

2016 NEBRASKA TRACK & FIELD MEDIA GUIDE



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Husker Quick Facts

Location:	Lincoln, Neb.
Enrollment:	25,260
Population:	265,401
Founded:	1869
Chancellor:	Harvey S. Perlman, J.D.
Institutional Representative:	Josephine Potuto, J.D.
Director of Athletics:	Shawn Eichorst
Nickname:	Cornhuskers or Huskers
Colors:	Scarlet & Cream
Website:	Huskers.com
Indoor Track:	Bob Devaney Sports Center Indoor Track
Outdoor Track:	Ed Weir Stadium
Conference:	Big Ten

Huskers by the Numbers

2015 Big Ten Women's Finishes (I/O):	t5th/2nd
2015 NCAA Women's Finishes (I/O):	DNS/t66th
2015 Big Ten Men's Finishes (I/O):	1st/2nd
2015 NCAA Men's Finishes (I/O):	t13th/t68th
All-Time National Champions (W/M):	44/34
All-Time All-Americans (W/M):	328/297
All-Time NCAA Top-Five Finishes (W/M):	21/8
All-Time Conference Titles (W/M):	42/64
All-Time Conference Champions (W/M):	366/545
All-Time Olympians (W/M):	22/26

Returning Huskers

2015 First-Team All-Americans Returning:	2
Oladapo Akinmoladun (60m hurdles, 7th, Indoor)	
J. Bender, C. Rush, L. Gipson, D. Wiseman (4x400, 2nd, Indoor)	
2015 Big Ten Champions Returning:	3
Oladapo Akinmoladun (60m hurdles, Indoor)	
Reka Czuth (Long Jump, Outdoor)	
Sarah Firestone (Javelin, Outdoor)	

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THIS IS NEBRASKA

Since the arrival of Head Coach Gary Pepin in 1981, Nebraska track and field has been one of the nation's premier programs. Under Pepin's guidance, the Huskers have increased their program totals to three national titles, 78 individual national champions, 625 All-Americans, 911 conference champions, 44 Big Eight team titles, 23 Big 12 team championships and three Big Ten team titles.

The Huskers' drive for success has not been limited to the oval. It has carried over to the classroom, where Nebraska track and field student-athletes have earned 55 CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

Nebraska's seasoned staff features six full-time coaches with more than 180 years of college coaching experience. Stability is a key at Nebraska, as two of Pepin's assistants have been with the program for 20 or more years, including Billy Maxwell (21st season) and Matt Martin (20th season).



In his 35 seasons, Head Coach Gary Pepin has coached at least one jumper to All-America honors every year except 1982. In 2015, Pepin coached James White and Marusa Cernjul to a combined three first-team All-America honors.

TRACK & FIELD



Oladapo Akinmoladun repeated as the Big Ten Indoor 60m hurdles champion in 2015 and earned first-team All-America honors at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

3 THE HUSKER WOMEN WON THREE STRAIGHT NATIONAL TITLES FROM 1982 TO 1984

78 MILES UKAOMA BECAME THE PROGRAM'S 78TH NCAA CHAMPION IN 2014 WITH A WIN IN THE OUTDOOR 400M HURDLES

29 THE HUSKERS HAVE PLACED AMONG THE TOP FIVE TEAMS AT THE NCAA INDOOR AND OUTDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 29 TIMES

106 THE 2015 HUSKER MEN WON THE PROGRAM'S 106TH CONFERENCE TEAM TITLE DURING THE INDOOR SEASON

48 ONE OF THE HUSKERS' 48 OLYMPIANS, PRISCILLA LOPES-SCHLIEP EARNED A BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 100M HURDLES AT THE 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES IN BEIJING

625 DATING BACK TO 1976, THE HUSKERS HAVE EARNED 625 ALL-AMERICA HONORS, WITH AT LEAST ONE EVERY YEAR, INCLUDING FIVE HONORS IN 2015

55 HUSKER TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES HAVE EARNED 55 COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA AWARDS

