012)
- Women's Herman Award Winner - Women's Tennis (3.793 GPA in 2012)
- Life Skills Team Award Winners - Wrestling, Women's Swimming & Diving

Top: First-team All-Big 12 selection and 2010 Big 12 Co-Defensive Player-of-the-Year Yvonne Turner earned her bachelor's degree from Nebraska in May of 2010, before continuing her basketball career professionally overseas. Turner was one of seven Huskers to graduate in 2009-10.

Bottom: Three-time academic all-conference selection and three-year starter Kaitlyn Burke was one of five Huskers to graduate in May of 2012. Burke was a leader for the Huskers on the court, in the classroom and in the community during her NU career. As a senior in 2011-12, Burke was the President of the Nebraska Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Nebraska's female Big Ten Sportsmanship Award winner across all sports.



N THE NEBRASKA ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

From the day student-athletes decide the University of Nebraska is the right place to be, the athletic academic counseling unit provides personal and academic support to ensure that student-athletes will get the most out of their years as Huskers. Featuring one of the most innovative and comprehensive academic support systems in the country, Nebraska is dedicated to helping its student-athletes become outstanding leaders in their chosen fields. The academic support team is comprised of 13 full-time staff members and a tutorial staff of approximately 75 tutors addressing all subject areas.

Academic Counseling

Eight academic counselors and three assistant academic counselors are in place to monitor daily academic progress, receive consistent course feedback, assist with the advising/registration process and monitor continuing eligibility and progress toward graduation. Essentially, academic counselors assist student-athletes in navigating the University of Nebraska system.

Tutorial Support

A tremendous resource for all academic abilities, unlimited tutorial support is available from day one up to college graduation. Subject and mentor tutors help provide academic support and study strategies to be successful. Supplemental Instruction, a sub-component of the tutorial program, provides targeted group review sessions to help ease the transition to college academics while improving study strategies and building academic self-esteem.

Study Hall

Nebraska's study hall program is housed in the D.J. Sokol Enrichment Center within the Dick and Peg Herman Family Student Life Complex. Student-athletes attend a supervised, flex-time study hall that features day, evening and weekend hours. Each student-athlete is required to complete a specific number of study hours each week as determined by their academic counselor and/or coach. In addition, weekly study hall reports are provided to the coaching staff. Additional performance-based or tutor-based study hall may also be determined by the academic counselor.

Mentoring

Many student-athletes meet with a mentor on a weekly basis to assist in making a smooth transition from high school to college. Mentors collect syllabi, gather and report academic progress information and teach academic success strategies.

Educational Assessments

Assessments are administered upon the request of the student-athlete, academic counselor, or coach to determine student strengths and areas for improvement. Results allow academic counselors to develop a personalized academic support program and to determine if more in-depth testing is warranted. When additional assessments are necessary, referrals are made to a consulting psychologist who conducts the assessments. If it is determined that a student-athlete has a learning disability, appropriate accommodations are made through the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities.

Student-Athlete Orientation

The academic staff coordinates New Student-Athlete Orientation to help newcomers adjust to the multiple demands of being a college student-athlete. Presentations are made by academic counselors, compliance officials, NU faculty and administrators, business/community professionals and student-athletes.

Personal Counseling

Student-athletes will find a supportive and caring environment at Nebraska. Transitional issues, stress management, time management, academic focus and problem resolution are all addressed in a proactive manner throughout the year. If necessary, counseling referrals are also made to designated practitioners.

Computer Resources

Student-athletes enjoy a new state-of-the-art computer lab and technology center with 58 computers and professional supervision. Laptops are also available during team travel. Student-athletes have the benefit of ongoing education and assistance from a full-time computer technician.





Nebraska's Dick and Peg Herman Family Student Life Complex (left page) opened after receiving an \$8.7 million expansion and renovation in 2010. The complex tripled the size of NU's previous academic support area for student-athletes. The Nebraska Life Skills program helps Husker student-athletes experience the benefits of service to others while learning to expand their own leadership skills. The Abbott Life Skills Center is located within the Herman Family Student Life Complex.

In 2013, women's basketball player Katie Simon (left) earned a prestigious Nebraska Student-Athlete HERO Leadership Award. Director of Athletics Shawn Eichorst presented the award. In 2010, Kelsey Griffin (below) earned Nebraska's first Senior CLASS Award.



NEBRASKA LIFE SKILLS - SERVING LEADERS

The Nebraska Life Skills program is committed to providing proactive education, resources and support throughout college and beyond, best preparing Husker student-athletes for life after sports. Services foster transition, retention, responsible decision-making, leadership, volunteerism and career development.

