

Nebraska Student Leaders Engage with Governor and State Officials in Virtual Leadership Event



La Vista, NE – March 27, 2025 – Educational Service Unit #3 (ESU #3) and the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) proudly hosted the **Governor’s Virtual Event with Nebraska Student Leaders**, bringing together approximately 200 students from across the state for a dynamic discussion on leadership, civic engagement, and the Nebraska Legislature.

Held in person at ESU #3 in La Vista, the event welcomed 25 student leaders, while students from Nebraska’s 16 other ESUs participated virtually. This unique platform provided young leaders with an invaluable opportunity to gain firsthand insights into state government and explore pathways to public service.

The event kicked off with a six-member panel discussion, featuring professionals from various roles in Nebraska’s government. Panelists shared their experiences, daily responsibilities, key achievements, and provided practical guidance on how students can actively engage in government from a young age.

Following the panel, **Governor Jim Pillen** addressed students, offering an overview of Nebraska’s state government and emphasizing the critical role of youth in shaping the state’s future. In an interactive Q&A session, students posed insightful questions on topics including:

- Strategies to retain Nebraska’s students in-state after high school.
- Support for military service members and veterans.
- Efforts to protect Nebraska’s Ogallala Aquifer from contamination.
- The Governor’s top priorities for Nebraska’s future.

This event served as a powerful bridge between Nebraska's current and future leaders, fostering meaningful dialogue and reinforcing the importance of civic engagement. By creating opportunities for students to connect with state officials, ESUs continue to champion initiatives that inspire leadership and active participation in government.

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