Senator Danielle Conrad was first elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 2006, and re-elected in 2010 and 2022. Senator Conrad graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 2003. Senator Conrad is a member of the Nebraska Bar Association board, Legal Aid of Nebraska board, and Nebraska Lawyers Trust Account Foundation. Senator Conrad served as Executive Director of the ACLU of Nebraska from 2014 to 2022. Senator Conrad serves Nebraskans on the Education, Government, Military, & Veterans Affairs, and Nebraska Retirement Systems Committees.

Senator Tony Vargas has devoted his career to public service and advocacy. He began his career as a middle school science teacher and then went on to serve on the Omaha Public Schools Board. Since 2016, Senator Tony Vargas has served District 7, the communities of Downtown and South Omaha, in the Nebraska Legislature, where he has focused on addressing educational equity, economic opportunity, and healthcare access. He is a member of the Appropriations Committee, the Executive Board, the Legislature’s Planning Committee, and the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee.

Senator Terrell McKinney, raised in Omaha, serves as the chair of the Urban Affairs Committee and is a member of the Business & Labor and Judiciary Committees. Before running for office, Senator McKinney worked as a community organizer focusing on food insecurity, Medicaid expansion, and other community initiatives. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Sport Business Management from Maryville University-St. Louis has a Master’s in Business Administration from Midland University. Senator McKinney is pursuing a law degree at Creighton University School of Law.

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh was first elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 2018 and was re-elected in 2022, serving the 6th District in Omaha. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. Senator Cavanaugh has nearly 20 years of experience in community engagement and public affairs. Before the Legislature, Senator Cavanaugh worked at the Buffett Early Childhood Institute at UNO, has served as Director of Development for Opera Omaha, and as a staff assistant in Washington D.C. for former Senator Ben Nelson.
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EVENT SCHEDULE

9:30 am  Check-in & Coffee

10:00 am  Welcome and Panel Discussion
Featuring Nebraska State Senators: Danielle Conrad, Tony Vargas, Terrell McKinney, and Michaela Cavanaugh

11:30 am  Awards
Mena & David Sprague and Jason Witmer

12:00 pm  Lunch
Provided by local vendor Pepe’s Bistro, Lincoln, NE

1:00 pm  Peace & Justice Workshops
Social Justice: An “Aging” Population: From Juvenile to Emerging Adult in the Justice System
JASMINE HARRIS
Director of Public Policy and Advocacy at RISE

ANTI-WAR WORKSHOP
MAKING FRIENDS WITH CONFLICT
JERROLD MCLEOD
SUZANNE KING
Members of Omaha Alternatives to Violence Project

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP
ENGAGING WITH YOUR PUBLIC POWER
MARY HARDING
NPPD Board Member

RICK YODER
Former OPPD Board Member

CHELSEA JOHNSON
LES & NRD Board Member

WORKSHOPS

SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP
An “Aging” Population: From Juvenile to Emerging Adult in the Justice System

2:00 pm  Annual NFP Membership Meeting

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