911 FIVE INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE TITLES WERE EARNED LAST SEASON, GROWING THE HUSKERS' TOTAL TO 911 CONFERENCE TITLES



NATIONAL PROMINENCE

The Nebraska track and field team is a force every year at the NCAA Championships, including last year when the Huskers earned five All-America honors. The women's team won back-to-back-to-back national titles from 1982 to 1984 and most recently finished in the top 20 at the NCAA Indoor Championships five times in the past 13 years. Outdoors, the women's team has secured 21 top-25 finishes in the past 27 seasons, including top-10 finishes from 2002 to 2006. The men's team has been among the top 25 at 19 of the last 22 indoor championships, including a tie for fifth in 2009. Outdoors, the men have finished in the top 20 at 10 of the last 12 meets, including top-15 finishes in 2003, 2004, 2006, 2012, 2013 and 2014.



Above: James White was an All-American in the high jump at both the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships in 2015. White tied for fourth indoors and was seventh outdoors.



Top left: The 4x400 relay team of Jake Bender, Levi Gipson, Cody Rush and Drew Wiseman earned another first-team All-America honor by finishing second at the 2015 NCAA Indoor Championships with a school-record time of 3:04.83.



Top right: Marusa Cernjul earned her first All-America honor in the high jump at the 2015 NCAA Outdoor Championships, finishing seventh.

Bottom right: Oladapo Akinmoladun became a first-team All-American in the 60m hurdles at the 2015 NCAA Indoor Championships with a seventh-place finish.



CONFERENCE DOMINANCE

The Nebraska track and field program began in 1889 and has competed in five different conferences, beginning in 1908 with the Missouri Valley Conference. Nebraska moved to the Big Six Conference in 1929, which grew into the Big Seven in 1948, the Big Eight in 1958 and then transformed to the Big 12 Conference in 1996. NU moved to the Big Ten in 2012. Over the past 118 years of Nebraska track and field, the program has been the most dominant program in conference history. The men's and women's squads have combined to win 911 individual titles and 106 conference team championships. The Huskers were also the most dominant program in the Big 12 Conference, winning 23 of the 57 team titles, the most of any program in the league. The Huskers produced one of the most impressive feats across all conference sports from 1980 to 1995 when the women's team won both the indoor and outdoor league titles every year, an unmatched 16-year run. The men's team was just as tough at the Big 12 level, winning 15 team titles. The Husker men won their sixth outdoor title in 2010, when they became the first men's team in Big 12 history to repeat at the outdoor meet. Indoors, the men won six straight titles from 2000 to 2005 and added another in 2007. The Husker women claimed the program's first Big Ten title at the 2012 indoor meet. The men added an outdoor title in 2013 and the program's first Big Ten indoor title in 2015.

106 CONFERENCE TEAM TITLES

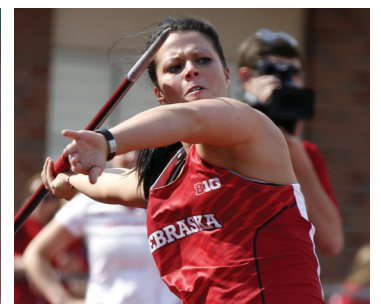
911 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

3 BIG TEN TEAM TITLES

35 BIG TEN CHAMPIONS



Above: The 2015 Nebraska men won the Big Ten Indoor title with a dominating 127 points. It was the program's first indoor title as a Big Ten school. Below from left to right: Oladapo Akinmoladun (indoor 60m hurdles), James White (indoor and outdoor high jump), Reka Czuth (outdoor long jump) and Sarah Firestone (javelin) captured individual Big Ten titles in 2015.



OLYMPIANS

The Nebraska track and field program annually produces athletes who go on to professional careers in track and field. At the most recent games in London, Nebraska was represented by Chantae McMillan and Gyorgyi Farkas in the women's heptathlon, Carl Myerscough in the men's shot put, Janis Leitis in the men's 400 meters, Lehann Fourie in the men's 110m hurdles, Ineta Radevica in the women's long jump and Amber Neben in women's cycling.

