

### **Connor Beranek, Div. II All-American, 2016**

Beranek, a unanimous first-team All-MIAA selection, was named a third-team All-American by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and a fourth-team pick by the Division II Bulletin.

Leading UNK to a 21-12 record and to an NCAA Tournament win, the 6-6 senior forward averaged 25.2 points, 8.6 rebounds and 2.8 assists and 1.0 blocks per game. Shooting 53% from the field, he set new school records for free throws made (251) and attempted (291) and free throw percentage (86.3).

To rank among the national scoring leaders, Beranek was in double figures 32 times, going over 30 points in 12 different games. That included his last four games where he averaged 33.5 points. Subsequently, he named the NCAA Central Regional all-tournament team. Having 10 double doubles, Bernanek's 831 points are the second most in school history.

### **Dusty Jura, Div. II All-American, 2006-07**

Jura, a lefty, showed off his versatility in 2005-06 as he led a talented team in every key statistical category. He averaged 18.5 points, 9.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 1.7 steals and 0.7 blocks per game while shooting a healthy 56.5 percent from the field.

Jura also led the team in free throws made (157) and improved his free throw shooting by eight points. He was named a second-team All-American by Basketball Times and was an honorable mention choice by the Division II Bulletin. A 3.00 student, the Columbus native earned first-team Academic All-American honors to boot.

Jura repeated as an All-American in his senior year. Averaging a double double (20.8 points & 10.1 rebounds) -- the first Loper to do so in 30 years -- Jura led UNK to a 24-7 mark.

Selected to the second annual Division II all-star game and chosen for a small college pro show case, Jura led the Lopers in blocks (18), steals (59) and was second in assists (100).

Showing his improved shooting touch, Jura shot 70.8 pct. from the free throw line and 41.5 pct. (22 of 53) from the three point line.

The RMAC Player of the Year, Jura was named a second-team All-American by Daktronics, Basketball Times and the Division II Bulletin. He also earned Academic All-American honors again.

### **Nick Branting, Div. II All-American, 2004**

Branting had one of the finest years in Loper history during the 2003-04 campaign as he averaged 22.3 points, 7.4 rebounds, 2.4 assists, 1.5 steals and 1.5 blocks per game while shooting 52.4 percent from the field.

His 737 points is the second most in school history, trailing only the 980 put up by Bart Kofoed in the 1986-87 season.

The RMAC Player of the Year, Branting was named the Division II Player of the Year by two outlets; the Division II Bulletin and Daktonics. Each named him a first-team All-American. Finally, Branting was named the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year.

### **Nick Svehla, Div. II All-American, 2002-03**

Svehla became UNK's second NCAA Division II All-American during the 2001-02 season. He made Basketball Times second-team and was an H.M. choice in the Division II Bulletin.

The Lopers leading scorer and rebounder, Svehla averaged 17.1 points, 7.1 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.1 steals per game in helping UNK go 24-6. Shooting 54.8 percent from the field, he was named the Co-RMAC Player of the Year.

As a senior, he led UNK to the Elite Eight and a 30-3 record. Averaging 20.5 points, 8.0 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.6 steals per game, Svehla was again named RMAC Player of the Year. Named MVP of the North Central Regional, Svehla was named All-America by Basketball Times (1st team) and Daktronics (2nd team).

He also earned Academic All-American honors as well.

### **Eric Strand, Div. II All-American, 1998-99**

One of the greatest players in school history, Strand was the Lopers first two-time All-American. As a senior, he was RMAC Player of the Year as he averaged 19.5 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. He earned All-American honors on four different teams; first-team Basketball Times, 2nd-team Division II Bulletin and NABC and 3rd-team Daktronics. He became UNK's all-time leading scorer (2,173) in 1999 as well. As a junior, Strand was a third team Daktronics All-American after averaging 20.0 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Leading the Lopers to their first-ever RMAC title, Strand was the league's Player of the Year, an award he also won as a senior.

### **Bart Kofoed, NAIA All-American, 1987**

A Hastings College transfer, Kofoed sat out a year before playing for UNK. During his senior year, he set several Antelope records that still stand, including season scoring (980); season field goals (358); season assists (198) and career assists (384).

During the 1986-87 season, Kofoed scored 43 points against Creighton. A second team All-American, he averaged 26.5 points in 34 contests. Kofoed was drafted in the fifth round by the Utah Jazz. He was with Utah for parts of two seasons and also played for Golden State and Boston.

### **Jon Bergmeier, NAIA All-American, 1985**

Bergmeier was a 1985 NAIA Academic and All-American selection. He was the only player from an NAIA school to earn both honors during that year.

During his senior year, Bergmeier scored 657 points, averaging more than 20 points per game. He scored 1,337 points during his career. Bergmeier was selected as the UNK Senior Athlete of the Year in 1985.

### **Doug Holtmeier, NAIA All-American, 1982**

During his three years as a Loper, Holtmeier scored 1,528 points. An outstanding multi-sport athlete at Lexington High, Holtmeier went to Doane and played both football and basketball. After he transferred to UNK, Holtmeier had 263 assists. He was inducted into the UNK Hall of Fame in 1994.

### **Tim Higgins, NAIA All-American, 1980**

Higgins scored 1,639 points during his career at UNK to place him among the top five scorers. He led all Lopers during his sophomore, junior and senior years in scoring. A graduate of Omaha Cathedral, he finished third on the career steals chart. He was drafted by Golden State but never played for the Warriors.

### **Loren Killion, NAIA All-American, 1977**

Killion, a third-team All-American in 1977, was the top scorer in UNK cage history with 2,100 points. His 715 points in 1977 was the season scoring mark until fellow All-American Bart Kofoed broke the record during the 1986-87 season. His 922 rebounds in a career place him fourth on the all-time list. He started every game during his four-year career, averaging more than 19 points per game. After graduating, he played basketball in Canada, Australia, and Belgium.

### **Tom Kropp, NAIA All-American, 1975**

A 1975 NAIA All American, Kropp was also named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American team.

He set the UNK scoring mark of 1,884, which was later broken by Loren Killion and Eric Strand. Kropp is also the runner-up in Loper career rebounds (1,022), career steals (169) and season scoring average (23.6). He also holds the record for career scoring average (20.5).

Kropp also was an All-American in football.