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

Life Skills Components

Proactive Education

Husker Life Seminar – All incoming student-athletes complete a 13-week fall semester seminar addressing a variety of life skills topics ranging from leadership to money to relationships and study skills. **Team Workshops** – Campus and community experts facilitate team-specific life skills education workshops. **Student-Athlete Assemblies** – Meetings featuring remarks from Athletic Director Emeritus Tom Osborne and nationally recognized life skills trainers.

Personalized Support/Individual Sessions

Resume Development – Each student-athlete is assigned a Life Skills counselor who assists in the creation of a personalized resume for the student-athlete. Periodic follow-up meetings will take place through graduation to ensure a well-rounded college experience and marketability to realize career goals.

Community Outreach

Nebraska student-athletes combine to impact over 100,000 people statewide on an annual basis. **Team Service Requirement** – Each team participates in a minimum of two service projects per year. **School Outreach** – Individuals participate in numerous school outreach campaigns in both classroom and assembly settings. **Hospital Visits** – Huskers are frequent hospital visitors providing cheer and encouragement to a variety of patients. **Miscellaneous Outreach** – Outreach requests are received daily from the entire state requesting involvement from Husker student-athletes. **Mentoring Programs** – Typically requires one hour of service per week serving as a youth mentor.

Leadership/Citizenship

Life Skills promotes leadership development and provides recognition opportunities for extraordinary citizenship. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee** – Elected team representatives from each of the 23 sports serve as the “voice” of the entire student-athlete population discussing student-athlete welfare, legislation and service events. **HERO Leadership Award** – Individual recognition to Huskers who have consistently went above and beyond serving as an exemplary role-model. **Heart and Soul Award** – Presented annually to the top senior student-athlete leaders for extraordinary service throughout their college careers. **Brook Berringer Citizenship Team** – Annual “Good Works” team honoring football players for dedicated service in memory of late Husker Brook Berringer. **Nebraska Football Uplifting Athletes** – A newly recognized UNL student organization initiated in 2012, Nebraska football players and UNL student leaders work collaboratively to raise funds and awareness for those with rare diseases. Nebraska running back Rex Burkhead was named the 2012 recipient of the National Rare Disease Champion Award for his mentoring of Jack Hoffman, who won a 2013 ESPY Award for his touchdown run in the Red/White Spring Game. **Life Skills Award of Excellence** – Presented to the single men's and women's team with the highest point total in the life skills team competition.

Career Commitment

In addition to the creation of a personalized resume and game plan, the following career resources are available to every Husker. **Student-Athlete Career Fair** – Attended by approximately 25 companies. **Networking Night** – Former Husker student-athletes and other professionals thriving in their chosen career fields share valuable insights with sophomore student-athletes. **Assessments** – On-line assessments to help individuals discover talents and match with a major and career. **Practical Experience** – Programs in place to facilitate shadowing and internship placements. **Job Preparation** – Expert advice on cover letter writing, interviewing skills and evaluating the job offer.

Postgraduate Assistance

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



LEADING THE WAY



As one of the nation's premier public institutions, the University of Nebraska is committed to undergraduate learning and world-class research. Quality instruction is emphasized in Nebraska's 157 undergraduate majors, which are spread through nine undergraduate colleges.

Nebraska, which officially joined the Big Ten Conference on July 1, 2011, is a member of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, a consortium of Big Ten universities and the University of Chicago, which has generated unique opportunities for students and faculty by sharing expertise, leveraging resources and collaborating on programs.

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

To discover more about the University of Nebraska visit unl.edu. To learn more about Nebraska athletics, visit Huskers.com and ThisIsNebraska.com.



Large photo: The Nebraska Student Union is the meeting place on campus where students can spend a little down time between classes. It has study areas and a food court.