Going back to the 1968 Games in Mexico City, the Huskers have had at least one current or former athlete win an Olympic medal in track and field at every Olympic Games except the 1972 (Munich), 1988 (Seoul), 2004 (Athens) and 2012 (London) Games. The Huskers have also had a representative at every Olympic Games since the 1956 Games in Melbourne, Australia.



A two-time Olympian for Canada, Priscilla Lopes-Schliep won her first Olympic medal at the 2008 Games in Beijing with a bronze-medal performance in the 100m hurdles.



The most decorated athlete in Nebraska track and field history, Merlene Ottey has competed in seven Olympic Games, while winning eight medals.



Following a stellar collegiate career where he won one national title and earned eight All-America honors, Dusty Jonas was a member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic team in Beijing.

HUSKERS IN THE PROS

Not only do Nebraska track and field athletes go on to compete professionally following their collegiate careers, many current Huskers annually compete in their home countries or compete at international meets wearing the Huskers 'N' following the collegiate season.



IAAF DIAMOND LEAGUE

Priscilla Lopes-Schliep had arguably her best season as a professional in 2010, as she recorded the top time in the world in 2010 at 12.52 in the 100m hurdles during her victory in London, beating out LoLo Jones' 12.55 from earlier in the season in New York. Lopes-Schliep ended the year with eight victories, including wins in her final four races, and placed no lower than fourth all season at 14 meets. Lopes-Schliep also took the top spot in the Diamond League standing over Jones, which earned Lopes-Schliep the inaugural Diamond Race Trophy, a four-carat diamond worth \$80,000.



TRACK & FIELD NEWS RANKINGS

Former Husker national champion and 2008 Olympic bronze medalist Priscilla Lopes-Schliep (above) was picked as the No. 1 women's 100m hurdler in the world on the Track and Field News World Rankings for the 2010 season.

Lopes-Schliep was one of four former Huskers listed on the top-10 world list, as three-time triple jump national champion Ineta Radevica (Latvia) (left) was fifth in the long jump, two-time outdoor national champion Becky Breisch (United States) was seventh in the discus, while eight-time All-American and 2008 indoor high jump national champion Dusty Jonas (United States) was ninth in the high jump.



