



UNL'S PROGRESS ON N|2025 AIM TO BROADEN NEBRASKA'S ENGAGEMENT



*The **collaboration** between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, state, national, global) for the **mutually beneficial** creation and exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of **partnership and reciprocity**.*

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We are Nebraska. Engagement — the co-creation, co-discovery and co-development of solutions — is key to the land grant mission of the University of Nebraska. Engagement brings Nebraska to the world, and the world to Nebraska through a university where students, faculty, staff and alumni are actively engaged across Nebraska and beyond. It is imperative that the university embrace a culture of engagement and partnership that generates genuine mutual benefit both in Nebraska and across the world, while creating extraordinary opportunities for students, alumni, industry, community partners, faculty, and staff to contribute to the public good.

ENGAGEMENT CONTINUUM



PROGRESS TO DATE

- **Co-Creator Group** worked campus-wide to submit Carnegie Engagement Designation Application; UNL was awarded the designation [January 2024](#)
- **Engagement Collaborative** representing all colleges as well as other statewide units is serving as the liaison with faculty and engagement work
- **AMPLIFY Engagement** conferences were held to spark the work of engagement among colleges/campus programming, Nebraska Extension faculty statewide, and community stakeholders
- **UNL Engagement Map** highlights statewide engagement in teaching, research, and extension

- **Funding** to support engagement has been awarded to the Nebraska College of Law and the Center for Children, Families, and the Law. More funds will be awarded every quarter
- **Showcasing our Successes:** engage.unl.edu launched spring 2024
- UNL is now a member of the **Engagement Scholarship Consortium**

NEXT STEPS

- **Professional development** focusing on engagement; pilot concluded Spring 2024 and will be widely available Fall 2024
- Developing **metrics for recognizing engagement** work

SUCCESS STORIES



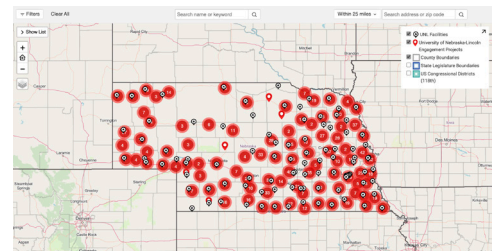
UNL students worked with Hoppe Development to develop a concept for Sandhills Townhomes, a 15-unit housing development that broke ground in Valentine NE. Valentine was facing a housing shortage especially for low-income families. The students partnered with Valentine city officials and Hoppe Development to create design proposals for rural housing with could later be used for planning, grant applications and other uses.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Law College Immigration Clinic is providing accessibility to legal education for unaccompanied minors in Schuyler, NE. Immigrants in rural communities face challenges, often because of a lack of information or services in the area and in Schuyler, only one other organization is able to provide resources. The law students are attending school activities and putting on events where students could bring their legal documents to understand their status and eligibility for citizenship. Plans also include training the local bar association to take on this work once the project has finished.



Responsive Equitable System for Preparing Early Childhood Teachers (RESPECT) Across Nebraska is a collaboration among more than 40 state partners collaborating to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure high-quality early care and education from birth through third grade. RESPECT Across Nebraska will develop a competency-based framework that defines common expectations for educator preparation, ultimately making earning a bachelor’s degree or teaching certificate easier.

In 2024 the [Engagement and Outreach map](#) was launched by the Engagement Collaborative. This map is an interactive system designed to illustrate the powerful stories of UNL’s current and on-going projects and activities centered around outreach, service, and engagement efforts along with the University Facilities that show our 500-mile campus.



ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

123

**ENGAGEMENT SITES
2023-2024**

225

**ENGAGED RESEARCH PROJECTS
2022-2023**

112

OFF-CAMPUS FACILITIES

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