



What Others Are Saying: “Commit to Complete” Campaign Launch

“I am so pleased to see the growing statewide momentum behind Commit to Complete, a program that speaks to the very heart of our educational missions at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and University of Nebraska Medical Center. Programs like UNO’s Completion Imperative – a shared goal of making sure every student crosses the finish line – fit hand-in-glove with this effort. We want all of our students to know that they will have the support they need to achieve their academic goals, attain a rewarding career, and become engaged leaders in their workplace and communities.”

--Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha and University of Nebraska Medical Center

“Students and their families tell us that affordability, and the investment they are making in their postsecondary education, is a primary factor in their selection of a college or university. Focusing on the most direct pathway to completion by following the steps outlined in this project is the way for students to control their costs, as we continue to work to keep tuition as low as possible.”

--Doug Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney

“If we want Nebraska to remain competitive, we will need to produce more college graduates in every corner of the state. That includes rural communities, where workforce shortages in some areas are especially urgent. The Kearney Chamber commends the collaboration behind Commit to Complete and is proud to support this effort along with our fellow business partners, higher education colleagues and Governor Ricketts.”

--Derek Rusher, President/CEO, Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce

“Lincoln is a growing and thriving community, thanks in large part to the skilled graduates coming out of the many fine institutions of higher learning in our city. The only problem is we need more. Commit to Complete is a worthy initiative that sends the right message to students and families, elected leadership, and the business community which depends on our colleges and universities for continued growth.”

--Wendy Birdsall, President, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

“Our diverse and talented students are a community treasure and I’m pleased education, government and business leaders share a strong commitment to timely graduation. Commit to Complete means students can move toward job-readiness with efficiency, bolstering our local workforce with innovative graduates ready to grow their careers right here.”

--David G. Brown, President/CEO, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce

“With Commit to Complete, we are not just talking about commitment on the part of students. This is a commitment on the part of the state’s higher education institutions, to work together to streamline our systems and give students the very best shot at meeting their educational goals.”

--Randy Schmailzl, President, Metropolitan Community College

“Successful transitions from secondary education to postsecondary education and career start with goals and commitments to complete the necessary steps along the way. The Nebraska Department of Education is pleased to join in the Commit to Complete campaign to help students, families and schools understand that completing two- and four-year degree programs on time helps save precious financial resources and quickly launch graduates to the next step for success in career and life.”

--Matthew L. Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education, Nebraska Department of Education