



2024-25
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



FROM THE DESK OF
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DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Friends of Loper Athletics,

We would like to invite you to become a member of the Loper Athletic Club today! A special thank-you to those members who have joined the booster club and remained loyal over the past few years. Your LAC support for Loper Athletics provides the needed funding that offsets the financial challenges of increasing costs associated with competing at the highest level of NCAA Division II Athletics.

The LAC helps provide the necessary resources for our young women and men who work hard to balance academic and athletic excellence. Your loyalty and commitment to the Loper Athletic Club assist our coaches with recruiting, developing, retaining and graduating remarkable student-athletes and leaders. For our coaches and student-athletes to excel at a high level, our programs rely on external resources for facility improvements, equipment upgrades and other expenses that exceed our operating budgets.

Your support has a real impact on the success of our 15 programs. We encourage you to show your Loper Pride by joining the Loper Athletic Club.

Go Lopers!



LOPER ATHLETIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership into the **Loper Athletic Club (LAC)** is as simple as filling out and returning the enclosed form OR signing up online at unk.edu/lac. You are able to choose from a menu that best fits your goal as a Loper booster. Your membership will enhance the athletic department's ability to improve team travel, recruiting, equipment, academic assistance, facilities and the overall student-athlete experience.

The LAC is essential in providing Loper Athletics the support needed to be successful.



GIFTS IN KIND AND SPONSORSHIPS

Businesses may be interested in trading goods and/or services that include, but are not limited to, real estate, grain, food and beverages and athletic equipment for advertising and other employee incentives. All gifts in kind and sponsorships are run through the athletics office. Check the option on the enclosed form and the athletics office will contact you.

MAJOR GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS

Individuals, foundations and corporations can provide far-reaching support by making a major gift. These major gifts include cash, securities, real estate or other personal property in the amount of \$50,000 or more.

The earnings that endowments generate ensure the continued support of Loper Athletics in perpetuity. An endowed scholarship may be established in your name or that of a loved one. You also can designate which specific athletic program or area you want to support through an endowment.

For more information on major gifts and endowments, please call Rich Brodersen at the University of Nebraska Foundation office in Kearney at 308-698-5274.



JOIN ONLINE AT: unk.edu/lac

LOPER ATHLETIC CLUB GIVING LEVELS		BENEFITS
Legacy	\$5,000	Loper Email Network Updates
National Champion	\$2,500	UNK Loper Spirit Shop Discount (10% off one regularly-priced item)
All-American	\$1,000	Loper T-shirt (\$250 and up donations)
All-Conference	\$500	Football Game Program Recognition
Gold	\$250	Lopers.com Website Recognition
True Blue	\$100	
Loper Pride	\$30	



Loper Athletic Booster Club Funds Usage 2023-24

Athletic Department

Hall of Fame digital platform software, vinyl wrap and TV display
Two staff computers
Cope Stadium turf snowplow
Cope Stadium bleacher concrete

M. Basketball

Costa Rica international tour
Recruiting
Scholarships

Football

Recruiting
Team nutrition fueling station
Training chute

W. Track

Scholarships



M. Track

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W. Cross Country

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W. Softball

Charts data subscription
Transmitter system for call signals
Portable batting cage and mats

Swimming/Diving

Timing watches
Training equipment

Sports Medicine

Health and Sports Center ice machine

UNK ATHLETICS ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2023-2024

MIAA Coach of the Year

Scott Shafer, Women's Tennis

ITA Central Region Coach of the Year

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ITA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year

Caleb Diller, Women's Tennis

Player of the Year

Wes Ferguson, USTFCCCA D2 Outdoor Track Athlete

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Wes Ferguson, USTFCCCA Central Region Indoor Track Athlete

Fabiana Gamboa, (Women's Tennis) MIAA Freshman

Zach Ourada, (Wrestling) NWCA D2 Rookie

National Champions

Wes Ferguson, Track (800-meters Indoor & Outdoor)

National Runner-up

Nick James, Wrestling (141 lbs.)

Male Athlete of the Year

Wes Ferguson, Track and Field

Female Athlete of the Year

Melisa Becerra, Tennis

MIAA "A" Game Scholar

Nicole Messbarger, Women's Indoor Track and Field

Crew Howard, Wrestling

ITA Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award - Central Region

Melisa Becerra, Women's Tennis

MIAA Team Champions (Regular Season or Tournament)

Women's Tennis

Juliana Botero Molina, Women's Golf

Region Champions

Women's Tennis

Wrestling

Billy Higgins, Wrestling (184 lbs.)

Crew Howard, Wrestling (285 lbs.)

Nick James, Wrestling (141 lbs.)

Zach Ourada, Wrestling (125 lbs.)

Jazmin Zamorano, Women's Tennis (Singles)

All-Americans

Rylan Basart, Outdoor TF (javelin)

Payton Davis, Indoor TF (DMR)

Mitchell Deer, Indoor TF (DMR)

Landon Eckhardt, Indoor TF (DMR)

Wyatt Hammond, Outdoor TF (javelin)

Crew Howard, Wrestling (285 lbs.)

Jaden Ferguson, Volleyball

Wes Ferguson, Indoor & Outdoor TF (800-meters)

Alex Goracke, Indoor TF (Weight Throw)

Billy Higgins, Wrestling (184 lbs.)

Alex Homan, Indoor TF (Pole Vault)

Nick James, Wrestling (141 lbs.)

Jackson Kinsella, Wrestling (197 lbs.)

Peyton Neff, Volleyball

Zach Ourada, Wrestling (125 lbs.)

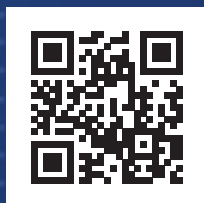
Brayden Sorensen, Indoor & Outdoor TF (High Jump)

Nolan Studley, Outdoor TF (High Jump)

Zach Van Brocklin, Indoor TF (DMR)

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