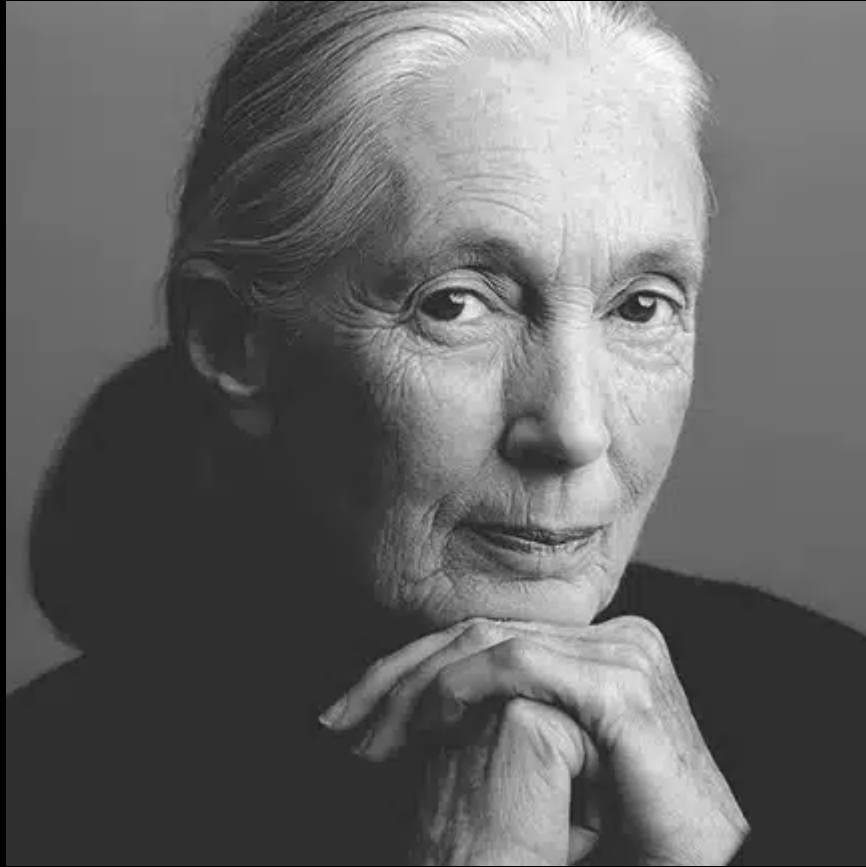




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SNR Kickoff
21 August 2026

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We cannot ignore this earth that surrounds us, that feeds us, shelters us, replenishes our bodies and our souls...”

--Jane Goodall

We cannot ignore the need.

We cannot ignore the people turning to us.

We cannot ignore the transition happening within our own walls.

We cannot ignore one another.

We cannot ignore the opportunity.

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PEOPLE / PLACES / KNOWLEDGE / SOLUTIONS / A SHARED TOMORROW



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WORKING LANDSCAPES

NEW faces: Staff



- **Alexis Downs:** (February) Geology Research Technician III, 610 HarH South
- **Jeremy Steele:** (May) Mesonet Technician
- **Jena Paugels:** (June) Coordinator of the NE Invasive Species Council, 405 HarH South
- **Christopher Fill:** (May) Research Technologist
- **Grace Carey:** (April) Outreach & Education Coordinator with Platte Basin Timelapse, 234 HarH South
- **Matt Kavanaugh:** (June) Instrument Technician, ENREEC



NEW faces: Staff

- **Larissa Christian:** (July) Office Associate - Sales, 101 HarH South
- **Gerard Caldwell:** (July) Research/Drilling Technician, Survey Annex
- **Will Hinderks:** Custodial Specialist, HarH labs/lobbies
- **Melissa Dick:** Custodial Specialist, HarH Tower
- **New roles:** Lisa Greif and Karen Darnall



Mostly-NEW faces: Faculty

- **Adam Houston:** (August) Professor of Atmospheric Science, 719 HarH South
- **Dawn Kopacz:** (August) Associate Professor of Practice, 812 HarH South
- **Liang Chen:** (August) Assistant Professor, 811 HarH South
- **Karrie Weber:** (August) Professor and Director of the UNL Microbiology Program,
- **Nousha Sabet:** (August) Temporary Lecturer
- **Allison Barg:** (April) Post Doctoral Research Associate, 314 HarH South



Mostly-NEW faces: Faculty

- **Sarah Ulrichsen:** (June) Post Doctoral Research Associate, 510 HarH South
- **Jakob Holuša:** (August) Post Doctoral Research Associate, 619 HarH South
- **Christine Haney:** (September) Research Assistant Professor, Remote
- **Jenna Ruoss:** (August) Post Doctoral Research Associate, 422 HarH South
- **Catherine Chan:** (August) Post Doctoral Research Associate, 319 HarH South



Fall focus

- **Welcoming EAS faculty:** program areas, curriculum, daily logistics (Adam, Karrie, Dawn, Liang)
- **SNR Seminar Series:** put 3:30 Wednesday on your calendar
- **SNR Advisory Board** meeting in November
 - Have one board position open for broad business or community connection—email suggestions to me
- **Faculty hiring:** stay tuned; Tiffany working very hard to find ways to support SNR hires

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Nebraska Rivers: Art, Science, and Public Dialogue
A Place-Based Cultural and Educational Initiative
School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Proposal with
Cooper Foundation
to enhance our
River Rooms!!!

