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Governor, NU President to address NCTA graduation

Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts and University of Nebraska President Hank Bounds will deliver commencement addresses at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis on May 5.

Nearly 80 associate degrees and 1-year certificates will be conferred during the 1:30 p.m. ceremony, some to students in multiple majors or certifications.

The two-year college founded in 1965 specializes solely in agricultural areas of academics.

NU Regent Bob Phares of North Platte will bring greetings from the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor-Elect Ronnie Green will provide remarks on behalf of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources where Green has served as vice chancellor since 2010. Green, who assumes the UNL chancellorship duties on May 8, will assist NCTA Dean Ron Rosati in conferring graduation degrees.

“NCTA’s graduation is a significant milestone each year for our students, their families and the entire community of Curtis,” noted Rosati.

“We are very fortunate to also welcome special guests who have been of great influence and constant support to our students and campus community.”

Additionally, the region’s state senator, Dan Hughes of Venango, will attend as well other representatives of IANR and the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Commencement participants will include presentation of colors by the Curtis American Legion Post #95, national anthem sung by Taylor McQuade, Curtis, and invocation and benediction by NCTA students Michelle Conneally, Grand Island, and Desarae Catlett, Broken Bow.

Grand marshals are NCTA faculty members Joanna Hergenreder and Bridger Chytka, both assistant professors in animal science. Students will be receiving associate’s degrees in agribusiness management systems, agriculture production systems, horticulture systems and veterinary technology systems.

One-year certificates of study will be conferred for irrigation technology, animal production systems and animal health care.

The Curtis school was founded in 1913 as a regional high school serving communities in southwestern, central, north central and western Nebraska where the vast geography often prevented the establishment of community high schools.

The public ceremony will be 1:30 p.m. at the Curtis Memorial Community Center, 301 Garlick Avenue, Curtis, 69025.

For information about NCTA or graduation, see ncta.unl.edu or call 1-800-3-CURTIS.

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