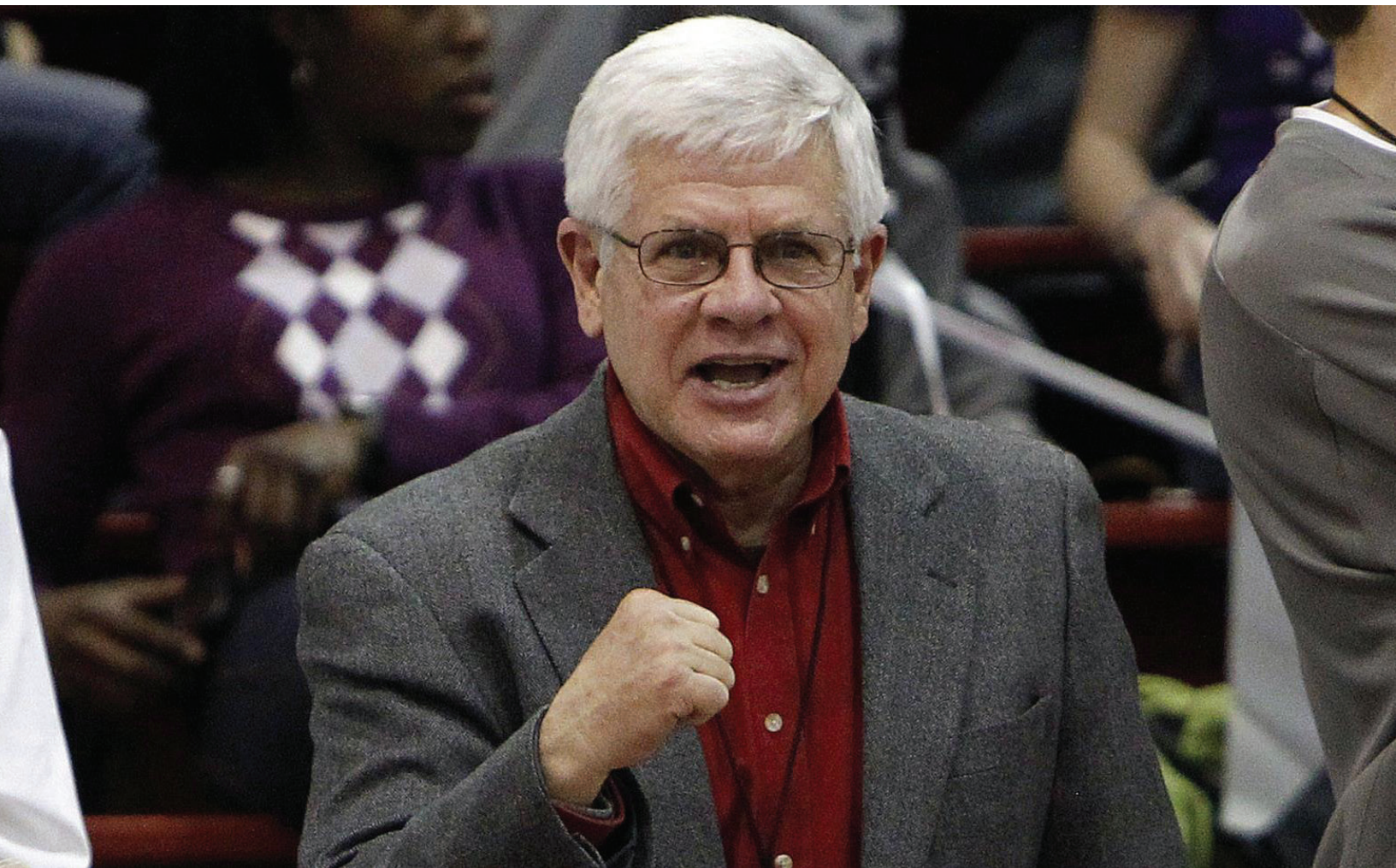
NACAC U-23 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Guanajuato, Mexico

Former Husker Chris Phipps (left) was chosen to represent Team USA at the 2012 NACAC U23 Championships, which consisted of teams from 32 IAAF member nations in North America, Central America and the Caribbean Athletic Association.

A seven-time All-American and Big Ten Champion, Phipps continued his success in 2012 with a meet title. He finished first in the triple jump with a leap of 53-1 1/2 (16.19). The mark tied his personal-best jump that he set at the Sun Angel Classic in Tempe, Ariz.

HEAD COACH GARY PEPIN



The all-time winningest track and field coach in the history of the Big 12 and the former Big Eight Conference, Nebraska Head Coach Gary Pepin enters his 36th season as the head coach of the Nebraska men's and women's track and field teams in 2016, making him the longest tenured active coach in Cornhusker athletics and Big Ten track and field head coach. Since 2000, Pepin's squads have combined to win three Big Ten team titles, 19 Big 12 team titles, 25 Big Ten event titles, 143 individual Big 12 titles, 20 individual NCAA titles and have finished in the top 10 at the NCAA Championships 12 times.

36 SEASONS AS NEBRASKA'S HEAD COACH, MAKING HIM THE LONGEST TENURED ACTIVE TRACK & FIELD COACH IN THE BIG TEN

57 INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS COACHED

70 CONFERENCE TEAM TITLES IN THE BIG EIGHT, BIG 12 AND BIG TEN

501 FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICANS COACHED

542 INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS COACHED

"The coaching staff, as well as the support system at Nebraska, are the sole reasons why I was able to accomplish the things that I did in my time at the university. My coaches helped push me to levels that I previously thought were unattainable, and I am thankful that they granted me the opportunity to compete for this team."

