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Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series Begins 7th Year Enhancing Education, Partnerships & Leadership in Sustainable Solutions Across Nebraska

Now entering its seventh year, the Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series (SLPS) has been providing Nebraskans statewide with experts from across the country addressing every aspect of sustainability—architecture, city planning, energy, transportation, water, food, permaculture, farming, biomimicry and design, pollinators, and much more. The SLPS is a series of live webcasts produced by seven partners throughout the state, on the first Wednesday of each month during the academic year. Over the years, thousands of Nebraskans have participated in the monthly SLPS webcast, helping to nurture a new generation of leaders in sustainable practices.

The brain-child of Minetta Khan, the former sustainability coordinator for Central Community College (CCC), with campuses in Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings, the first SLPS webcasts were focused on using data to prioritize decision-making and integrating sustainability into college planning. At that time, in 2013, CCC had made a major commitment to sustainable practices throughout the institution, and the first SLPS efforts were focused on CCC's campuses in Central Nebraska. Within a year, Khan had recruited partners statewide and had refocused SLPS to be a more public-facing, all-inclusive program to build both knowledge and leadership throughout the state.

Today, under the leadership of Environmental Sustainability Director Benjamin Newton and Sustainability Manager Olivia Whittaker, CCC partners with University of Nebraska at Omaha, University of Nebraska—Lincoln, the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities in Lincoln and Omaha, Metropolitan Community College, Creighton University, Hastings College, and Nebraska Recycling Council to produce six SLPS programs a year. This year, the first-Wednesday webcasts will be presented live over the lunch hour—from noon to 1 pm, and, as always, the live webcasts are

available globally through a Webex link and are free and open to the public. Interested classrooms, groups, and individuals are encouraged to host watch parties during the presentation, when they will be able to access the presenting expert with questions and comments in real time. All SLPS presentations are then available as archived videos through a YouTube channel.

This fall, SLPS will kick off at noon on Wednesday, October 2, with a presentation by Randy Smith, of the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, who will discuss electric vehicle charging stations and opportunities for rebates for their installation. Other programs planned this season include, in November, Graham Christensen of GC Resolve, who will talk about regenerative agriculture and the importance of soil in both reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating new economic opportunities for farmers and ranchers; and, in December, Crystal Chissell from Project Drawdown, the global research organization that identifies the most viable global solutions and partners with communities, policy-makers, non-profits, businesses, investors and philanthropists to share their findings and put them into practice throughout the world.

For more information, please visit <http://www.cccneb.edu/slps> or <http://joslyninstitute.org/initiatives/sustainability-leadership-presentation-series-slps/>.

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