

## Clinic Coaching Staff

### Head Coach

#### Gretta Melsted 13<sup>th</sup> 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 seven 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 School 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](http://www.goaugie.com) for specific game times.

# AUGUSTANA SOFTBALL HITTING ACADEMY 2019



## 2019 Augustana Softball Hitting Academy

- The Augustana University coaching staff and players will be holding their annual Softball Hitting Academy!
- Participants will receive advanced hitting instruction from the Augustana coaching staff and players.
- Each session will feature a progression of fundamental and advanced drills that the current Augustana roster uses throughout their season.
- Take home new skills and drills each week that you can use to improve your hitting skills.
- 1:3 coach to player ratio as each session is limited to 20 athletes—**Register early!**
- High speed video analysis will be used throughout the sessions to improve swing mechanics and effectiveness.
- Registration for all clinics will take place 30 minutes prior to the first session.
- Please bring your own bat and helmet to each academy.
- Cost for the academy is \$100 and includes an Augustana Hitting Academy T-shirt.

## 2019 Hitting Academy Dates

### Sessions Schedule: All Grades (4th-12th)

Monday	Feb 11, 2019	6:30-7:30 pm
Monday	Feb 18, 2019	6:30-7:30 pm
Monday	Feb 25, 2019	6:30-7:30 pm
Monday	Mar 4, 2019	6:30-7:30 pm

**Hitting Academy Cost: \$100 per session**  
T-shirt included with cost of academy

-The Hall Baseball/Softball Complex is located at the corner of 37th St and Lake Avenue.



### Registration Form

Please register online at [www.augiesoftballcamps.com](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

**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 #: \_\_\_\_\_