



Malcolm Moore

Northern Illinois University

Major - rehabilitation & disability services and counseling

GPA - 3.866

Nominated by Josh Levin

"Malcolm is our team captain this year and a senior ready to graduate. He began gymnastics at age 14 for Hinsdale South High School. Even though he started at a later age he worked so hard and was so passionate about the sport that he learned how to tumble to the caliber of some of the best in GymACT.



Malcolm is a natural leader who does more than just gymnastics for our team. Malcolm works on recruiting, fundraising, travel arrangements and he leads many team discussions and meetings.

On top of being in school and being an athlete, Malcolm also works with kids as a counselor. Overall Malcolm is a leader in every sense and the athletes on the NIU team look up to Malcolm and value his advice and leadership."

College Performance Highlights - 12.9 on floor exercise



Jaimin Rasmussen

Kennesaw State University
Major - Exercise Science
GPA - 4.0
Nominated by Tyler Green



I am honored to nominate Jaimin Rasmussen for the 2022 N2 Award because of his dedication to the sport and the irreplaceable leadership he has provided over the past 4 years. I first met Jaimin as an incoming freshman at Kennesaw State University where his passion for the sport shined instantly. He became President of the KSU Club Gymnastics Team in just his second year of college and has done a fantastic job of leading the team ever since. He has been a valuable member of our local gymnastics community by coaching at North Metro Gymnastics Center. He has also become one of our most reliable and knowledgeable judges in the state.



Throughout the inaugural season of Georgia United, no one was as excited for the opportunity to compete in GymACT as Jaimin so he quickly stepped up as a leader on the team. He was going to be a huge asset for the team at the 2021 Nationals but a week before the event he injured his knee on vault and had to completely scratch. After COVID-19 canceling 2020 Nationals and then having to cheer from the sidelines in 2021, Jamin now has a new found fire that has motivated him through training to get back on the big stage at this year's Nationals!

Jaimin is also a KSU Honors College Scholar and a member of the Presidential Emerging Global Scholars which is a cohort of only 25 accepted students per year focusing on community service both locally and internationally. His dedication and leadership have made him an invaluable member of our gymnastics community which will leave some big shoes to fill when he goes back to Tennessee next year to attend grad school and pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

College Performance Highlights - 13.0 FX & 12.45 VT - 2021 GU vs Temple, due to last year's injuries, best scores are still to come at this year's Nationals!

Instagram - @jaimin_r





Garrett McDaniel

Temple University

Major - Recreational Therapy

GPA - 2.89

Nominated by Jesse Kitzen-Abelson



Garrett McDaniel is deserving of the N2 award because he is one of the pivotal members in the TUMG program transformation. Coming out of a rock-bottom year in 2017- 2018, the addition of Garrett was a total game-changer. Originally, he was set to go to UIC but did not make the cut. He stayed home in Montgomery, Alabama to complete his first semester of college and then transferred to Temple University in

January 2019. When Garrett joined our squad at the beginning of our competitive season, he proved to be the missing link. He provided instant motivation, a prime work ethic (completing over 32 pommel horse routines in the gym from Jan-March), and he put Temple back on the scoreboard. His freshmen year he competed all-around at every meet and was a key contributor to our 3rd place finish at the 2019 USAG collegiate nationals. One year prior, we came in last of the qualifying teams. Garrett competes the highest valued vault on our team

with a Kas 1/1, is a two-year co-captain, club president, he's the first guy to run over to a teammate if he's hurt, he is always ready to tape his teammates ankles, and is a quick and smart decision maker. He exemplifies the what the TUMG varsity culture was and he takes his academics and gymnastics seriously. Garrett had made a huge impact on this revived TUMG program. He truly is an outstanding senior that we will miss after this year.



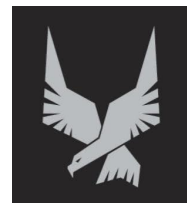
College Performance Highlights - Team bronze at 2019 USAG Collegiate Nationals; RTN MVP in 2019-2020 by putting up the most counted scores, career high of 13.85 on vault

Instagram - @monkey_man7



Evan Davis

University of Iowa
Major - Graphic Design
GPA - 3.97
Nominated by Peyton Hobson



Evan Davis is one of the most passionate gymnast not only for the love of his sport but for his team, program, and community. He fully immersed himself into the Iowa mens gymnastics program and fought to elevate it into a championship winning team. When the athletic department announced the cutting of mens gymnastics, Evan took the responsibility of becoming team captain. His leadership united the team that would go on to a season

of unthinkable upsets and the highest B1G finishes in 15 years. Once the season had ended and the team transitioned into GYMACT, Evan continued to show his undying love for the program. He became a leader and role model for the young team and helped lead them into an undefeated season. To show his love for the program he created a museum for his final BFA project as a tribute to the legacy of Iowa men gymnastics. Alumni, donors, and the Iowa gymnastics community were touched and more support was gained for the team. Even after graduation Evan Davis is still planning to be involved and support the gymnastics team and community. He plans to become an assistant coach and help guide and develop the newly found team. " 2019 - Competed in every competition for the Hawkeyes - Contributed 4 scores for the Hawkeyes to upset no. 3 Michigan in Ann Arbor - Contributed 5 scores for the Hawkeyes to defeat Penn State and win the B1G Regular Season Title. 2020 - Competed AA in every competition - Earned B1G Ten Gymnast of the week after earning a career best AA score of 81.950 at Oklahoma. 2021 - Elected team captain and competed in every competition in the AA - Led the Hawkeyes to 3rd at the B1G Championship, the highest finish in 15 years - 5th place finish in the AA at NCAA finals and earned All-American honors - 14th place at the 2021 USAG championship. 2022 - Elected team captain and competed AA in every competition - Led the Iowa GYMACT team to an undefeated season - Earned GYMACT GOTW after an AA season high of 83.3 - 4th place finish on floor at the 2022 Winter Cup. Instagram - @Ervendervis





Perry Lightfoot

University of Washington
Major - Biology (Physiology)
GPA 3.37
Nominated by Jeff Crockett



Perry Lightfoot has been the lifeblood of this team the entire time he's been a member of this team. His energy, passion, and excitement for this sport is unmatched, bringing positive energy and excitement to every practice.

