

STAFF SENATE

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Message from the President

It's an honor of a lifetime to serve you as the Staff Senate President. This summer, I've been meeting with our passionate, creative, and hard-working staff members across the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 500-mile campus. One theme has emerged from these conversations. **Staff are integral to the university's success in serving students, supporting faculty research, and improving the welfare of Nebraskans across the state.**

As the new Staff Senate President, my priority is to work with our 57 dedicated Staff Senators and campus leadership to act and advocate on your behalf. **My specific focus will be to enhance your workplace experience, improve staff retention, and make UNL an employer of choice.**

The University of Nebraska is an iconic and well-respected brand. We take immense pride in working for UNL and wearing the scarlet N every day—not just on game day. My goal is to elevate this pride. My goal is to make UNL a welcoming and inclusive workplace where staff members can share their talents with the campus community, grow their careers, and feel seen, heard, and respected. I want UNL to have a positive reputation among current staff and potential job seekers. I want UNL to be a place that job seekers and passive candidates want to work for. This effort requires us to dare greatly, and I know we can accomplish this effort together.

This won't be easy, nor will it be quickly accomplished. In her book, *Dare to Lead*, Brené Brown says, "If you're going to dare greatly, you're going to get your butt kicked at some point."

Over the next 12 months, the Staff Senate leadership team and all 57 Staff Senators will join me in daring greatly. They will exemplify courage—because courageous leadership means showing up when you can't control the outcome, understanding we will make mistakes along the way, having to pivot quickly as things change, and acknowledging our mistakes as we aim to improve workplace wellness and staff retention.

UNL is a special place because of the people and the mission of our work. Your work—directly and indirectly—allows the university to teach students, assist faculty in their groundbreaking research to help society, and provide community service through extension and educational outreach. This place is special. There's no place like our place. Indeed, there's no place like Nebraska.

Let's do this—together!

Jordan Gonzales
Staff Senate President



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What is Staff Senate?

The purpose of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) Staff Senate is to be an advisory body on issues, institutional policies, and practices that relate to the staff, to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas, to promote common interests among the staff, to advocate for staff welfare and development, to suggest revisions and initiatives to improve staff policies, and to participate in the formulation of institutional policy and governance.

Read this online



go.unl.edu/staffsenatenewsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

August 26

Fall Semester Begins

August 29

Staff and Faculty
Happy Hour

September 2

Labor Day

September 30—October 5

UNL Homecoming

October 21-22

Fall Break

October 22

Employee Wellness Fair

Subscribe to the Staff Senate
Newsletter to receive updates
from the staff senate and the
latest information on
happenings at UNL.



NCLUDE Registration Now Open

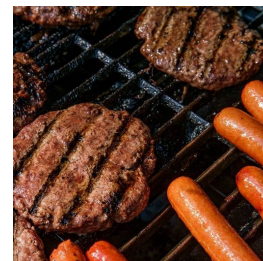
#NCLUDE offers individuals who desire to grow their knowledge, skills, and awareness in a particular DEI-related area an environment of care, commitment, and accountability. Learning groups co-create a space for students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members to engage in dynamic dialogue, reflection, and offer support to one another.

<https://diversity.unl.edu/nclude>

Loeffel Meat Shoppe to Offer Discount with Valid N Card

The Loeffel Meat Shoppe at the UNL is now offering faculty, staff, and students a 10% discount on purchases made at the retail meat store. Shoppers must show their valid N card at purchase to receive the discount.

<https://animalscience.unl.edu/loeffel-meat-lab-prices>



Annual Employee Wellness and Community Resource Fair—October 22nd

Mark your calendars for the Annual Employee Wellness and Community Resource Fair. All university employees are invited to participate in this year's fair on October 22nd, 2024 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Coliseum on City Campus.

<https://healthieru.unl.edu/employee-wellness-and-community-resource-fair>

HealthierU Employee Wellness Challenge: Work Towards Balance

During this challenge, participants will be asked to complete daily tasks that aid them with setting boundaries, keeping their personal calm, and separating their work life from personal life. Registration for this challenge opens on August 12th and the challenge begins on August 26th.

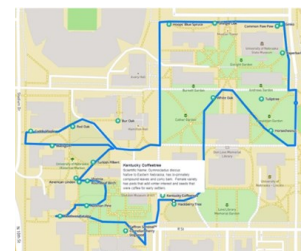
<https://healthieru.unl.edu/fall-2024-programs>



Landscape Services develops a Campus Historic Tree Tour

Landscape Services has been working on a Historic Tree Tour for both city campus and east campus and the city tour is now ready to go! The walk is called Historic Tree Loop and can be found here:

<https://healthieru.unl.edu/walking-biking-routes>



You're invited to the UNL Staff & Faculty Happy Hour!

The Nebraska Alumni Association is hosting an informal, come-and-go reception to say "thank you" to the talented staff and faculty who have helped in our organization's success for 150 years.

This event will be hosted on Thursday, Aug 29 from 4 to 5:30pm at the Wick Alumni Center.

<https://www.huskeralum.org/staff-faculty-happy-hour>