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THIS IS NEBRASKA

WELCOME TO NEBRASKA

Nebraska women's basketball has established itself as one of the nation's steadiest and most successful programs on the court, in the classroom and in the community over the last 20 years.

During that 20-year span, which dates to first-year Coach Amy Williams' playing career at Nebraska, the Huskers have advanced to postseason play 14 times, including 10 trips to the NCAA Tournament.

Since 2010, Nebraska has made five NCAA Tournament appearances, including two trips to the NCAA Sweet 16 (2010, 2013). The Huskers have also finished among the top 25 in the final national rankings four times, while posting the four highest victory totals in school history (2010-32, 2012-24, 2013-25, 2014-26).

Over the past eight seasons, Nebraska has played five games for a conference title, winning a Big Ten Tournament crown in 2014 and a Big 12 regular-season championship in 2010.

The Huskers, who moved into a spacious practice home at the Hendricks Training Complex in the fall of 2011, built more excitement by adding Pinnacle Bank Arena as their new home court in 2013-14. The Big Red have ranked among the nation's top 20 in attendance in each of their first four seasons at Pinnacle Bank Arena, averaging more than 90,000 fans per season.

Individually, Kelsey Griffin, Lindsey Moore and Jordan Hooper were chosen among the top 15 players in their respective WNBA Drafts, while Hooper and Griffin earned first-team All-America honors for the Huskers. Huskers have earned 21 All-Big Ten awards in Nebraska's first six seasons in the Big Ten Conference, including 2014 Big Ten Player of the Year Jordan Hooper and 2014 Big Ten Tournament MVP Rachel Theriot.

"We're going to compete for championships, we're going to do it the right way, and most of all, we're going to do it together."

Amy Williams, Nebraska Head Coach



HOME OF THE HUSKERS



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 for Nebraska's success during the last decade. Aubry, a 6-2 forward from Kitchener, Ontario, spent eight seasons as a professional.

Danielle Page, a 6-2 forward from Monument, Colo., followed. A bronze medalist as a starter for the Serbian Olympic Team in 2016, Page enters her 10th season of professional basketball in 2017-18.

Kelsey Griffin came next, setting the standard for future Huskers. The 6-2 forward from Eagle River, Alaska, 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. She enters her ninth season in professional basketball in 2017-18.

Nebraska's 2010 NCAA Sweet 16 team included seniors Cory Montgomery and Yvonne Turner. Both went on to pro careers. Turner enters her ninth season in professional basketball in 2017-18.

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, three-time All-American and Big Ten Player of the Year Jordan Hooper continued to lead Nebraska's rise on the national scale. Hooper was the first pick in the second round of the 2014 WNBA Draft and recently completed her fourth season in the WNBA in 2017.

"I could not be more excited to be back at the University of Nebraska. It's a great day, just like any day, to be a Husker."

Amy Williams, 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, 2014)
- Seven NCAA Tournament Appearances Since 2007
- 12 Postseason Tournaments Since 2004
- Five 20-Win Seasons Since 2009-10
- Five Conference Title Games in Last Eight Years

SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM

- Every Nebraska Women's Basketball Senior Since 2003 Has Earned Her Degree
- 26 Huskers Have Earned Degrees Since 2010

SUCCESS IN THE COMMUNITY

- Two-Time Nebraska Life Skills Team Champion
- Senior CLASS Award (Kelsey Griffin, 2010)
- Senior CLASS First-Team All-American (Jordan Hooper, 2014)
- Nebraska Female Student-Athlete of the Year (Kelsey Griffin, 2010)
- Nebraska Student-Athlete Advisory Committee President Kaitlyn Burke (2011-12)

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Annually Ranked Among Top 20 Nationally in Average Attendance (17th in 2016-17)

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

- Jordan Hooper - WNBA Second Round (2014)
Current WNBA and International Pro Career
- Lindsey Moore - WNBA First Round (2013)
- Kelsey Griffin - WNBA First Round/All-Rookie (2010)
Current International Pro Career
Australian National Team Member
- Yvonne Turner (2010) - Current WNBA and International Pro Career
- Danielle Page - WNBA Free Agent (2008)
2016 Serbian Olympic Bronze Medalist
Current International Pro Career
- Cory Montgomery - WNBA Third Round (2010)
- Kiera Hardy - WNBA Third Round (2007)
Pro Career in Europe
- Rachel Theriot (2016) - Current International Pro Career
- Chelsea Aubry - 2012 Canadian Olympic Captain
Pro Career in Australia
- Elena Diaz (2006) - Colombian National Team



NCAA EXCITEMENT



Nebraska has earned 12 postseason tournament berths since 2004, including seven NCAA Tournament bids in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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 13 NCAA Tournament trips since 1988 (1988, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) and owns eight NCAA Tournament victories, including a 74-54 win over Fresno State in 2014. The Huskers also advanced to the 2013 NCAA Sweet 16.