Perry has shown a tremendous level of responsibility and reliability through his role as a one of three team captains for the 2021-2022 season. He has shown how much he truly cares for each of his teammates with his consistent communication with those who struggle and relaying important info to the coaching staff.

He also has been the head of graphic design for the Washington Men's Gymnastics Foundation's marketing committee. His leadership in helping the board with its marketing efforts has taken the team's online presence to another level. Part of this responsibility is to train younger teammates to take over his role.

Perry has also taken on a part time boys team coaching position at one of the local clubs. He loves being able to teach and inspire the next generation of gymnasts.

Perry has never complained about the many responsibilities he's taken on, and he has been extremely successful at every single one of them." Perry has been very unlucky with the injuries he's faced the past few years. Three years ago he broke his hand just before season and in spite of that injury he was able to compete for the team on floor with a cast on one arm. The next year he suffered a ruptured Achilles just months before season. He didn't let that bring him down either, he fought back to make lineup on Pommels that season. This season, his senior season, he tore his labrum on high bar, making it impossible to compete on everything but pommels and floor, where he will try to make line up at GymACT Nationals. Most athletes would have walked away after any one of these injuries, but Perry pressed on with a positive attitude and energy that has uplifted the team over and over again.

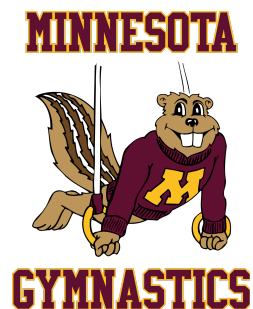


Instagram - @perry_lightfoot



Jacob Sawyer

Minnesota
Major - Biology
GPA - 3.65
Nominated by Mike Burns



Jake's story is one of extreme resiliency as a two-event specialist on the Minnesota GymACT Team in 2022. Jake was recruited as a PH specialist but when he arrived he wanted to continue with HB, PB, & FX as supplemental events. Having experienced some back injuries he eventually dropped his events to two - PH & HB.

His freshman year was a rough one as he needed some big improvements developmentally in order to make the lineup for the Minnesota Golden Gophers. He ended up not making the lineup his freshman year but moving into his sophomore year he was able to crack the lineup a few times on PH. Unfortunately he struggled with consistency and had to constantly fight to get back in the lineup. As demoralizing those setbacks were, Jake just kept on plugging away.

Prior to the season being canceled due to Covid that year, Jake finally put together a career-high performance at a tri-meet with Nebraska and Army West Point where he posted a 13.20 on pommel horse, which was good for a top-5 finish on the event. The confidence boost this gave Jake was monumental and he really began to show more promise. The next week was Winter Cup and then the following week we went to the 5 up, 5 count format and Jake did not make the cut to make that lineup.

The very next week the season was canceled due to Covid-19 and Jake never compete again for the Gophers. As the 2020-2021 school year was about to get underway with so much uncertainty due to Covid-19 protocols, I was approached by my administration mandating that I cut two gymnasts from my roster. One of the toughest decisions of my life had to be made and Jake was on the list as one of the two gymnasts I cut. Devastating to say the least for Jake as he had become a great teammate and an integral part of the team. Less than a month after that decision our Athletic Department announced they would be discontinuing our program at the end of the 2021 season.

Jake continued to stay in shape by using the rec center on campus and when we needed volunteers to help run the 2021 NCAA Championships we hosted at Minnesota, Jake was the first one to step up and volunteer. After the end of the season we went to work on transitioning to a GymACT program and Jake reached out almost immediately, asking if he could come back and compete for the Minnesota men's Gymnastics GymACT team. I was pleased he didn't hold any grudges and was determined to be an integral part of the new program. He also stepped up

and became one of the student leaders on the board of our newly created Registered Student Organization on campus, Jake had to get back in shape over the summer and fall training periods and did a valiant job in getting prepared for the GymACT season ahead.

He was scheduled to graduate in December, one semester early, with his degree in Biology. The summer before he had earned his certification as an EMT and had set up employment at Canterbury Park in Shakopee, MN, working a full 40 hour work week as the competitive season got underway. He's logging all these hours in an effort to beef up his resume as he prepares to apply to Medical School this spring. Jake has been an integral part of our competitive lineup, and recently qualified to the Event Finals on PH at the USAG Collegiate National Championships.

He continues to battle back injuries and was sidelined on HB for over a month but is slowly rehabbing and should be ready to compete again in both the upcoming virtual Conference Championship matchup with Temple and the GymACT Nationals in mid-May.

College Performance Highlights - 13.2 on PH in the Minnesota-Nebraska-Army tri-meet on February 15, 2020; but more recently Jake posted a 12.95 to qualify to the Event Finals at the USAG Collegiate Nationals as a member of the GymACT East All-Star Team.

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