

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 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 Regional 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 for specific game times.

AUGUSTANA SOFTBALL PITCHING ACADEMY 2019



2019 Augustana Pitching Academy

Session 1:

- This clinic will focus on improving mechanics as well as increasing fundamentals and speed.
- Instruction will include but is not limited to the following: video, radar, mechanics, and taking care of their body.
- Use of video analysis to improve mechanics to maximize pitching speed potential
- Drills focusing on increasing strength and speed.
- Instruction on how to continually improve throughout the course of the year.

Session 2:

- This clinic will focus on increasing the movement and deceptiveness of the drop, rise, screw, curve and change up.
- Through advanced instruction and video analysis, each participant will utilize the skills and techniques that the Augustana pitching staff employs throughout the season.

All Clinics will feature high speed video analysis to improve mechanics and deceptiveness of pitches.

2019 Pitching Academy Dates

Session 1: (Grades 4th-8th Grade)

Monday	Feb 11, 2019	5:30-6:30pm
Monday	Feb 18, 2019	5:30-6:30pm
Monday	Feb 25, 2019	5:30-6:30pm
Monday	Mar 4, 2019	5:30-6:30pm

Session 2: (Grades 9th-12th/H.S.)

Monday	Feb 11, 2019	7:30-8:30pm
Monday	Feb 18, 2019	7:30-8:30pm
Monday	Feb 25, 2019	7:30-8:30pm
Monday	Mar 4, 2019	7:30-8:30pm

Pitching Academy Cost: \$100 per session

T-shirt included with cost of academy

Clinic News

-Registration for all clinics will take place in the half hour preceding each first session

-Athletes must bring their own glove and catcher

-1:3 or 1:4 coach to player ratio. No more than 12 participants per session. **Register Early!**

-All clinic dates will be at the Hall Baseball/Softball Complex located at the of 37th St. and Lake 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: _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Check which session you will attend:

Session 1 ___ **Session 2** ___

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 #: _____