In 2014, the Huskers brought NCAA Tournament basketball back to Lincoln for the first time since 1993 when they played host to the NCAA Lincoln Regional at Pinnacle Bank Arena.



“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
2014 First-Team All-American/Big Ten Player of the Year
2014 WNBA Draft Pick

“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 TALENT

Nebraska players have made an impact in recent years in the WNBA. In fact, over the last seven years four Huskers have been chosen in the WNBA Draft, including No. 13 overall pick and first-team All-American Jordan Hooper (opposite page, top) in 2014.

In 2010, first-team All-American Kelsey Griffin (bottom 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 fifth WNBA season in 2014.

Point guard Lindsey Moore became Nebraska's third WNBA first-round draft pick in history in 2013, going to the Minnesota Lynx with the No. 12 pick. Moore helped the Lynx win the WNBA title in her rookie season.

Husker forward Cory Montgomery was a third-round WNBA pick of the New York Liberty in 2010. She continued her pro 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 spending her past nine seasons as one of the top players in Europe. Page became the first Husker to win an Olympic medal when she captured bronze with Serbia in 2016.

In 2007, three-time first-team All-Big 12 guard Kiera Hardy 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 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 played professionally in Australia with Kelsey Griffin for the WNBL champion Bendigo Spirit.

Anna DeForge (opposite page, bottom) 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 also played professionally in Europe for 15 years.

The Huskers' first WNBA draft pick was Nebraskan Nicole Kubik. The 5-10 guard from Cambridge was NU's first WNBA first-round pick in 2000, and made her pro debut with the Phoenix Mercury in 2000.



PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS



HUSKERS IN THE WNBA

Jordan Hooper (Alliance, Neb., 2014-17)

- Chicago Sky, Atlanta Dream, Connecticut Sun, Dallas Wings (2017)
- No. 13 Overall Pick in WNBA Draft (Tulsa Shock)

Lindsey Moore (Covington, Wash., 2013-14)

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

Kelsey Griffin (Eagle River, Alaska, 2010-14)

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

Yvonne Turner (Omaha, Neb., 2014-15-17)

- Phoenix Mercury (Rookie, 2017)
- Chicago Sky (Training Camp, 2015)
- San Antonio Silver Stars (Training Camp, 2014)

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)

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

ANNA DEFORGE, TWO-TIME WNBA ALL-STAR

Anna DeForge enjoyed a long pro career after her playing days at Nebraska. DeForge was a pro player for 16 years and was 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 helped the Fever to the second round of the 2007 WNBA Playoffs. In the first round, she tied her career high with 31 points against Connecticut, before pumping in 26 points in a Game 2.

In 1999, DeForge was a first-round pick of the San Jose Lasers in the ABL. In 2000, she was the first Husker to earn a WNBA roster spot with the Detroit Shock. After being out of the league in 2001 and 2002, she regained 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 played professionally in Poland, Spain, Turkey and the Czech Republic. She was a member of the Montenegro National Team from 2010 to 2012.

PINNACLE BANK ARENA



The Nebraska women's basketball program entered 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 is 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, also serves 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 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 the Husker Fan Shop.

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



GAME DAY EXPERIENCE



Top: Nearly 10,000 fans were on hand for Nebraska's season-opening win against UCLA to open Pinnacle Bank Arena on Nov. 8, 2013. The noon tip on a Friday against the Bruins allowed the Husker men to play later that night at the arena, as 25,000 basketball fans filled the arena for two games on its official opening day.

Middle: Pinnacle Bank Arena's ribbon cutting ceremony attracted Nebraska's Governor, Lincoln's Mayor, and the University Chancellor among many other supportive members of the community.



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

HENDRICKS 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 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 that features an LED sensor lighting system with 3-D basketballs.



TRAINING FOR CHAMPIONS



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

From training facilities to competition venues, Nebraska's athletic facilities are second-to-none across the collegiate landscape. From Memorial Stadium to Pinnacle Bank Arena and the Bob Devaney Sports Center, Husker student-athletes have the benefits of training and competing in some of the nation's finest facilities. Fans around the country follow the Huskers with amazing passion across all sports. In 2016-17, nearly 1.3 million fans attended Nebraska's home events across its seven primary team sports. Overall, nine of Nebraska's sports ranked among the top-20 nationally in attendance in 2016-17.



MEMORIAL STADIUM



BOB DEVANEY SPORTS CENTER



BARBARA HIBNER SOCCER STADIUM



ED WEIR STADIUM



HENDRICKS TRAINING COMPLEX



BOWLIN STADIUM



SID AND HAZEL DILLON TENNIS CENTER



PINNACLE BANK ARENA



HAWKS FIELD AT HAYMARKET PARK

NATIONAL POWERS



The Nebraska volleyball team went 31-3 and earned its 13th NCAA Semifinals appearance in school history in 2016. The Huskers won the Big Ten title with an 18-2 record and placed four players on the AVCA All-America team, the most by NU since 2007.