Kirkland Thornton

Former three-time Husker All-American and professional hurdler

COACHING STAFF



BILLY MAXWELL
21ST SEASON AT NEBRASKA (FLORIDA STATE, 1966)
MEN'S SPRINTS/HURDLES/RELAYS
2015 USTFCCCA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



MATT MARTIN
20TH SEASON AT NEBRASKA (NEBRASKA, 1994)
RECRUITING COORDINATOR, WOMEN'S SPRINTS/HURDLES/RELAYS



T.J. PIERCE
14TH SEASON AT NEBRASKA (NEBRASKA, 1996)
COMBINED EVENTS/POLE VAULT



DAVID HARRIS
5TH SEASON AT NEBRASKA (NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE, 1978)
DISTANCE/HEAD CROSS COUNTRY COACH



SCOTT CAPPOS
2ND SEASON AT NEBRASKA (INDIANA, 1992)
THROWS

DEVANEY CENTER INDOOR TRACK



After the Bob Devaney Sports Center Indoor Track received a nearly \$3 million facelift in 2000, the athletic department invested another \$1.1 million prior to the start of the 2011 season to one of the world's fastest banked tracks.

Not only was the oval resurfaced, the Devaney's interior was repainted, new lights were installed and a 24x14-foot video board was hung in addition to the installment of new bleachers.

The Nebraska Track and Field Hall of Fame also received a facelift as part of Nebraska's RED Project, as new trophy cases, displays and televisions to show team highlights were implemented.

The Huskers run on one of the few hydraulic-banked tracks in the world. NU's 200m track has the largest legal radius (67 feet) of any indoor-banked track in the world. The banks and all the running surfaces rest on a sleeper system, which is made of both steel (banks) and wood (straightaways) frames.

The Devaney Center accommodates up to 5,000 spectators for all track and field events and received all new bleachers before the start of the 2012 season.

The venue is at the top of the class in the Big Ten Conference and across the nation, as it played host to the Big 12 Indoor Championships eight times in 14 years, including six straight championships from 2001 to 2006. The Big Ten Indoor Championships came to the Devaney Center in 2012, the Huskers' first season as a member of the Big Ten.



Nebraska's indoor throws ring allows Husker athletes to train during any season in climate-controlled conditions.

ED WEIR STADIUM

Nestled between Memorial Stadium, the Hawks Championship Center and the NU Coliseum, the Huskers' outdoor track is in the heart of Nebraska's athletic complex. Ed Weir Stadium provides a beautiful setting for home meets with permanent seating for 3,500 spectators.

Nebraska's recent additions of the Hawks Championship Center in 2005 and the Osborne Athletic Complex in 2006 have provided the track and field team with a second indoor warm-up center, new media facility and additional restrooms and concessions areas. The track underwent a \$2.33 million renovation in 2012 where the entire track base and Mondo surface were replaced.

During its 36-year existence, Ed Weir Stadium has hosted eight National Junior Olympics, a USA-USSR Junior Dual Meet, six Big Eight Championships, one Big 12 Outdoor Championships and two NCAA Midwest Regional Championships. The Huskers played host to the first NCAA Midwest Regional in 2003 and were the hosts again in 2008. The venue also hosted the Special Olympics for the first time in 2010 when the USA National Games were in Lincoln. In 2016, Ed Weir Stadium will be the host site for the Big Ten Outdoor Championships.



Husker athletes run on a Mondo synthetic rubber surface, the same surface utilized by many of the world's other top competitive sites, including Olympic Stadium in Athens, Greece, the site of the 2004 Summer Olympics and the Bird's Nest in Beijing, China, the home of the 2008 Summer Olympics.



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 to the new soccer/tennis complex which opened in the fall of 2015, Husker student-athletes have the benefits of training and competing in state-of-the-art facilities. Fans across the state and region support Husker Athletics, as football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball and baseball all finished in the top-15 nationally in attendance during the 2014-15 year.



MEMORIAL STADIUM



BOB DEVANEY SPORTS CENTER



NEBRASKA RIFLE RANGE



BOB DEVANEY SPORTS CENTER NATATORIUM



ED WEIR STADIUM



HENDRICKS TRAINING COMPLEX



BOWLIN STADIUM



BARBARA HIBNER SOCCER STADIUM AND SID AND HAZEL DILLON TENNIS CENTER



PINNACLE BANK ARENA



HAWKS FIELD AT HAYMARKET PARK

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 14 staff members 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 track and field team 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. Athletes receive their own individual computerized program each year.

