

Clinic Coaching Staff

Head Coach

Gretta Melsted 13th Year



Coach Melsted has been the head softball coach at Augustana since July of 2006 and is coming off another successful season. Melsted owns a career record of 548-301, including 467-210 in 12 seasons at Augustana. Melsted surpassed two career milestones during the

2017 season, picking up her 500th career win and her 400th win at Augustana. Melsted has guided the Vikings to eight NCAA Tournament appearances, including six straight trips from 2010 to 2015. After missing the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2009 in 2016, Melsted returned to the tournament in 2017 and led her team to the Central Super Region 2 Tournament title game. The Vikings finished 40-16 in 2017 and 42-15 in 2018. She was named the 2009, 2010, & 2011 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Coach of the Year. In addition, the 2012 staff was named the NFCA Central Region Coaching Staff of the year.



Assistant Coach

Kelsey Thompson 1st Year

Kelsey Thompson rejoins the Augustana Softball Coaching Staff after previously serving as an assistant coach from 2010-2013. During her previous tenure at Augustana, the Vikings amassed a record of 135-56, appeared in 3 NCAA tournaments including 2 super regional appearances in 2011 & 2012. In 2012, the Vikings earned a trip to the NCAA Division II Women's College World Series.

After her time at Augustana, Thompson led the University of Sioux Falls for 5 straight 30+ win seasons from 2013-2018. In her time at USF, Thompson and her staff produced 37 All-NSIC Academic All-Conference performers, 15 All-NSIC performers, 1 NFCA All-Region performer & 1 NFCA All-American.



Assistant Coach

Nat Wagner 3rd Year

Coach Nat Wagner joins the Augustana staff for his third season as the assistant coach for the Vikings. Wagner brings an extensive coaching background with him to Augustana after spending the 2015 and 2016 seasons as an assistant coach at Valley City State University. During Wagner's tenure as an assistant coach at Valley City State, the Vikings went 64-35 over two seasons, including a 40-13 record in 2016. Wagner served as the lead recruiting coordinator at Valley City State and corresponded with all incoming recruits and coordinated visits. Prior to joining the staff at VCSU, he Wagner spent two seasons as the head coach at New Prague High Scholl in Minnesota. Wagner began his coaching career in 1997. He got his start in college softball at the University of St. Thomas where he helped the Tommies win a conference championship.

Augustana Softball 2019

February

Feb. 1-4

Arkansas Tech Tournament (Houston, TX)

March

7-14

Spring Break Tournament (Florida)

22-24

Missouri Western Tournament

26

Wayne State (DH)

30

Minnesota Duluth (DH)

31

St. Cloud State (DH)

April

2

Southwest Minnesota State (DH)

6

Minnesota State Mankato (DH)

7

Concordia St. Paul (DH)

10

Winona State (DH)

13

University of Mary (DH)

14

Minot State (DH)

16

University of Sioux Falls (DH)

19

Northern State (DH)

20

Minnesota State Moorhead (DH)

24

Upper Iowa (DH)

27

University of Minnesota Crookston (DH)

28

Bemidji State (DH)

May

2-4

NSIC Conference Tournament

9-11

NCAA Regional Tournament

16-17

NCAA Super Regional Tournament

22-27

NCAA Championship

*All home games are in bold. Please check www.goaugie.com for specific game times.

AUGUSTANA SOFTBALL ELITE PROSPECT CAMP 2019



2019 Augustana Softball Elite Prospect Camp

The 2019 Augustana Softball Elite Prospect Camp is an all inclusive skills clinic that will give student-athletes a first hand look at what it takes to become a collegiate student-athlete!

The Elite Prospect Camp will allow campers to work hands on with the Augustana Coaching Staff and Players in all aspects of the game. The camp will also include a tour of campus, lunch, and a question and answer session with the softball staff.



Clinic Schedule Saturday, January 19, 2019

9am-11am
Advanced Pitching
Advanced Defensive Play & Catching
Skills Testing, Speed & Agility

11am
Campus Tour & Lunch

12pm-2:30 pm
Advanced Hitting

Cost \$125

Clinic News

- Registration for all clinics will take place in the Elmen Center Gym during the half hour preceding the clinic
- Campers will chose either the advanced pitching or advanced defense/catching for the opening session.
- Lunch and a T-shirt will be provided
- Those attending the pitching session must bring their **own glove and catcher**
- Please bring your **own bat** for the hitting portion and your own glove/gear for any of the fielding session.
- Hitting will take place at the Bill Hall Baseball/Softball Complex located at the corner of 37th St. and Lake Avenue. Pitching, catching, elite defense and beginners clinics will be at the Elmen Center located at the corner of 33rd St. and Grange Avenue.



Registration Form

Please register online at www.augiesoftballcamps.com or send this form and your check to:

Augustana Softball Clinics
2001 S. Summit Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57197

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Age: _____

Primary Position(s): _____

Tshirt Size: _____

Cost: \$125
Amount Enclosed: _____

Register early, numbers are limited in order to provide adequate instruction and participation to all attendees. Participants will be registered in the order in which their registration forms are received.

No refunds will be given after the day of the clinic except for the case of inclement weather. Submit all such requests in writing.

I hereby release Augustana University, its employees, and Board of Trustees from all claims on account of any injury which may be sustained by my child as a result of participation in the Augustana Softball Clinics. Furthermore, I certify that within the past year my child has had a physical examination and that she is physically able to participate in softball activities. In the event illness or injury, I hereby give consent for medical treatment and permission to the attending physician apply all proper care that is necessary.

Parent Signature: _____
Emergency Contact #: _____