Jake Meyers earned third-team All-America honors after leading the Husker baseball team to its first regular-season Big Ten title in 2017.



All-American Jaycie Johnson was the No. 27 overall pick of the NWSL Draft after leading the Huskers with 11 goals in 2016. Johnson ranked among the team leaders in goals, game-winning goals and multi-goal games.



Tai Webster earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in 2017, as the senior from Auckland, New Zealand, was among the conference leaders in scoring, assists and steals.



MJ Knighten became Nebraska's first softball player to be a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award in 2017. Knighten also became the program's first four-time All-Big Ten selection and was a 2016 first-team All-American.



Julia Bond earned first-team All-America honors for the second straight season by leading the Nebraska bowling team to an NCAA runner-up finish in 2017.

BIG TEN LEADERS



Under the direction of Big Ten Coach of the Year Darin Erstad, the Nebraska baseball team won its first conference title since 2005 and reached an NCAA Tournament for the third time in the last four seasons in 2017.



TJ Dudley (184 pounds) earned third place at the 2017 NCAA Championships. Dudley was a three-time All-American who won 114 matches in his Husker career.



Justine Wong-Orantes was a two-time Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and garnered first-team AVCA All-America honors in 2016, helping the Huskers to a Big Ten title and an NCAA Semifinals appearance.



Anton Stephenson won the Big Ten title on vault and helped the Huskers to their best NCAA Championship finish since 1999.



Sienna Crouse earned first-team All-America honors on the vault, as the Huskers shared the Big Ten regular-season title and placed seventh at the NCAA Championships.

NATION'S BEST FANS

Nebraska was the only NCAA Division I program to rank in the top 15 nationally in attendance in football and men's basketball in 2016-17. In fact, Nebraska ranked in the top 20 in attendance across nine sports in 2016-17.

VOLLEYBALL	1 ST
BASEBALL	6 TH
M. GYMNASTICS	7 TH
WRESTLING	8 TH
FOOTBALL	10 TH
M. BASKETBALL	11 TH
W. GYMNASTICS	16 TH
W. BASKETBALL	17 TH
W. SOCCER	18 TH

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

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 14 staff members, including Women's Basketball Strength Coach Stuart Hart, 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.



BECOMING HUSKER TOUGH



Stuart Hart, Strength & Conditioning Coach
Women's Basketball



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 14 full-time strength and conditioning specialists. Women's Basketball Strength Coach Stuart Hart 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



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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 Ashley Rudolph, the 2017-18 Nebraska athletic medicine staff consists of five physicians, 13 full-time athletic trainers, eight graduate assistant athletic trainers, two full-time in-house athletic psychologists and sports psychiatry consultants who work directly with student-athletes.

Nebraska's medical facilities 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, Haymarket Park, the Bob Devaney Sports Center, Pinnacle Bank Arena and the Nebraska Soccer and Tennis Complex 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.

CARING FOR HUSKERS



Nebraska uses advanced equipment to help athletes recondition after injury.



Nebraska's Athletic Medicine Center features a hydrotherapy area that includes a three-level laned pool. The Hydroworx 1000 Treadmill Pool is equipped with two cameras underwater for evaluation and assessment.



The hot and cold plunge tanks in the Holthus Family Hydrotherapy area help the Huskers recover after workouts and injuries.



Nebraska's on-site medical services for student-athletes rank among the nation's best. Dr. Lonnie Albers, Head Athletic Trainer Jerry Weber (pictured) and the Athletic Medicine staff have their own X-ray equipment at Memorial Stadium.

NAPL: INTEGRATING SPORT



The Nebraska Athletic Performance Laboratory (NAPL) is recognized as the first performance research center within a collegiate department of athletics. The NAPL features a talented, multidisciplinary team that includes a full-time director, assistant director and biomarker lab director, and two research post-doctoral fellows.

Located in East Memorial Stadium adjacent to UNL's Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior (CB3), the NAPL collaborates with Nebraska's Performance staff and athletic programs to offer the highest level of integration of sport performance technologies and systems.

The NAPL is made up of the Mark and Debra Classen Cardio Area, James and Karen Linder Dynamic Performance Center, Markin Family Collaborative Center, Thayer Family Athletic Research Lab and cutting-edge equipment donated by the Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation. The main entrance for the research facilities is located in the Janet and Gerard Keating Family Concourse.

Focused on student-athlete health, safety and welfare, the NAPL is a world-leading research and performance facility focusing on the performance enhancement, safety and long-term well-being of student-athletes.

The NAPL includes simulated athletic environments for studying performance, incorporating a camera system to track human motion capture videos (3D) to measure athletes in their development through testing results to create an athletic performance index for each athlete, force plates to measure ground reaction forces and state-of-the-art technology to assess physiological limitations and biomarkers, investigate exercise cardiovascular capacity and measure body composition.

