

50 OVER 50 NE AWARDS

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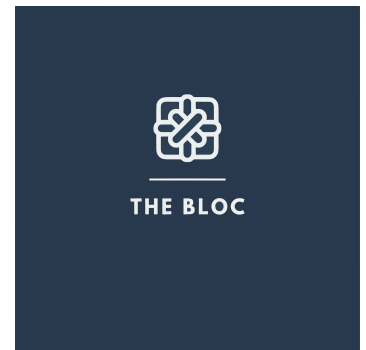
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WELCOME TO who we are...



The Bloc is a Lincoln-based philanthropic non-profit organization that focuses on education, charity, philanthropy, and community building. Over the past year, its efforts focused on COVID-19 relief, including partnerships to deliver meals, provide masks, and mental health services to community members throughout the state of Nebraska.

Our team of experts wanted to do something different to honor loved ones in the aging community. So the "50 OVER 50" awards ceremony was created as a way to recognize top achievers in five categories -- nonprofit, innovation, business, community, and healthcare -- that are age 50 and older in Nebraska.

The ceremony hopes to accelerate the mission of promoting diversity and inclusion.



PROGRAM FLOW

2021 50 OVER 50 NE AWARDS

5:30 PM

COCKTAIL HOUR

EMCEE

Matthew Singh
Director of Operational
Excellence-State of Nebraska

7 PM

WELCOME MESSAGE
& THE BLOC,
INTRODUCTION
Philippe Bruce
CEO, The Bloc

7:10 PM

OPENING REMARKS
Dannette Smith
CEO
Nebraska Department of
Health and Human Services

7:15 PM

DINNER & AWARD
PRESENTATIONS

8:15 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Carmen Tapio
CEO
NorthEnd Teleservices

8:30 PM

FINAL REMARKS
Dina Becirovic
COO
The Bloc



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DINNER

2021 50 OVER 50 NE AWARDS

MENU

Salad

*Mixed Greens, Grape Tomatoes, Cucumber, Carrots
Choice of Champagne Citronette and Ranch Dressing Assorted Rolls and
Butter*

Entrée

*Chicken Breast with Wild Mushroom Herb Jus
Herb Roasted Potatoes
Chef's Seasonal Vegetable Medley*

Dessert

*Double Tree Cookie Cheesecake with Strawberry Compote, Berries, and
Whipped Cream
Peanut Butter Chocolate Cake*

*Vegetarian Options available upon request
Grilled Portabella Stack - Zucchini, Squash, Red Pepper, Roasted Tomato, Balsamic Glaze
Plain cheesecake are available upon request*

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Emcee

Director of Operational Excellence
State of Nebraska



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CEO

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services



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AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

UP & COMING TRAILBLAZERS



MARJORIE MASS

Executive Director | SHARE
Omaha



DR. WASHINGTON GARCIA

Director, School of Music |
University of Nebraska at Omaha



JACQUELINE MILLER

Assistant Professor | Creighton
University



ALEXANDER DUNN

Managing Partner & Owner |
Lazlo's Brewery & Grill



BRIAN HASTINGS

President and CEO |
University of Nebraska
Foundation



DR. VIDHYA SELVARAJ

President & Chief Medical Officer |
Omaha Insomnia and Psychiatric
Services



ROB WEGNER

Teacher/Activities
Director/Coach | Palmer
Public School



**JEREMIAH DANE
LARSEN**

Founder | Jeremiah Dane
Coaching



BRIAN CRAIG

Vice President | Charge
Knowledge



DR. LASHAUNE JOHNSON

Associate Professor | Creighton
University & Assistant Director |
Creighton University Highlander



TRAVIS STURGILL

Investigator | Hall County Sheriff's Office

50 OVER 50 NE AWARD RECIPIENTS



CHRISTINE ANDERSON

Co-Owner | Marksman Indoor Range



KIRK ANDERSON

Co-Owner | Marksman Indoor Range



CAROL CLEAVER

Claim Examiner and Attorney | National Indemnity Company



B.C. CLARK

Founder and President | Metro Omaha Women's Business Center & Director and Client Development | Nebraska Enterprise Fund



