

Lights, Camera, Olympics

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In July, four-year lacrosse goalkeeper Kate Gunts will be heading for the London Olympics—not as a competitor, but as a production assistant for NBC Sports. To prepare, the communications major will train by learning everything she can about this Olympics’ men’s and women’s swimming competitors. It’s a change of pace from the weight training, aerobic conditioning, and shot-fielding she undertook as a Wildcat to prepare for Division I games, but a welcome challenge. “I’ve never followed swimming that closely, so getting this assignment will be really fun and different for me,” she says.

Broadcasting and lacrosse are two interests that run in the Gunts family. Both of Gunts’ parents played collegiate lacrosse—both as goalies—and her father and brother both work for NBC. An attendee at the Olympics since the age of six, Gunts is excited to experience the events from a different perspective, putting her athlete’s hustle to work cueing up video clips and putting together media updates and highlight packages.

Gunts says she would be hard pressed to choose a highlight of her own athletic career, which has included big wins over perennial rivals Boston University and Dartmouth and

an overall 20-9 record. The Wilton, Connecticut, native has also compiled a strong academic record, earning America East Commissioner's Honor Roll recognition all four years, and has been active in the Student Athletes Advisory Committee for the past three.

Summing up not only her own feelings but very likely those of her peers, she says, "Everything about being a student-athlete at UNH has been great. I couldn't imagine having spent these past four years anywhere but here."

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