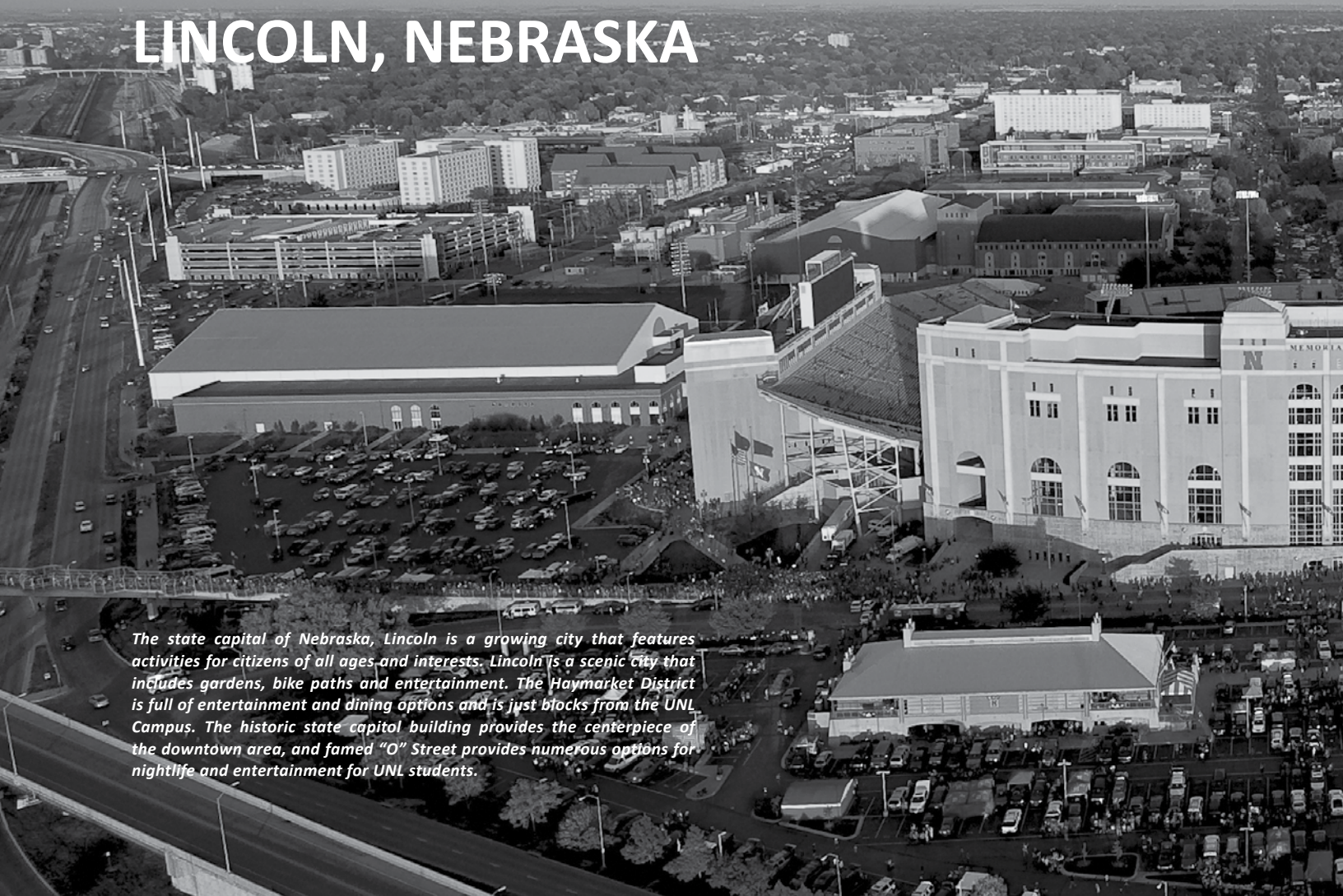
Bottom left: Love Library is the main library at the University of Nebraska and sits on the southern edge of City Campus.

Bottom middle: The Esther L. Kaufmann Center houses the Jeffery S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management.

Bottom right: The new, 30,000-square foot Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center is the nation's largest multicultural center attached to a student union.



LINCOLN, NEBRASKA



The state capital of Nebraska, Lincoln is a growing city that features activities for citizens of all ages and interests. Lincoln is a scenic city that includes gardens, bike paths and entertainment. The Haymarket District is full of entertainment and dining options and is just blocks from the UNL Campus. The historic state capitol building provides the centerpiece of the downtown area, and famed "O" Street provides numerous options for nightlife and entertainment for UNL students.