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Our Time to Lead

Investment in people, places and ideas

The School of Natural Resources' mission is to be a champion for the natural world. Our 30-year effort to become Nebraska's home for teaching, research, and outreach in climate, water, and biodiversity has brought us to an inflection point at which our impact during the next decade can grow in bold, new ways. As a School, we now have opportunities to lead key initiatives and establish a national presence.

Donors: calendar of engagement



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SNR By the Numbers: A Year of Impact

Friends,

Perhaps the fastest way to tell the story of the School of Natural Resources is through the numbers. However—behind every number is a student discovering a passion, a faculty member making new discoveries, an alumnus inspiring others, or a partnership helping us address the environmental challenges of our time. I love my job because I love our School and the impacts we have on our state and our world!

Here are just a few snapshots from the past academic year—by the numbers:

400,000 — Cranes observed by students during a Nebraska-based [study tour experience](#), providing an unforgettable opportunity to witness one of the world's greatest wildlife migrations.

9 — Student clubs that hosted silent auctions during the [SNR Spring Banquet](#), raising funds while showcasing the passion and leadership of our students.

12 — Pies thrown at professors during our [Earth Day fundraiser](#)—a fun tradition that helped

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Mesonet crosses 100-station mark, serves wide range of Nebraska needs

By [Geitner Simmons](#) | IANR Communications



Craig Chandler | University Communication and Marketing

The university's mesonet weather station network has wide-ranging value for Nebraska agriculture, firefighting, emergency management and drought monitoring. The system, part of the School of Natural Resources, crossed the 100-station mark this year and now has 104 units across the state.

SHARE



To combat the raging wildfires that swept across Nebraska this year, firefighters and emergency



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IANR Operational Strategic Initiatives (OSI)

RESEARCH

Digital Agriculture and Natural Resources

Agricultural Systems Biosecurity and Environmental Resilience

Bioeconomy and Value-Added Products

Human Health, Food Systems, and the Environment

Water, Climate, and Landscape

TEACHING

Academic Advising, Retention, and Student Support

Learner-Centered Educational Experiences

Curriculum Innovation and Career Outcomes

Rural Leadership and Community Prosperity

Early College and Career Pathways

Partnership Pathways with CASNR, NECC, and NCTA

OUTREACH/ENGAGEMENT

Community Leadership and Prosperity

Central Flyway Resilience Collaborative

Impact through Integrated Research and Extension



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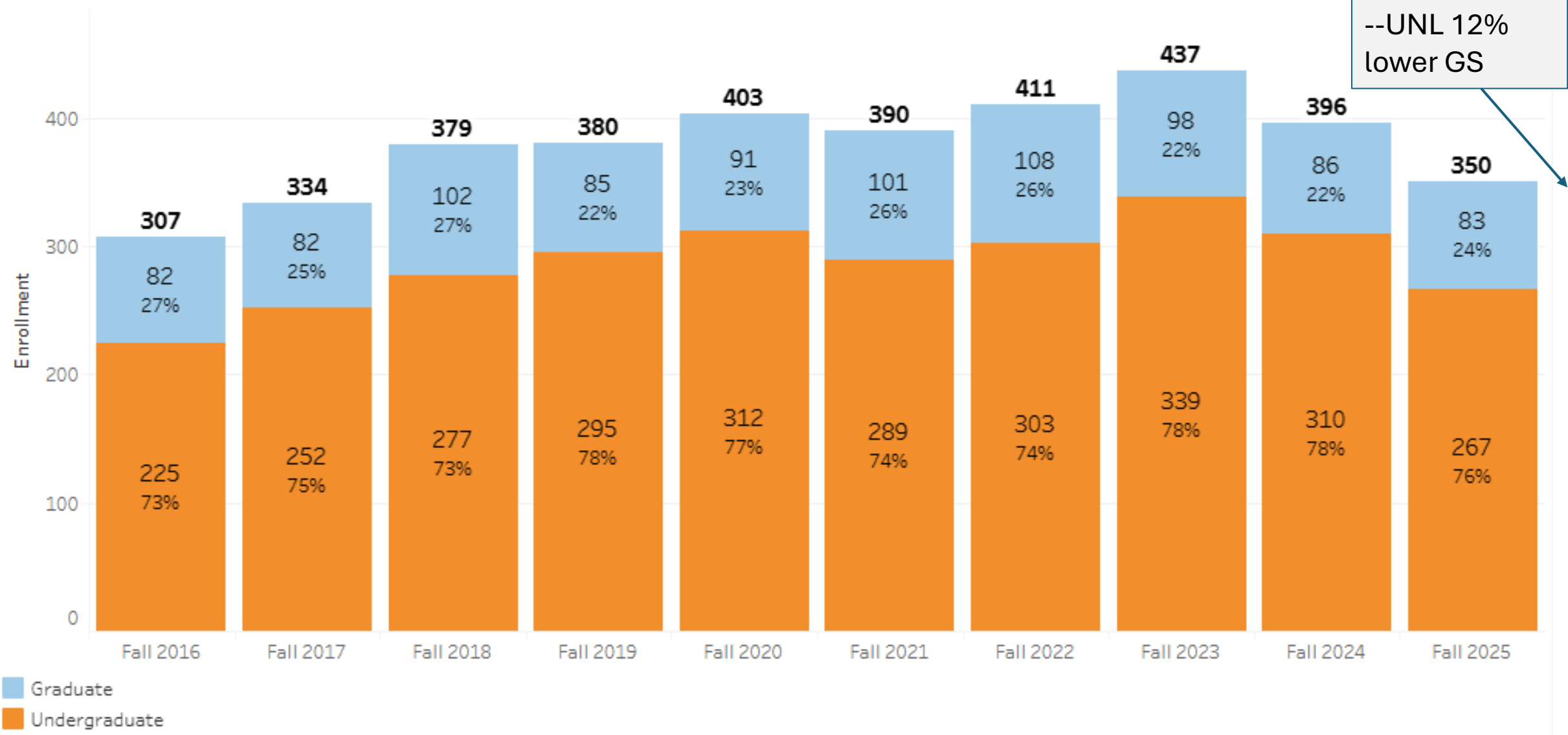