All 24 Husker athletic programs conduct performance testing at NAPL. Force plates and motion capture videos (3D) are used to measure athletes in their development through testing results to create an athletic performance index for each athlete.

The NAPL uses IDexa as an advanced, accurate and reliable method to analyze and measure body composition.

The focus of the Thayer Family Athletic Research Lab is recovery from competition, travel and all stressors a student athlete might experience by measuring salivary biomarkers hours prior to and up to 24 hours post-competition.

PERFORMANCE, RESEARCH



Researchers in the Thayer Family Athletic Research Lab measure salivary biomarkers to focus on recovery.



Nebraska's Strength and Conditioning team utilizes NAPL facilities and equipment to optimize performance testing across all 24 Husker sports.



Nebraska's Nutrition staff led by Lindsey Remmers utilizes NAPL technology for body composition testing.



Equipment, technology, researchers and student-athletes come together in the Nebraska Athletic Performance Laboratory to put the Huskers on the cutting edge of sport science.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Nebraska increased its nation-leading total of CoSIDA Academic All-America awards to 329 with four selections in 2016-17. Senior track standout Drew Wiseman (Bismarck, N.D., Electrical Engineering) was named the CoSIDA Men's Track and Field Academic All-American of the Year while claiming the second first-team Academic All-America award of his career. Wiseman was named Nebraska's Male Student-Athlete of the Year and ended his career as a six-time All-American. Women's track and field star Tierra Williams (Auburn, Neb.) was named Nebraska's Female Student-Athlete of the Year. She was a seven-time All-America jumper and a 2016 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar. Wiseman and Williams, (pictured right), were Nebraska's 2016-17 Big Ten Medal of Honor winners.

The Nebraska men's track and field team continued its extraordinary run of CoSIDA Academic All-America success with Wiseman's first-team selection. Four-time volleyball All-American Kadie Rolfzen (Papillion, Neb., Advertising & Public Relations) was also a first-team Academic All-American, as was All-Big Ten soccer player Caroline Flynn (Lincoln, Neb., Communication Studies). A 2016 second-team All-American on the balance beam, gymnast Danielle Breen (Ames, Iowa, Accounting) earned second-team Academic All-America honors in the Women's At-Large division.

Overall, 126 Husker student-athletes earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in three commencement exercises at Pinnacle Bank Arena in 2016-17.



A total of 126 Nebraska student-athletes earned their degrees in 2016-17, including 54 in May 2017, 57 in December 2016 and 15 in August 2016. Esther Ramacieri (above left) from Repentigny, Quebec, Canada, claimed her bachelor's degree as a marketing major in May of 2017. Emily Wood (above middle) added her bachelor's degree in May of 2017 after just three years of undergraduate work as a management major. Wood is pursuing her MBA from Nebraska as a true senior in athletic eligibility in 2017-18. Anya Kalenta (above right) from Minsk, Belarus, earned her bachelor's degree as a chemistry major in May of 2017.

HONORING ACHIEVEMENT



Five Huskers earned Outstanding Scholar Awards in 2016-17. The seniors with 3.900 GPAs or better were Emily Wood (women's basketball, pictured above); Caroline Flynn (soccer); Jennie Laeng (women's gymnastics); Kelly Schatz (soccer); and Drew Wiseman (men's track and field). Wood earned her bachelor's degree in management from Nebraska in just three years and is attending graduate school while playing as a senior in 2017-18.



Drew Wiseman was the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year for Men's Track and Field in 2017. A two-time NCAA Elite 90 recipient, Wiseman was also a six-time All-American on the track, earning accolades in both the 400-meter hurdles and the 4x400-meter relay.



Volleyball standout Kadie Rolfzen earned first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors in 2016. Rolfzen, a two-time first-team AVCA All-American, became just the third volleyball player in school history to earn four All-America awards, joining Husker Olympians Jordan Larson and Sarah Pavan. Rolfzen was also an NCAA Postgraduate Scholar recipient in 2017.