Supervision - The Husker Power staff has 14 full-time strength and conditioning specialists. Track and Field Strength Coach Brian Kmita works directly with the track and field 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 Track & Field Athletic Trainer Brad Brown, the 2015-16 Nebraska athletic medicine staff consists of five doctors, two therapist/athletic trainers, 11 athletic trainers and seven graduate assistant athletic trainers.

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.



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

Bottom left: The Lewis Training Table offers buffet-style service for lunch and dinner. Nebraska's nutritionists work with all student-athletes to develop comprehensive nutrition plans.

Bottom right: 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, while the hot and cold plunge tanks are also available to the Huskers.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Nebraska increased its nation-leading total of CoSIDA Academic All-America awards to 320, adding six Huskers in 2014-15. Junior guard Shavon Shields (Olathe, Kan.) became NU's first-ever first-team Academic All-American in men's basketball. Senior sprinter John Welk (Bismarck, N.D.), who was Nebraska's Male Student-Athlete of the Year, led three first-team CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for the men's track and field program. Welk, who was honored as the Academic All-American of the Year in men's track and field, was joined by Levi Gipson (Lincoln, Neb.) and Drew Wiseman (Bismarck, N.D.). Junior gymnast Ethan Lottman (Omaha, Neb.) earned second-team Academic All-America status. Sophomore outfielder Ryan Boldt (Red Wing, Minn.) was a third-team Academic All-American in baseball. In 2014-15, Lottman was one of three Huskers to win the NCAA Elite 89 Award, presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 89 championship events. Nebraska's other two recipients of the prestigious award were Wiseman and senior thrower Will Lohman (Chewelah, Wash.) who claimed the honors in indoor and outdoor men's track and field, respectively.

Graduation is the ultimate achievement, and 118 Husker student-athletes earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in three commencement exercises at Pinnacle Bank Arena in 2014-15. At the conclusion of the academic year, Nebraska student-athletes posted an impressive 3.155 cumulative GPA.



In April, Nebraska celebrated 25 years of Student-Athlete Recognition Banquets with "A Night at the Lied," the Husker version of the Emmys, Oscars and ESPYs rolled into one. More than 1,400 attended the celebration that was capped with Nebraska Director of Athletics Shawn Eichorst (above left) and Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany (above right) presenting the Student-Athlete-of-the-Year awards and Big Ten Medals of Honor to Jessie DeZiel (above second from left) and John Welk (above third from left). DeZiel, a senior from Rogers, Minn., was a nine-time All-American for the Nebraska women's gymnastics team. Welk, a senior from Bismarck, N.D., was a three-time All-American and the 2015 CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year in men's track and field.

"We have really special people who take great pride and put a lot of emphasis in academic excellence and graduation. We recruit young men and women who have good character and a strong work ethic, and Dennis Leblanc and his academic team do a great job keeping them focused on the right accomplishments."

Gary Pepin, Nebraska Head Coach
2008 USTFCCCA Hall of Fame Inductee



Former track and field student-athletes Jessica Wright and Alney Tobias received their diplomas at commencement exercises in Pinnacle Bank Arena in May.



More than 400 student-athletes were honored at the academic banquet, including 68 gold (3.750 to 4.000 GPA), 61 silver (3.500 to 3.749 GPA) and 140 bronze (3.000 to 3.499 GPA) medallion winners. Six Huskers earned Outstanding Scholar Awards, presented to seniors exhausting their eligibility with a cumulative GPA of 3.900 or better. The honorees included: Mark Hilderbrand, John Welk and Will Lohman (pictured above) (Track and Field), Amanda and Jennifer Lauer (Women's Gymnastics), and Josh Reinertson (Men's Golf).



