



2023-2024
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



FROM THE DESK OF **MARC BAUER** 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 www.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 beverage 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 : www.unk.edu/lac

LOPER ATHLETIC CLUB GIVING LEVELS		BENEFITS
Legacy	\$5,000.00	Loper Email Network Updates
National Champion	\$2,500.00	
All-American	\$1,000.00	UNK Loper Spirit Shop Discount (10% off one regular priced item)
All-Conference	\$500.00	
Gold	\$250.00	Football Game Program Recognition
True Blue	\$100.00	
Loper Pride	\$30.00	Lopers.com Website Recognition

Loper Athletic Booster Club Funds Usage 2022-2023

- Athletic Dept.** — Golf Cart for Departmentwide Use with Recruiting
- W. Basketball** — Scholarships
- M. Basketball** — Summer School Scholarships
- Football** — Scholarships and Recruiting
- W. Golf** — Golf Launch Monitor Computer
- W. Tennis** — Hosting the ITA D2 Indoor National Team Championships
- W. Track** — Scholarships
- M. Track** — Scholarships
- W. Cross Country** — Scholarships
- M. Cross Country** — Scholarships
- Swimming/Diving** — Training Equipment and Gear
- Sports Medicine** — Laser Therapy Equipment



UNK ATHLETICS ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2022-2023

MIAA Coach of the Year

Carrie Eighmey, Women's Basketball

WBCA Central Region Coach of the Year

Carrie Eighmey, Women's Basketball

Player of the Year

TJ Davis, MIAA Offensive
Billy Higgins, MIAA Co-Wrestler of the Year

Male Athlete of the Year

Austin Eldredge, Wrestling

All-Americans

Emersen Cyza, Volleyball
TJ Davis Football
Hunter Hays, Football
Hunter Kraus, Football
Bailee Sterling Volleyball
Luke Stuckey, Cross Country
Darius Swanson, Football
Payton Davis, Men's Indoor T&F (DMR)
Austin Eldredge, Wrestling (174 lbs.)
Wes Ferguson, Men's Indoor T&F (800-Meters & DMR)
Lee Herrington, Wrestling (285 lbs.)
Billy Higgins, Wrestling (184 lbs.)
Alex Homan, Men's Indoor T&F (Pole Vault)

Female Athlete of the Year

Klaire Kirsch, Women's Basketball

National Champions

Austin Eldredge, Wrestling (174 lbs.)
Wes Ferguson, Track (800-Meters outdoor)

National Runner-up

Wes Ferguson, Track (800-Meters indoor)

Brayden Sorensen, Men's Indoor T&F (High Jump)

Luke Stuckey, Men's Indoor T&F (DMR)

Micah Swedberg, Men's Indoor T&F (DMR)

Ben Arens, Men's Outdoor T&F (Steeplechase)

Rylan Basart, Men's Outdoor T&F (Javelin)

Jack Drahota, Men's Outdoor T&F (4x4)

Wes Ferguson, Men's Outdoor T&F (800-Meters & 4x4)

Brayden Sorensen, Men's Outdoor T&F (High Jump)

Micah Swedberg, Men's Outdoor T&F (4x4)

Conner Wells, Men's Outdoor T&F (4x4)

MIAA Team Champions (Regular Season or Tournament)

Women's Basketball, Regular Season

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