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The spark from a Jacob's ladder ignites flash paper sewn into a flame-resistant ribbon during an Oct. 8 grand opening ribbon cutting at Nebraska Innovation Campus. The ribbon cutting machine was designed by members of the UNL Maker Club.

[Nebraska Innovation Campus](http://innovate.unl.edu) [http://innovate.unl.edu] will open its doors to the public Oct. 9 to celebrate its grand opening.

The grand opening celebration at Nebraska Innovation Campus continues today with public tours and a Nebraska Alumni Association “Football Friday” event.

NIC works to connect private business partners with the talent of UNL faculty for the purpose of transforming ideas into innovations. NIC has established a collaborative and innovative culture that nurtures dynamic, creative energy.

Campus tours begin at 4 and 4:30 p.m. From 5 to 7 p.m., the Nebraska Alumni Association will host Football Friday at NIC in anticipation of the Oct. 10 football game against Wisconsin.

At full build-out, NIC will be a 2.2-million square-foot sustainable campus with uniquely designed buildings and amenities that inspire creative activity and engagement. The core buildings now open include:

- **Innovation Commons**, a state-of-the-art office complex and the hub of the campus;
- **The Food Innovation Center**, a world-class structure that is all about food on every dimension, from taste and texture, to human health and digestion; and
- **The Greenhouse Innovation Center**, with a high-tech phenotyping system that allows researchers to gather useful information about individual plants throughout their growth cycle.

Nebraska Innovation Studio, a new maker space, occupies part of the first floor of the commons. Manufacturing-grade equipment in this new maker space provides membership access for UNL students, faculty, staff and community members as well as workshops and training.

Members of the [UNL Maker Club](http://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/unltoday/article/nic-grand-opening-to-feature-unl-maker-club-device/) worked in Nebraska Innovation Studio to create a sculpture [http://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/unltoday/article/nic-grand-opening-to-feature-unl-maker-club-device/] that, during a private, Oct. 8 ceremony, helped launch the two-day grand opening celebration at Nebraska Innovation Campus.

For more information on NIC, [click here](http://innovate.unl.edu) [http://innovate.unl.edu].

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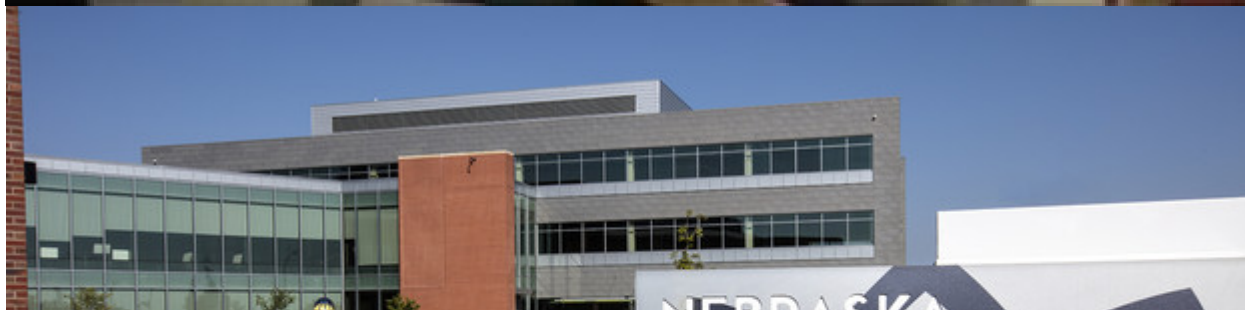
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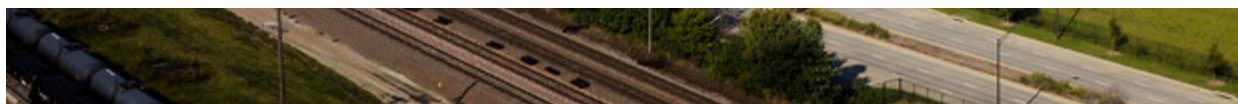


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Nebraska Innovation Campus will hold a public grand opening at 4 p.m. Oct. 9. The event will include Football Friday, a Nebraska Alumni Association celebration held on Fridays before home football games.





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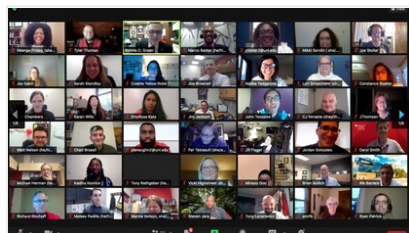
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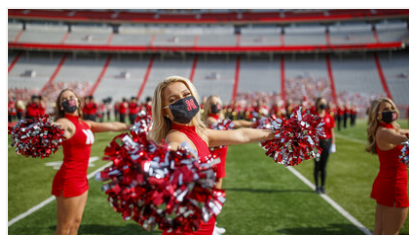
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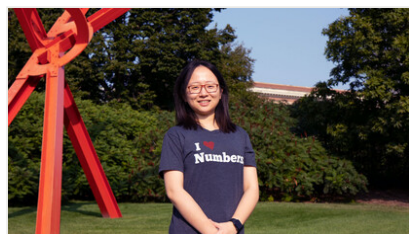
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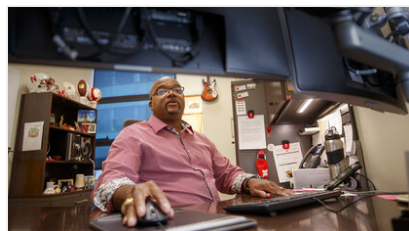
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