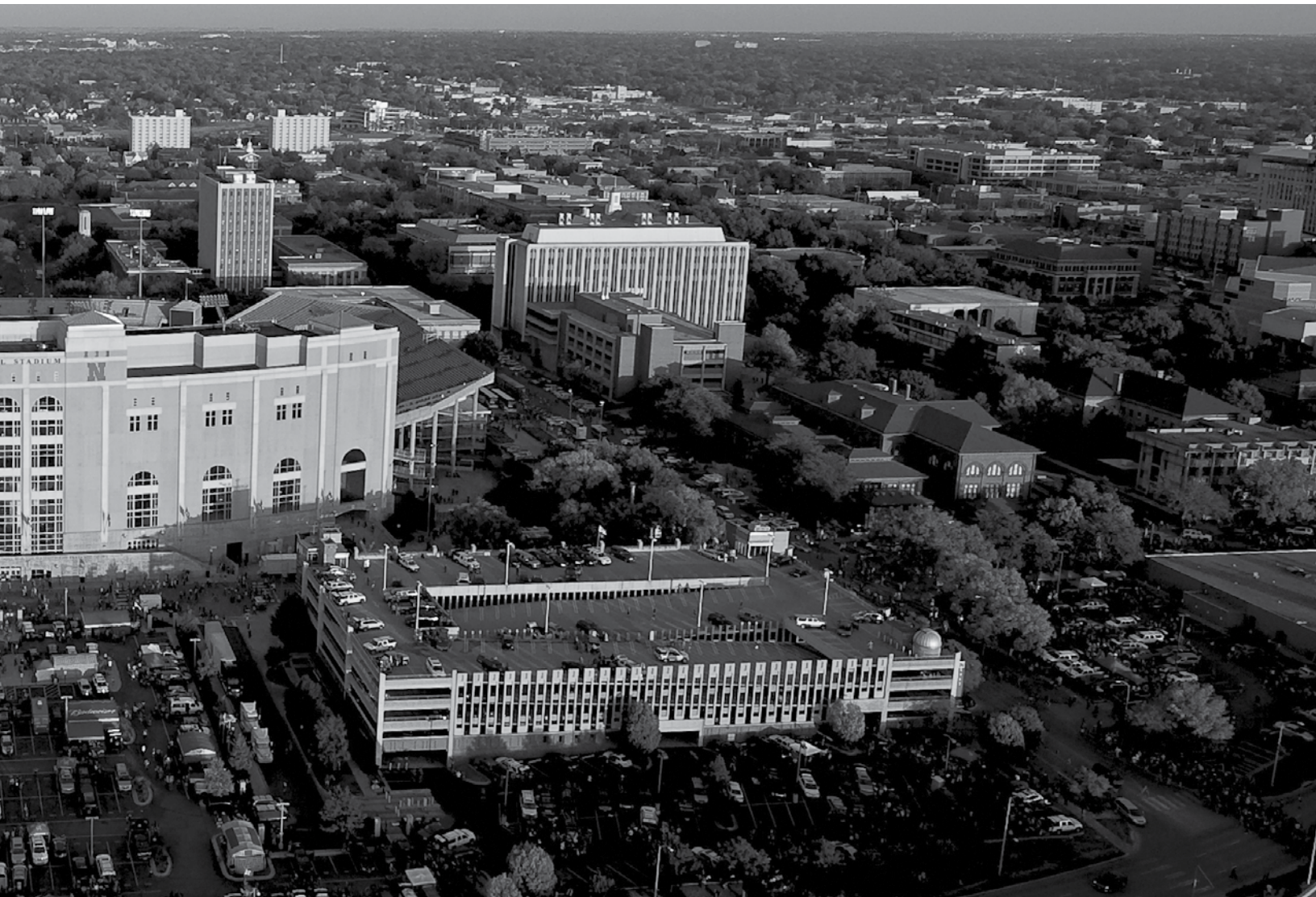
Modeled after the Power and Light District in Kansas City, the Railyard sits across from the south entrance of the new Pinnacle Bank Arena, allowing fans to go to an event and then go out to the outdoor plaza. As part of the entertainment district, an \$800,000 digital screen called the Cube will be installed. The Cube will display electronic artwork or show movies.

One of the nation's 75 largest cities, Lincoln features the advantages of an urban setting and is only minutes away from the scenic beauty and wide open spaces of America's Heartland. Home to more than one-quarter of a million people and the third-largest city in the Big Ten Conference, living in Lincoln enables Nebraska student-athletes to enjoy the benefits of city life, while residing in a community that is widely regarded as one of the top places to live in the United States.