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Coming to
Hardin Hall
in January
2027?!

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Semester Enrollment by Student Level (UG, G, P)



Net deposits (coming to UNL)

Major	2023	2024	2025	2026
Env. Science	30	6	12	15
Fish/Wildlife	48	33	39	48
R/C Forestry	0	3	0	1
COMBINED	78	42	51	64

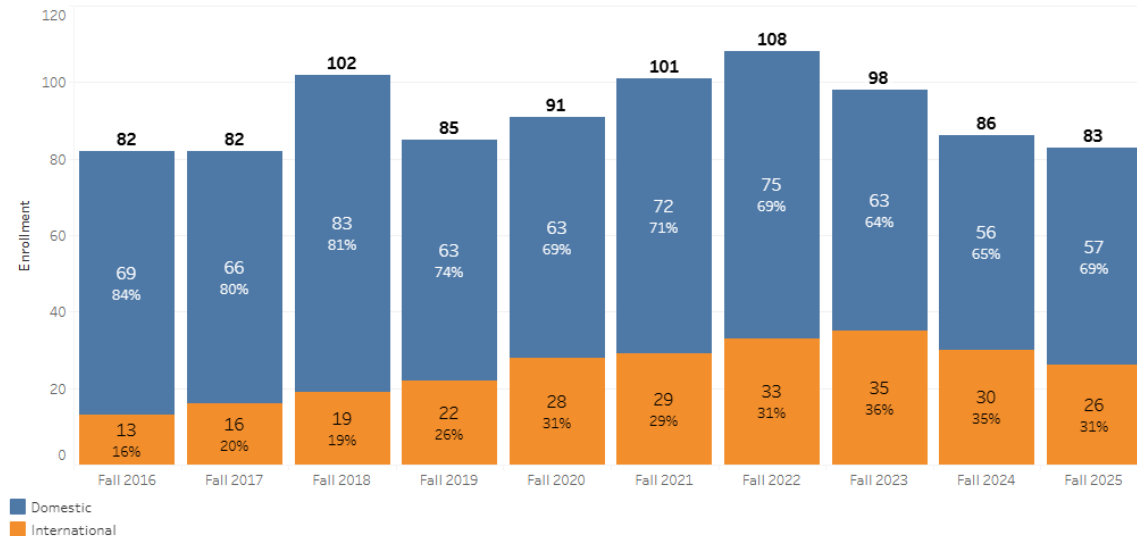
CASNR

- 607 new undergrad students
- down approximately 40 (loss of China 3+1 program and Statistics)

U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF STATE

Proposed Changes to “Duration of Status” for F and J Visa Holders

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Semester Enrollment by International/Domestic



September 15, 2026

Reduces duration of status to four years for international students

ISSO has contacted students

Do NOT try to interpret for your students—
ISSO

DO learn the deadlines for your graduate students' programs and work with your students to keep them on track

Strict rules regarding changing major

8% of UG/G students in SNR are international (31% for graduate students)

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Karen Darnall

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images with
proposed post
language



SNR Family Event at Roca Berry Farm

Saturday, October 10, 2026
11:30-1:30

Reduced price tickets

April 10, 2027



Recent awards...!



Sara Winn, Outstanding Advisor Award: NACADA (The Global Community for Academic Advising)



Andy Little, IANR Omtvedt Innovation Award for Extension



Nic McMillan, IANR Dinsdale Family Faculty Award

Program areas, staff, committees, GSA:
find 1-2 areas where you can work on things
that 'are ours'

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