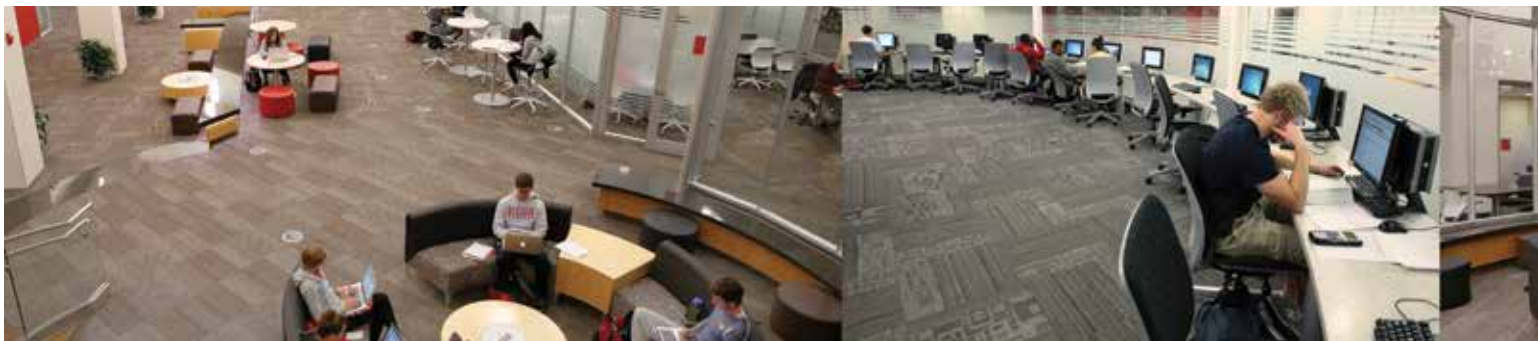
Danielle Breen garnered CoSIDA Academic All-America honors in 2017 after helping the Huskers win the Big Ten regular-season title. Breen was also a second-team All-American on the balance beam and a two-time All-Big Ten performer.

2016-17 ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- 329 All-Time CoSIDA Academic All-Americans**
(leads nation across all sports)
- 107 Football CoSIDA Academic All-Americans**
(leads all sports, all time)
- 38 Volleyball CoSIDA Academic All-Americans**
(leads all women's sports, all time)
- 30 Softball CoSIDA Academic All-Americans**
(No. 3 among all women's sports, all time)
- 44 Men's & Women's Track & Field/Cross Country CoSIDA Academic All-Americans**
(leads nation since CoSIDA added team in 2002)
- Four CoSIDA Academic All-Americans in 2016-17**
(3 first-team, 1 second-team)
First Team: Caroline Flynn (Soccer)
Kadie Rolfzen (Volleyball)
Drew Wiseman (Men's Track & Field)
Second Team: Danielle Breen (Women's Gymnastics)
- CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year in 2016-17**
Drew Wiseman (Men's Track & Field)
- NCAA Elite 90 Award Winners in 2016-17**
Sydney Townsend (Volleyball)
Drew Wiseman (Men's Outdoor Track & Field)
- NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships (\$7,500)**
Kadie Rolfzen (Volleyball)
Jennie Laeng (Women's Gymnastics)
- Big Ten Postgraduate Scholarships (\$7,500 each)**
Jennie Laeng (Women's Gymnastics)
Eric Coufal (Wrestling)
- Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars Award (32)**
Alice Akers, Jasmine Barge, Julia Bond, Cassandra Brassard, Bri Cassidy, Kaiwan Culmer, Reka Czuth, Jordan De Spong, Paula Del Cueto Castillo, Kristen Dowell, Jordan Ehly, Austin Epperson, Jerald Foster, Francesca Giganti, Sydney Harlow, Briana Holman, Harrison Jordan, Eric Karl, Mate Koroknai, Rok Krizaj, Ashley Lambert, Daniel Leal, Angela Mercurio, Sydney Miramontez, Nick Percy, Nina Radulovic, Sanjaya Roy, Alyvia Simmons, Maddie Simon, Toni Tupper, Tierra Williams, Brittni Wolczyk
- Male Student-Athlete of the Year**
Drew Wiseman, Men's Track & Field
- Female Student-Athlete of the Year**
Tierra Williams, Women's Track & Field
- Big Ten Medal of Honor Winners**
Drew Wiseman (Men's Track & Field)
Tierra Williams (Women's Track & Field)
- Big Ten Sportsmanship Award Winners**
Ben Miller (Baseball)
Emily Wood (Women's Basketball)
- Herman Team GPA Award Winners**
Men's Gymnastics Team (3.480 GPA)
Women's Swimming & Diving Team (3.578 GPA)
- Life Skills Award of Excellence Team Winners**
Football
Women's Gymnastics
- 731 Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll Selections**
Fall (382), Spring (349) (3.0 GPA or above)
- 209 Academic All-Big Ten Selections**
(Letterwinner with a 3.0 GPA or above)
- 126 Husker Graduates**
15, August 2016; 57, December 2016; 54, May 2017
- 98 Perfect 4.0 GPA Semesters**
Fall (54), Spring (44)
- 59 Nebraska Big Ten Distinguished Scholars**
3.7 GPA or better, 2016-17



ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE





“Nebraska's academic culture is second to none. If you need any assistance, all you have to do is ask. Nebraska has the top-of-the-line academic counselors, computer support, tutorial staff, supplementary instruction and life skills program. The environment is constructed to be a positive, uplifting place that promotes consistent support of each athlete's education.”

