



# Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference

**Beatrice — April 24 & 25, 2019**  
**Registration Now Open**



If you are interested in supporting local businesses and your community with innovative new ideas, then you won't want to miss this event!

**Register at:**  
**[REGONLINE.COM/CEC2019](http://REGONLINE.COM/CEC2019)**

## *Learn, share, empower and grow*

Throughout this conference, you will have a chance to hear from economic and community development professionals across the state and country. Thirty break-out sessions across six tracks will be held in downtown Beatrice venues—all within walking distance.

**Registration Fee \$80 until April 15<sup>th</sup>, \$100 thereafter.**

Discounts –

- \* 3 or more attendees from same community  
- \$20 discount for each.
- \* Student Discount rate - \$40  
- sponsored by Rural Futures Institute

Contact Jason for special discount information ([jason.weigle@unl.edu](mailto:jason.weigle@unl.edu); 402.768.7212)

## Conferences Tracks

- ▶ Creating a Vibrant Downtown
- ▶ Placemaking
- ▶ Diversifying the Economy
- ▶ Collaborative Development
- ▶ Community Investments and Civic Engagement
- ▶ Groundwork for Change

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## 2019 Conference Sessions

- Kickoff Keynote - Dell Gines, Senior Community Development Advisory, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Omaha Branch.
- Wrap-up Keynote - David Weaver, Orton Family Foundation.
- Breakout sessions - housing, workforce, business succession planning, business lending practices, leadership, cooperative business structures, Civic Engagement, community downsizing and many more topics.

## Conference Design

- “Noon to Noon” conference.
- Networking opportunities for participants to make connections and share best practices.
- 30 Breakout sessions held in local venues (i.e. restaurants, retail stores, art gallery).
- Walk around time for participants to experience Beatrice downtown and assets.
- CEC content provides a holistic look at the entrepreneurial community. Sessions help a community create a sense of place where people want to live as well as build a supportive entrepreneurial culture.
- Networking to participants to make connections and share practices.
- Networking event at the Homestead National Monument

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