PANTHER
Champions
University of Northern Iowa
In competition and in the classroom, our student-athletes have a drive to succeed—to be the best.

Year after year, UNI’s athletic teams include NCAA Championship qualifiers and conference champions. Panthers earn all-conference recognition for their academic achievements and are regularly named scholar All-Americans.

You can be part of that success. You can be a Panther Champion.

Panther Champions Scholarship Funds offer opportunities for you to enhance the experience of approximately 400 student-athletes participating in intercollegiate athletics at UNI.

You can help UNI recruit the best and brightest student-athletes. Panther Champions are vital in supporting our student-athletes on their road to success—both in the classroom and in competition.

Be part of the team. Be a Panther Champion.
“I was always fascinated with the human body and how it performs very complex movements, such as in sport. That is why I chose to major in exercise science. The entire experience wouldn’t have been possible without the Panther Prowl Endowed Scholarship, including the relationships with teammates, coaches, students, professors and the community in general. I couldn’t value those memories any more than I already do. My scholarship gave me opportunities that made my life what it is today—amazing.”
Gaylon Halverson, ‘63, had a long career as a professor in what is now the UNI College of Business Administration. As a professor and department head, he saw UNI’s athletes excelling in the classroom.

“They’re student-athletes,” he explains, putting a heavy emphasis on student. “I appreciate the fact they are student-athletes and their education is just as important to them as being in athletics. I always taught a beginning level class in accounting, and virtually every class I had had some athletes in it who were good students as well as good athletes. They are the reason I continually stayed interested in athletics.”

Recognizing that not every sport had the same number of scholarships available, he chose to create the Gaylon Halverson Women’s Basketball Endowed Scholarship.
“Growing up, I always wanted to play basketball in college, and earning a scholarship allowed me to fulfill that dream while getting a great education.

I was very grateful when I received my scholarships. It took the financial burden of paying for college off my mind. I was able to play a sport, volunteer my time to the Cedar Valley, and be part of clubs and organizations on campus. It is from these experiences that I feel much more prepared for my career. I am very thankful for the generosity of others who donate to the scholarship funds.”
There are two options to consider when establishing a Panther Champions Scholarship Fund—annually funded or endowed. Both support UNI’s student-athletes work in the classroom and in competition. You determine the criteria for the scholarship when the fund is established.

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<td>The minimum to start a named scholarship endowment fund is $30,000 which can be paid over a five-year period.</td>
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Becoming a Panther Champion not only creates a legacy for you and your family, it creates opportunities to enhance the experiences of UNI student-athletes.

Gifts to Panther Champions Scholarship Funds can be made through a variety of methods including:

» Cash
» Appreciated securities
» Bequests
» Charitable gift annuities
» Real estate
» Life insurance
» Bequests
» Charitable gift annuities
» Trusts
» Real estate
» Retirement funds

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Panther Champion please contact the University of Northern Iowa Foundation at 319-273-6078.
Birth of the Century Club, which eventually became the Panther Scholarship Club.

49 College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American’s

17 Division I Athletic Teams

10 Female
7 Male

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