DIVA MEJIAS

President | Nebraska Hispanic Chamber of Commerce



CANDACE GREGORY

President & Chief Executive Officer | Open Door Mission



DOUG DURHAM

Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder | Don't Panic Labs



ELI RIGATUSO

Founder | SpeakingOfHappy.com



ERIC EWING

Executive Director | Great Plains Black History Museum



JUDITH MARTIN

Advisory Board Member | Midlands African Chamber



JIM WARREN

Sarpy County Commissioner District 5



JANICE MARIE JANSKY

(In memoriam)
Director of Investments | Nebraska Methodist Health System



SEN. JOHN MCCOLLISTER

Nebraska State Senator



WELTON JUILFS

Changing Spaces



MEG DAMME

Program Coordinator | Fresh Start Home



CHRIS HOVE

Chief Executive Officer | Nebraska Bank of Commerce



WALTER "TED" CARTER

President | University of Nebraska System



DR. LAZARO SPINDOLA

Executive Director | Nebraska Latino American Commission



DR. ALI KHAN

Dean | University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Public Health | & Assistant Surgeon General, USPHS (ret.)



RENEE FRANKLIN

Executive Director | Elementary Learning Centers



JEFF HUBER

Chief Executive Officer | Home Instead, Inc.



AILEEN WARREN

Associate Vice Chancellor & Executive Director of Human Resources | University of Nebraska Medical Center



TAMARA MORRIS

Executive Director | Hamilton Community Foundation



YESENIA PECK

Diversity Manager | Nebraska Public Power District



DARRIN GOOD

President | Nebraska Wesleyan University



MARCY BROWNING

Development Director | Duet



SANDY SPADY

Member Services Representative | Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce



PAUL STRAWHECKER

President | Paul J. Strawhecker, Inc.



IAN VICKERS

Chief Executive Officer |
Global Partners in Hope



DR. CAROLE PATRICK

Vice President of Development |
Visiting Nurse Association



ROSEY HIGGS

Director of Programs |
Nonprofit Association of the
Midlands



SCOTT HAZELRIGG

President | NorthStar
Foundation



JONA VAN DEUN

President | Nebraska Tech
Collaborative



JAMES FREEMAN (RET.)

Senior Director of Inclusion &
Director of Multicultural Affairs |
University of Nebraska at Omaha



JIM REIFF

Executive Director | Nebraska
Enterprise Fund



ERICA MASCARELLO

Owner | Walk Your Paws,
While You Work



HON. TANYA COOK

Policy Lead | National Black
Caucus of State Legislators



CAROLINA PADILLA

Executive Director |
Intercultural Senior Center



NICOLE EDMUNDSON

Account Specialist |
SilverStone Group, A HUB
International Company



HAROLD SARGUS

Procurement Consultant and
Director of Continuing
Education | Nebraska Business
Development Center



TONY BOLDT

President and CEO |
Nebraska Furniture Mart



PAULA STEENSON

Founder & Owner | Paula
Presents!



**PHYLLIS ERICSON
(Ret.)**

Chief Executive Officer |
Lincoln Community
Blood Bank



HON. VERNON DANIELS

Nebraska Judge



KAREN GIBLER

President | Sarpy Chamber of
Commerce



**HON. WADIE THOMAS
(Ret.)**

Nebraska Judge



DR. CHELSEA CHESEN

Private Practice



CARMEN TAPIO

Chief Executive Officer |
North End Teleservices



ANNABELLE KEENE

Volunteer | Eastern
Nebraska Medical
Reserve Corps



MICK MINES

Nebraska Lobbyist | Bromm
Nielsen & Mines



50 OVER 50 NE AWARD JUDGES



ERIN ALBERS

Vice President of Social
Purposes | Home Instead,
Inc.



DANIELLE DAVIS

TV Anchor | KMTV 3 News Now



TODD DUNCAN

Manager Physical
Security | OPPD



**CRISTINA CASTRO-
MATUKEWICZ**

Vice President of
Community Affairs | Wells
Fargo Bank



JASMINE HARRIS

Director of Public Policy &
Advocacy | RISE



LISA LEE

Lincoln Council for
International Visitors

AWARD RECIPIENTS BY CATEGORY

50 OVER 50 NE AWARDS

COMPLETE LIST OF AWARD RECIPIENTS BY CATEGORY



NONPROFIT

- Tamara Morris
 - Meg Damme
 - Annabelle Keene
 - Phyllis Ericson
 - Ian Vickers
 - Scott Hazelrigg
 - Candace Gregory
 - Rosey Higgs
 - Carolina Padilla
 - Renee Franklin
 - Marcy Browning
- Up & Coming Trail Blazers**
- Brian Hastings



