

# Nebraska State College System



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The Honorable Ben Nelson  
U.S. Senator  
720 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

On behalf of the Nebraska State College System, I want to sincerely thank you for your long-standing support of and dedication to higher education in our state. You have always demonstrated, in very tangible ways, your commitment to our students, faculty, and staff. We deeply appreciate it.

I have given approval to Chadron State College and specifically President Janie Park to submit an appropriation request to you regarding a critical need for technology and equipment to enhance and support Chadron's Rangeland and Agriculture Management degree programs. Under Dr. Park's leadership, Chadron and its Foundation are currently engaged in a Capital Campaign to raise much needed funds for facilities, technology, and equipment. One of the initiatives of Chadron State College's Capital Campaign is to raise \$2 million for a new facility to house all of the classes and laboratories required to complete Chadron's degree programs in Rangeland and Agriculture Management.

The request Dr. Park has submitted to you for your consideration is the **Chadron State College Rangeland and Agriculture Management Technology and GIS-GPS Jobs Initiative**. The request is for equipment and technology only. If approved, funding from the federal government will be leveraged with funding from the private and corporate sector, as well as from the Nebraska State College System, and will help tremendously in our mission to assure that graduates from this program continue to enter Nebraska's workforce fully prepared to meet the demands of the global workplace.

Good paying jobs related to rangeland and agriculture management are in high demand by employers. Projections are that from now through the year 2016, demand will grow dramatically. State resources are extremely limited to provide state-of-the-art technology and equipment our students need to remain competitive.

I can assure you that the Nebraska State College System continues to make every effort to guarantee to taxpayers that their money is being invested wisely and that students are receiving a world class education. It is for precisely this reason that I have encouraged and authorized Dr. Park to submit the **Chadron State College Rangeland and Agriculture Management Technology and GIS-GPS Jobs Initiative** request to you for your consideration.

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Should you have any questions with regard to this appropriation request, feel free to contact Dr. Janie Park or me.

Thank you again for your continued good work in the United States Senate on behalf of Nebraska higher education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stan Carpenter".

Stan Carpenter  
Chancellor