In 2015, Shavon Shields became the first Husker men's basketball player to earn first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors. Shields was one of six Husker student-athletes across all sports to capture CoSIDA Academic All-America awards in 2014-15, pushing Nebraska's nation-leading total to 320 Academic All-American awards all time.



In 2014-15, 118 Huskers earned their college degrees, including senior Ameer Abdullah (pictured above). Abdullah became the first Husker male athlete in history to earn a prestigious Senior CLASS Award, which is presented annually to the sport's most outstanding senior student-athlete. The award recognizes achievements in four areas of excellence – classroom, community, character and competition. Previous Husker Senior CLASS Award winners were Kelsey Griffin (Women's Basketball, 2010) and Gina Mancuso (Volleyball, 2012).



The NCAA established the Elite 89 Award to recognize individuals who reach the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. Ethan Lottman (Men's Gymnastics), Drew Wiseman (Indoor Track, pictured) and Will Lohman (Outdoor Track) won the awards for the Huskers in 2015.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- 320 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (all-time, all-sports, leads nation)
- 107 Football CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (leads all sports, all time)
- 37 Volleyball CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (leads all women's sports, all time)
- 29 Softball CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (No. 2 among all women's sports, all time)
- 41 Men's & Women's Track & Field/Cross Country Combined CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (leads nation since CoSIDA added team in 2002)

CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year in 2014-15
John Welk (Men's Track & Field)

Six CoSIDA Academic All-Americans in 2014-15
(4 first-team, 1 second-team, 1 third-team)
First Team: Levi Gipson (Men's Track & Field), Shavon Shields (Men's Basketball)
John Welk (Men's Track & Field)
Drew Wiseman (Men's Track & Field)
Second Team: Ethan Lottman (Men's Gymnastics)
Third Team: Ryan Boldt (Baseball)

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship (\$7,500)
John Welk (Men's Track & Field)

Big Ten Postgraduate Scholarship Winners (\$7,500 each)
Amanda & Jennifer Lauer (Women's Gymnastics)
John Welk (Men's Track & Field)

NCAA Elite 89 Academic Award Winners (3)
Ethan Lottman (Men's Gymnastics)
Drew Wiseman (Men's Indoor Track & Field)
Will Lohman (Men's Outdoor Track & Field)

Senior CLASS Award - Ameer Abdullah (Football)

Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars Award (16)
Oladapo Akinmoladun (Men's Track & Field), Paula Andrie (Women's Track & Field), Alexandra Bilunas (Swimming & Diving), Bria Deveaux (Swimming & Diving), Jordan Harrison (Football), Gazmine Mason (Bowling), Mike Moudy (Football), Steven Reveles (Baseball), Andrea Ruiz (Bowling), Christian Sanderfer (Men's Track & Field), Shavon Shields (Men's Basketball), Leslee Smith (Men's Basketball), Vasileios Stavropoulos (Men's Tennis), Dawna Tyson (Softball), Tai Webster (Men's Basketball), Nathan Wong (Men's Golf)

Male Student-Athlete of the Year
John Welk, Men's Track & Field

Female Student-Athlete of the Year
Jessie DeZiel, Women's Gymnastics

Big Ten Medal of Honor Winners
Jessie DeZiel and John Welk

Big Ten Sportsmanship Award Winners
Ameer Abdullah (Football)
Samantha Areman (Soccer)

Herman Award Winners (Top Team GPA)
Men's Tennis (3.510 GPA)
Women's Swimming & Diving (3.568 GPA)

Life Skills Team Award Winners
Men's Gymnastics, Women's Soccer

690 Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll Selections
Fall (356) and Spring (334) (3.0 GPA or above)

205 Academic All-Big Ten Awards (Letterwinner, 3.0 GPA)

118 Student-Athletes Degrees
August 2014-12; December 2014-48; May 2015-58

87 Student-Athletes with Perfect 4.0 GPA Semesters
Fall (43); Spring (44)

62 Big Ten Distinguished Scholars (3.7 GPA, 2014-15)



THE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE



Construction was completed in the fall of 2010 on the Nebraska Student Life Complex, which nearly tripled the size of NU's previous academic space. 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.