LINCOLN'S NATIONAL RANKINGS

- Happiest U.S. City (LiveScience)
- Healthiest U.S. City (Center for Disease Control)
- Best Sport City (Sporting News)
- Lowest Unemployment Rate (Bureau of Labor)
- Best Cities for Families (Child Magazine)
- No. 1 Overall Wellbeing (Gallup)
- No. 1 Quality of Life (State Univ. of New York)
- No. 2 City in Quality of Life (Gallup)
- No. 7 Cleanest Air (CNN)
- No. 7 City for Business & Careers (Forbes)
- No. 8 Most Secure Places to Live (Spierling's)
- Top 10 College Town (Relocate America)





Prominent People with Nebraska Ties

Grover Cleveland Alexander, Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher • Fred Astaire, dancer and actor • Max Baer, boxer • Marlon Brando, Academy Award-winning actor • William Jennings Bryan, U.S. Secretary of State, U.S. Representative, Democratic Party nominee for president 1896, 1900, and 1908 • Warren Buffett, investor; Forbes Magazine’s 2008 Richest Man in the World • Richard N. Cabela, entrepreneur, founder of Cabela’s sporting store • Johnny Carson, comedian • Joba Chamberlain, Professional baseball player for the New York Yankees • Dick Cheney, 46th U.S. Vice-president • Brian Duensing, Professional baseball player for the Minnesota Twins • Henry Fonda, Academy Award-winning actor • Bob Gibson, Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher for St. Louis Cardinals • Alex Gordon, Professional baseball player for the Kansas City Royals • Amy Heidemann, Karmin lead singer • Marg Helgenberger, actress • Peter Kiewit, contractor, investor and philanthropist • Jaime King, actress • Ted Kooser, Poet Laureate of the United States and Pulitzer Prize winner • Larry the Cable Guy, comedian • Malcolm X, civil rights leader • Nick Nolte, actor, producer • Edwin Perkins, inventor of Kool-Aid, philanthropist • Andy Roddick, tennis star, 2003 U.S. Open Champion • Gale Sayers, Football Hall of Fame running back for the Chicago Bears • Elliott Smith, singer-songwriter • Hilary Swank, 2-time Academy Award-winning actress • Gabrielle Union, actress • James Valentine, Maroon 5 guitarist • Paula Zahn, Former News anchor for CNN



OMAHA

Nebraska’s largest city, Omaha, is less than an hour’s drive from Lincoln and has a population of nearly 800,000. Omaha is home to TD Ameritrade Park home the NCAA College World Series (left), the world-renowned Henry Doorly Zoo (center) and the Joslyn Art Museum (far right)



NEBRASKA'S NATIONAL POWER

One of the nation's premier athletic programs, Nebraska is dedicated to and successful in all 24 of its varsity sports. Nebraska has won a total of 25 team national championships since 1970, including five football titles, eight men's gymnastics championships, six bowling crowns, three volleyball titles and three women's track and field championships. In 2012-13, 12 Husker teams finished among the top 25 in their respective sports, including the Nebraska football team which posted its fifth straight nine-win season.

The Husker football team also led a list of 11 Husker squads that advanced to NCAA postseason competition in 2012-13, as Bo Pelini's team made a New Year's Day appearance in the 2013 Capital One Bowl. The national power Husker bowling team won its sixth national championship with a victory over top-ranked Vanderbilt. The NU softball team made its seventh trip to the Women's College World Series with a Super Regional win over No. 3 Oregon and finished the season ranked eighth in the final polls, its highest finish since 2002 when the Huskers were sixth. The women's basketball team made its second NCAA Sweet 16 trip in four years, while the women's tennis team made its first-ever NCAA Sweet 16 appearance. Nebraska's volleyball team was one win away from reaching the Final Four, reaching the Sweet 16 for the 29th time in 31 seasons. During their first season of sand volleyball in the spring, the Huskers finished the year ranked seventh. Nebraska's wrestling team was one of six Big Ten teams to finish in the top 15 at the NCAA Championships, with the Huskers finishing 13th. The NU men's track and field team won its first Big Ten title in 2013 at the conference outdoor meet and then contributed a tie for 15th at the NCAA Outdoor Championships - its second straight top-15 finish. The rifle team finished seventh at the NCAA Championships and doubled its win total from 2012 under first-year Head Coach Stacy Underwood, while the men's gymnastics team finished 11th at the NCAA Championships.

With just one senior on the 2013 team, Nebraska's bowling team captured its fourth national title in the past 10 seasons. After taking its program to new heights in 2012, the NU women's tennis team was even better in 2013. The Huskers won their first Big Ten title, and not only qualified for the NCAA Championships for the fourth straight year but were selected as a regional site for the first time in school history. Along with a trip to the Women's College World Series and a 45-win season, the fifth-most in school history, the softball team hosted a regional at Bowlin Stadium for the fifth time since the park opened in 2002. The Husker women's basketball team ran to the second-highest win total in school history with 25 victories, while also finishing second in the Big Ten with a 12-4 conference mark.