**Karen Jennings, 1993 Wade Trophy Winner
2008 CoSIDA Academic All-America Hall of Fame Inductee
2015 Nebraska Athletics Hall of Fame Inductee**

The athletic academic unit, located in the Dick and Peg Herman Family Student Life Complex, 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 composed of 14 full-time staff members and is certified by the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A) as meeting the standards established by the N4A.

ACADEMIC COUNSELING

Seven academic counselors, three learning specialists and two 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.

TUTORIAL SUPPORT

A tremendous resource for all academic abilities, unlimited tutorial support from approximately 120 tutors on staff is available from day one up to college graduation in all subject areas. The tutorial program is certified as a model tutoring program by the College Reading and Learning Association.

STUDY HALL

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

MENTORING

Academic support staff serve as mentors to all incoming student-athletes and a select group of returning student-athletes. Student-athletes meet with their mentor weekly to develop time management skills, gather and report academic progress information, and discuss academic success strategies.

EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Assessments are administered upon the request of the student-athlete, academic counselor, or coach. Learning specialists are available to administer and score informal assessments, which include a reading comprehension and a writing assessment. When more in-depth assessments are necessary, referrals are made to a consulting psychologist who conducts the assessments. If it is determined a student-athlete has a learning disability or another medical condition that impedes the student from reaching their academic potential, appropriate accommodations are implemented by the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ORIENTATION

Each new student-athlete attends an orientation at the beginning of their academic career. Student-athletes are introduced to staff, faculty, administrators, and a variety of resources that help facilitate the transition into college while enhancing awareness of support services in the Athletic Department and across campus.

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

The Herman Student Life Complex has two computer labs available for student-athletes. The Scott Technology Center features two tech tables for use on group computer projects and group study sessions. Additionally, each student-athlete is provided a laptop for use throughout their academic career at Nebraska.

Renovations to the Nebraska Student Life Complex nearly tripled the size of NU's previous academic space in 2010. The Dick and Peg Herman Family Student Life Complex also features a new technology center and a dedicated Life Skills area and the Papik Computer lab (left).



STUDENT-ATHLETE LIFE

Regarded as the premier and most comprehensive Life Skills program in college athletics, the Husker program is committed to providing proactive education, resources and support through college and beyond to promote total person development and preparation for life after sports. Led by Senior Associate Athletic Director Keith Zimmer, five full-time staff members coordinate community involvement, career planning, communication strategies and much more to benefit Husker student-athletes.



In May of 2017, 22 student-athletes traveled to Nicaragua as part of the NoFilter program to serve abroad with Seeds of Learning, a nonprofit organization that helps to create educational opportunities in rural Latin America. Over the course of one week, these Huskers experienced a new culture, created new friendships and relationships, and most importantly, helped build additional classrooms for a school in the town of Villa Japón.

In August of 2014, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors restructured the way member institutions and conferences, including the Big Ten, govern themselves. Nebraska has a great history and tradition of providing unmatched benefits and support to student-athletes. However, this change in governance, and subsequent legislation, paved the way for Nebraska to enhance the benefits and experiences for student-athletes. A few examples of these enhanced benefits are:

- All scholarship student-athletes across all sports have their scholarship calculated based on the full cost of attendance.
- Each student-athlete is offered an Apple MacBook Air laptop computer to enhance their learning opportunities.
- Nebraska has increased resources and support in all academic and performance related areas including but not limited to Academic Services, Life Skills, Athletic Medicine, Athletic Training, Strength and Conditioning, Nebraska Athletic Performance Laboratory, Nutrition and Dining Services (Training Table) and Sports Analytics.
- Nebraska created the first-known Post-Eligibility Opportunity (PEO) program, where every student-athlete graduate who has exhausted their athletic eligibility has the opportunity to pursue (with Nebraska support) an internship, participate in a study abroad program or attend graduate school at UNL or UNMC.



HONORING ACHIEVEMENT

Maddie Simon earned a Sam Foltz HERO 27 Leadership Award for her exemplary commitment to Nebraska's Life Skills program. The award, which is named in the honor of late-Husker punter Sam Foltz, was presented by his parents, Gerald and Jill, at Nebraska's "A Night at the Lied" award ceremony.



LIFE SKILLS AWARDS

Emily Wood earned a prestigious Nebraska Student-Athlete HERO Leadership Award in 2016. The awards are presented to Nebraska's most committed student-athletes across all sports to leadership and community service. They were renamed in honor of late-Husker punter Sam Foltz beginning in 2017.

EXPERIENCES OF A LIFETIME

SERVICE TO A MUCH LARGER COMMUNITY

The Nebraska Life Skills program offered its third service trip abroad in 2017, taking 22 student-athletes to Nicaragua, including Husker women's basketball student-athlete Maddie Simon (below right). The Huskers also have lent helping hands on service trips to Guatemala (2015) and the Dominican Republic (2016) over the past three summers.