INNOVATION

- Jeff Huber
- Up & Coming Trail Blazers**
- Brian Craig



BUSINESS

- LIFE TIME AWARD**
- Carmen Tapio
 -
 - Doug Durham
 - Tony Boldt
 - Christine Anderson
 - Kirk Anderson
 - Carol Cleaver
 - Paula Steenson
 - Sandy Spady
 - Janice Marie Jansky
 - Nicole Edmundson
 - Harold Sargus
 - B.C. Clark
 - Jim Reiff
 - Aileen Warren
 - Mick Mines
 - Chris Hove
 - Paul Strawhecker
 - Jona Van Deun

- Up & Coming Trail Blazers**
- Alexander Dunn



HEALTHCARE

- Dr. Chelsea Chesen
 - Dr. Ali Khan
 - Dr. Carole Patrick
- Up & Coming Trail Blazers**
- Dr. Vidhya Selvaraj
 - Jacqueline Miller
 - Jeremiah Dane Larsen



COMMUNITY

- Sen. John McCollister
 - Walter "Ted" Carter
 - Hon. Tanya Cook
 - Hon. Wadie Thomas
 - Hon. Vernon Daniels
 - Eli Rigatuso
 - Yesenia Peck
 - Karen Gibler
 - Jim Warren
 - Juilfs Welton
 - Judith Martin
 - Erica Mascarello
 - Diva Mejias
 - Darrin Good
 - Eric Ewing
 - Dr. Lazaro Spindola
 - James Freeman
- Up & Coming Trail Blazers**
- Dr. Washington Garcia
 - Dr. LaShaune Johnson
 - Travis Sturgill
 - Marjorie Maas
 - Rob Wegner

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A woman with curly hair is sitting at a desk, reading a book. On the desk, there are several other books, including one titled 'GOING VIRAL' and another 'COCO'. A smartphone is also visible on the desk. The background shows a window with a view of a city building.

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CARMEN TAPIO

LIFETIME AWARD RECIPIENT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



"While we all measure success differently, real success – quantified as a life that is fulfilling, work that is rewarding, relationships that are caring and hope for others' success – is a gift. The driving force behind my success is trust and reliance on God, along with a healthy dose of family, friends, and colleagues who truly “do life” with me. I am nothing without the people I love and the purpose I believe I have here on this Earth – along with the promise of all that is ahead, every day, laid out as an adventure for me."
- Carmen Tapio



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FINAL REMARKS

Dina Becirovic

MEET THE TEAM



PHILPE BRUCE

Founder & Chief Executive Officer



DINA BECIROVIC

Chief Operating Officer



ISMAEL GBADAMASSI

Chief Financial Officer



LISA MCMEEN

Director of Events



GILLY NIYAZOVA

CPA



VALERIE JENKINS

Education Committee

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2022 NOMINATIONS

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2022 NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

Help us kick off next year's 50 OVER 50 NE Awards by nominating a deserving person 50 years and over in one of the categories below at communitybloc.com.



NONPROFIT

This award category will honor individuals who are working to strengthen the nonprofit field including educational institutions.



INNOVATION

This award category will honor individuals who see opportunity where others don't, break down walls, challenge the status quo, and bring about positive changes to all.



BUSINESS

This award category will honor professionals, business owners, entrepreneurs, & community leaders who are participating and growing Nebraska's economy.



HEALTHCARE

This award category will honor our healthcare professionals. They are at the forefront fighting to save lives in the community.



COMMUNITY

This award category will honor individuals working to make their community stronger through volunteering, serving in public offices, working as educators, & leaders of impactful movements.



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SPECIAL MENTIONS

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ROBERT B. EVNEN - NEBRASKA SECRETARY OF STATE

**CINDI ALLEN - ASSISTANT NEBRASKA SECRETARY OF
STATE**

SENATOR DEB FISCHER - NEBRASKA SENATOR

**CEO DANNETTE SMITH - NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**DIRECTOR MATTHEW SINGH - STATE OF NEBRASKA
OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE CENTER**

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