Individual success also highlighted a stellar 2012-13 for Nebraska Athletics. On the gridiron, Spencer Long was named a second-team All-American, marking the fourth straight year that Nebraska has had either a first or second-team All-America selection. Mary Weatherholt rewrote Nebraska women's tennis history, as the fifth-year senior finished runner-up to defending champion NCAA champion Nicole Gibbs. After clinching Nebraska's bowling team national title, Kristina Mickelson won the X-Bowling Intercollegiate Singles title. Chad Wright nearly claimed a second straight national championship in the men's discus, with his personal-best throw of 209-1 resulting in a runner-up finish. Overall in 2012-13, 37 Husker student-athletes combined to capture 53 All-America awards across all sports. As a testament to Nebraska's national recruiting prowess, the All-Americans came to NU from 16 states and four foreign countries. The Cornhusker state showed its success in keeping the best and brightest of its future leaders at home, as nine All-Americans came from the state of Nebraska.



All-American Mary Weatherholt had a historic run in the NCAA Singles Championship to cap her final year as a Husker. She stormed her way into the championship match with five straight wins before falling to two-time champion Nicole Gibbs of Stanford.



Top: Chad Wright won the shot put at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships and then finished second in the discus at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, after winning the NCAA discus title in 2012.

Bottom: The Nebraska men's track and field team captured the 2013 Big Ten Outdoor title. It was the 105th conference title in program history and Head Coach Gary Pepin's 69th conference title dating back to his first Big Eight win in 1981.





Nebraska's Top 25 National Finishes in 2012-13

Bowling	1st
Men's Gymnastics	7th
Rifle	7th
Volleyball	7th
Sand Volleyball	7th
Softball	8th
Wrestling	13th
Women's Gymnastics	14th
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	15th (Tie)
Women's Tennis	16th
Women's Basketball	18th
Football	25th

Top left: The Nebraska women's bowling team captured its fourth NCAA title since it became an NCAA sport in 2003. Kristina Mickelson, the lone senior on the squad, clinched the title with a strike in the second-to-last frame of the sixth game victory over Vanderbilt. All-American Liz Kuhlkin earned NCAA Tournament MVP honors, while Mickelson went on to win the X-Singles National Championship.



Middle: Eight-time All-American Emily Wong led the Huskers to their third straight conference title and second straight Big Ten title. Wong was the 2013 Big Ten All-Around champ and added CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

Bottom: All-American twin sisters Tatum (left) and Taylor Edwards (right) powered the Nebraska softball team to the Women's College World Series in 2013. Tatum earned All-America honors as a pitcher for the Huskers in 2013, while Taylor was an All-America catcher as a freshman in 2011. Both return to rewrite the Husker record books in 2014.

Top: Jordan Hooper earned All-America honors for the second straight season while helping the Huskers to their second NCAA Sweet 16 in the last four years. Hooper, who was a starter on the gold-medal winning USA Basketball Women's World University Games Team in 2013, returns for her senior season in 2013-14.

Bottom: Offensive lineman Spencer Long earned All-America honors from the Walter Camp Foundation in 2012, paving the way for record-setting Husker quarterback Taylor Martinez.



DEVANEY CENTER: ENDING AN ERA

The Bob Devaney Sports Center was the home of Nebraska women's basketball from November 1976 to March 2013. Named after Nebraska's legendary football coach and athletic director, the Devaney Center provided the Huskers a major home court advantage. NU built a 28-game winning streak at Devaney from 2009 to 2011. In 2009-10, the Huskers were a perfect 16-0 at home. Over the Huskers' final six seasons at Devaney, they went 78-18 with 13 wins over top-25 teams.

Husker fans have helped the Big Red rank among the top 25 nationally in average home attendance for more than a decade, including 16th in 2012-13. In 2009-10, the electric crowds helped create a magical experience at the Devaney Center, as NU averaged 11,383 fans per league game. A school-record crowd of 13,595 helped Nebraska celebrate a Big 12 title with a win over Missouri on Feb. 27, 2010. NU ranked seventh nationally in attendance with 7,390 fans per game.

Nebraska provides its women's basketball program with some of the best support in the country. In 2011, the Huskers welcomed the addition of the Hendricks Training Complex to the South side of the Devaney Center. The Hendricks Training Complex is the Huskers' home on campus, providing amazing practice and team facilities, while the Pinnacle Bank Arena in downtown Lincoln is the new home court of the Huskers in 2013-14.