SUCCESS IN COMPETITION, CLASSROOM, COMMUNITY

Nebraska women's basketball student-athlete Grace Mitchell is one of many Husker student-athletes who has participated in the annual Husker Heroes event at Memorial Stadium each September. Mitchell spent time assisting special needs children in a fun-filled day of activities at the 2016 event. Nearly every Nebraska women's student-athlete has earned at least one spot on the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team during its first four years of existence. The Osborne Citizenship Team recognizes student-athletes across all sports who complete a minimum of six service projects in a calendar year.

PROACTIVE EDUCATION

The Life Skills team organizes several orientations aimed at acclimating student-athletes to college life. Additionally, all incoming student-athletes attend the fall semester Husker Life Seminar. This interactive class promotes responsible decision-making, personal brand, financial literacy, leadership, involvement and service.

INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

Every Nebraska student-athlete is assigned a Life Skills staff member who will assist with personal and career development. The meetings help each student-athlete identify a career focus and implement a plan to increase career marketability.

CAREER COMMITMENT & NETWORKING

Annually, Nebraska Life Skills organizes a Student-Athlete Career Fair, Networking Night and other career events aimed at connecting Huskers with companies desiring competitive, hard-working, accountable candidates. Athlete Network and Husker Hire Link provide opportunities to explore career options across the country.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Nebraska student-athletes readily accept the role-model challenge, collectively giving more than 7,500 hours annually to impact thousands across the state of Nebraska. Outreach events include but are not limited to hospital visits, mentoring, school assemblies, statewide rallies (including the Sportsmanship 4 Life Pep Rally), Make-A-Wish, School is Cool and Husker Heroes.

LEADERSHIP

Nebraska Life Skills provides student-athletes with countless opportunities to enhance leadership skills while distinguishing themselves from the competition. Student-athletes can be members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Uplifting Athletes Chapter or Inner Circle. UNL offers more than 600 recognized student organizations allowing athletes to collaborate with other campus leaders for common goals. Nebraska Life Skills funds and coordinates an annual one-week service abroad trip that allows 20 student-athletes to work together toward a common goal while enriching cultural competencies.

RECOGNITION

In 2016-17, a record 386 Husker student-athletes were named to the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team for completing a minimum of six service projects in the calendar year. A host of other recognition opportunities at the institutional, Big Ten and NCAA levels that all reflect the high ideals, character and servant leadership nurtured through community involvement also are available.

POST-ELIGIBILITY OPPORTUNITIES

Effective December 2015 and beyond, student-athletes who letter and graduate will have a three-year window to benefit from one of three post-eligibility opportunities each valued at \$7,500. Upon completion of required seminars, graduates can either study abroad, complete an internship or begin graduate school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln or the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Life Skills program also is responsible for all Diversity and Inclusion initiatives for Husker Athletics. Since 2016, the Diversity and Inclusion Summit has reached all student-athletes and staff members with programming emphasizing respect, acceptance and unity. Numerous other special events are coordinated in collaboration with campus departments highlighting the diversity within Husker Nation.

NEBRASKA: LEADING THE WAY

The University of Nebraska was chartered by the Nebraska Legislature in 1869 as the state's public university and land-grant institution. Founded in Lincoln, the University of Nebraska was expanded in 1968 into a state educational system now comprising four campuses under the guidance of a Board of Regents and a central administration. Nebraska, which joined the Big Ten Conference in 2011, is a member of the Big Ten Academic Alliance, a consortium of Big Ten universities and the University of Chicago, which has generated unique opportunities for students and faculty by sharing expertise, leveraging resources and collaborating on programs.

Discover more about the University of Nebraska at unl.edu.



BIG TEN ACADEMIC ALLIANCE (BTAA)

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



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MISSION

As a land-grant university there are three primary missions of the University: teaching, research and service. UNL is the state's primary intellectual center providing leadership throughout the state through quality education and the generation of new knowledge.

UNL COLLEGES

- Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
- Architecture
- Arts and Sciences
- Business Administration
- Education and Human Sciences
- Engineering
- Hixson-Lied Fine and Performing Arts
- Journalism and Mass Communications
- Law

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

INNOVATION CAMPUS

Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC), which is designed to facilitate new and more in-depth partnership with UNL and the private sector, opened its first buildings in the summer of 2014. The Food Innovation Center and Greenhouse Innovation Center both opened in 2015.



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MASTERS PROGRAMS

136

UNL HAS STUDENTS FROM
136 COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS ALL 50 STATES

183

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

611

RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

26,091

UNL RECORD ENROLLMENT (FALL, 2017)

196,962

LIVING ALUMNI



Nebraska's Outdoor Adventure Center opened in 2014 and features a 42-foot rock climbing wall in the heart of campus.



The new \$84 million, 240,000-square-foot College of Business building, the largest academic building project in the recent history of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, opened in July in time for the 2017-18 academic year.