"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, Former Women's Basketball Player

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.



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

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 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.

To discover more about the University of Nebraska visit unl.edu

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

As a member of the Big Ten, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is a member of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, which includes all 14 Big Ten Institutions and the University of Chicago. The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) 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.



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- Rated among Top 100 National Universities (U.S. News & World Report)
- Rated among Top 50 Public National Universities (U.S. News & World Report)
- Rated among Top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges (Kiplinger's Personal Finance)
- No. 2 Best Online MBA Programs for Veterans (U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 2 Best Online Graduate Education for Veterans (U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 6 Best Online MBA Programs (U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 11 Best Online Graduate Education Programs (U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 17 Speech-Language Pathology Grad Schools (U.S. News & World Report)
- No. 20 Best College for Veterans (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.



Some of the artists that have played Pinnacle Bank Arena since it opened in 2013 include: Jay-Z, Katy Perry, Kenny Chesney, Pink, Jason Aldean, Miranda Lambert and Paul McCartney.



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 (Sperling's)
- Top 10 College Town (Relocate America)



Modeled after the Power and Light District in Kansas City, the Railyard sits right across from the front entrance of Pinnacle Bank Arena, allowing fans to go to an event and then go out to the outdoor plaza.

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 nearly 900,000. Omaha is home to TD Ameritrade Park, the NCAA College World Series and the world-renowned Henry Doorly Zoo.



PROMINENT PEOPLE WITH 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, Minnesota Twins · 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 and World Series champion, Kansas City



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champion · Gabrielle Union, actress · **James Valentine, Maroon 5** · Tony Watson, Major League Baseball All-Star, Pittsburgh Pirates · Paula Zahn, Former News anchor for CNN

NATIONAL POWERS



The Husker bowling team won its fifth NCAA title since 2004. Nebraska was led by 2015 NCAA Player of the Year Lizabeth Kuhlkin, who finished her career as a four-time All-American.



All-American Kadie Rolfzen led the Huskers to their second straight Elite Eight finish in 2014.



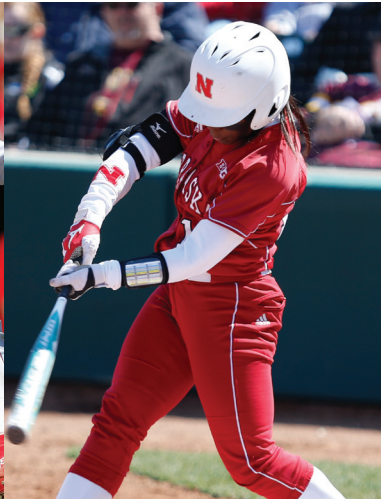
Rachel Martin became Nebraska's most recent individual NCAA champion, winning the smallbore title at the 2015 NCAA Rifle Championships.



I-back Ameer Abdullah was the first Husker male student-athlete to win the Senior CLASS Award in 2014. Abdullah was a second-round pick of the Detroit Lions.



Tanner Lubach was a three-year starter for the Husker baseball team and was one of four Huskers selected in the 2015 MLB Draft.



Kiki Stokes earned All-America honors, setting school records in runs scored and on-base percentage in 2015.



The Husker men's track and field team won the Big Ten Indoor title in 2015. Gary Pepin has guided the Husker track and field programs to 70 conference titles in his tenure at Nebraska.



Ethan Lottman garnered first-team All-America honors in 2015 and was also a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-American.



High jumper James White earned first-team All-America honors during both the indoor and outdoor seasons in 2015.



Terran Petteway was a two-time All-Big Ten performer and scored over 1,000 points during his Husker career.



Wrestler James Green was a four-time All-American and was selected to represent the United States at the 2015 World Championships.

UNMATCHED FAN SUPPORT

Nebraska was the only NCAA Division I program to rank in the top 10 nationally in attendance in football and men's basketball in 2014-15. In addition, the Husker volleyball (first), baseball (11th) and women's basketball programs (11th) all ranked in the top 15 nationally.

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