

TALKING POINTS

- **Affordability** – what does it mean to you if tuition increases?
- **Concern for your educational future** – what insecurities do you feel by not knowing whether or not you'll lose your program or be able to afford school?
- **Workforce or graduation** – if you get priced out or your program closes, what would you do?
- **Thank members of the Legislature** – for their service and all they do to support students. Because of their partnership, the University is able to keep tuition affordable while providing excellent academic programs, taught by the best professors that prepare us for the workforce.

EXAMPLES:

"All campuses are great values compared to peer institutions; for example UNL is the best value in the Big Ten. This means NU students have less debt when they graduate and can contribute to economic growth sooner."

"Cuts in state funding would lead to tuition increases at a time when we know our workforce needs MORE college graduates. The University of Nebraska has always been about access and opportunity for young people. We need senators' partnership to keep that tradition going."

"As a student, it's hard to see budget cuts being rolled out. Every cut is one less educational opportunity for students. Today's marketplace in terms of student recruitment is very competitive. If the University is forced to cut programs, it will be that much more difficult to recruit the best and brightest talent. Those students may go elsewhere, and they may not come back to Nebraska to live, work and raise a family."

"We hope senators will send the right message to Nebraska's young people that they care about our future and the future of our state by supporting the University."

"We're advocating for the University of Nebraska's 53,000 students – our state's future business leaders, teachers, nurses and doctors, and farmers and ranchers."