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



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA NATIONAL RANKINGS

- No. 1 Best-Value Law School (*National Jurist Magazine*)
- No. 1 Best-Value Online MBA in the World (*Financial Times*)
- No. 4 Best Online Graduate Education Programs (*U.S. News & World Report*)
- No. 4 Best Online Graduate Education Programs for Veterans (*U.S. News & World Report*)
- No. 9 Rising Star in Research among U.S. Institutions (*Springer Nature*)
- No. 13 Best Online MBA Programs for Veterans (*U.S. News & World Report*)
- No. 18 Best Online Graduate Engineering Programs (*U.S. News & World Report*)
- No. 20 Speech-Language Pathology Grad Schools (*U.S. News & World Report*)
- No. 21 Best Online MBA Programs (*U.S. News & World Report*)
- No. 24 in 'Best For Vets' Colleges (*Military Times*)
- Rated among top half of first tier of Top National Universities (*U.S. News & World Report*)

WELCOME TO LINCOLN

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



LINCOLN'S NATIONAL RANKINGS

- No. 1 Most Content City (24/7 Wallstreet)
- No. 1 Top 10 Cities for Job Seekers (*Forbes*)
- No. 1 Healthiest Small City (Daily Finance)
- No. 1 City in Best Places for Business and Careers (*Forbes*)
- No. 2 City in Highest Quality of Life (Huffington Post)
- No. 3 Top Cities for Young Entrepreneurs (Nerd Wallet)
- No. 3 Top 10 Places to Travel in the U.S. in 2017 (lonelyplanet.com)
- No. 3 Lowest Unemployment Rate (Bureau of Labor)
- No. 6 Best College Town (AIER)
- No. 8 Top 10 Best Downtowns (livability.com)
- No. 8 Best Cities of 2016 (SmartAsset.com)
- Top-10 Most Beautiful Cities in USA (The Culture Trip)



Some of the artists who have played Pinnacle Bank Arena to huge crowds since it opened include Katy Perry (left), Jay-Z, Justin Bieber, Kenny Chesney, Lil' Wayne (center), Jason Aldean, Eric Church (right), Pink, Miranda Lambert, Paul McCartney, Billy Joel, Blake Shelton, Pearl Jam, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Carrie Underwood.

Modeled after the Power and Light District in Kansas City, the Railyard is near the front entrance of Pinnacle Bank Arena, allowing fans to attend an event and enjoy the outdoor plaza.



PROMINENT PEOPLE, NEBRASKA TIES

Grover Cleveland Alexander, Major League 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, Major League Baseball pitcher · Dick Cheney, 46th U.S. Vice-president



Adam DeVine, actor · Brian Duensing, Major League Baseball pitcher · Henry Fonda, Academy Award-winning actor · Bob Gibson, Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher,



St. Louis Cardinals · Alex Gordon, Major League Baseball All-Star, Gold Glove winner, 2015 World Series Champion, 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 · Tyronn Lue, Head Coach, 2016 NBA Champion Cleveland Cavaliers · Malcolm X, civil rights leader · Nick Nolte, actor, producer · Alexander Payne, Academy Award-winning Director · Edwin Perkins, inventor of Kool-Aid, philanthropist · Andy Roddick, tennis star, 2003 U.S. Open Champion · Gale Sayers, Football Hall of Fame running back, Chicago Bears · Hilary Swank, two-time Academy Award-winning actress · Jack Sock, 2014 Wimbledon doubles



champion · Gabrielle Union, actress · James Valentine, Maroon 5 guitarist · Tony Watson, Major League Baseball All-Star, Pittsburgh Pirates



OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Nebraska's largest city, Omaha and its metro-area, is less than an hour's drive from Lincoln and has a population of approximately 900,000. Omaha is home to TD Ameritrade Park, the NCAA College World Series and the world-renowned Henry Doorly Zoo.

HUSKERS SHINE ON WORLD STAGE

“To be the first Husker women's basketball player to earn an Olympic medal is pretty amazing...I am just happy to continue to represent Nebraska no matter where I go.”

**Danielle Page, 2016 Olympic Bronze Medalist
Husker Letterwinner (2005-08)**

Nebraska's women's basketball players have produced remarkable long-term success at the international level over the last two decades. In 2016, Danielle Page (top) became Nebraska basketball's first Olympic medalist by winning a bronze with her adopted home country of Serbia. In 2017, Kelsey Griffin (right) earned MVP honors at the Asia Cup in her first appearance with the Australian National Team. Canadian Olympian Chelsea Aubry (bottom left) spent a successful career in Australia while playing alongside Griffin with the Bendigo Spirit. Yvonne Turner (bottom middle) who enjoyed a successful rookie season with the Phoenix Mercury in the WNBA in 2017, has had a highly successful career in Australia, Asia and Europe since 2010. Jordan Hooper (bottom right) has spent four seasons in the WNBA and will play her first season with the Canberra Capitals in Australia's WNBL in 2017-18.

