

# Gregg Christensen Distinguished Hall of Fame Award



## Brett Stohs and the Weibling Entrepreneurship Clinic

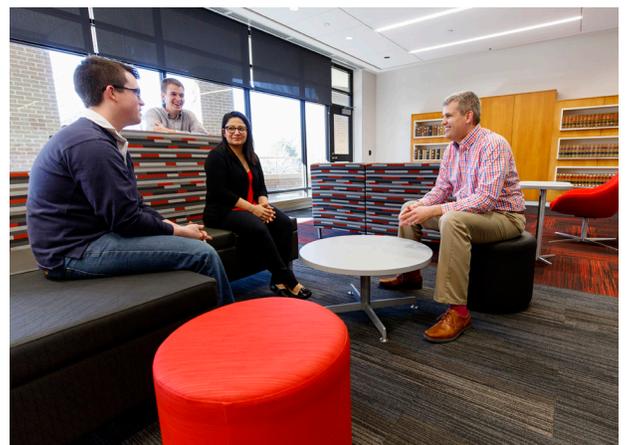


The Weibling Entrepreneurship Clinic at the University of Nebraska College of Law has been a resource to entrepreneurs, educators, and community builders since 2013. Developed by attorney and professor Brett Stohs, the clinic provides free legal advice and representation to startup business clients throughout the State of Nebraska. The clinic assists clients with early-stage legal matters, such as entity formation, partnership negotiations, contract drafting, intellectual property protection, and regulatory and compliance issues. Through their work with clients, Brett and his team educate tomorrow's business leaders. The clinic has helped nearly 300 startups, small businesses, and nonprofits get started on solid legal footing without impacting their bottom line.

Brett is always willing to bring his students to communities in Nebraska to present on various legal topics for small businesses and service agencies. In fact, a number of his students have returned to rural Nebraska communities to continue providing vital legal services to residents of the state. The clinic has also taken on several student businesses, recent graduates, and community entrepreneurs as clients.

The mission of the Weibling Entrepreneurship Clinic is to:

- Educate, train, and inspire law students to understand the needs of, and be advocates for, entrepreneurs, innovators and start-up businesses;
- Provide law students an opportunity to develop meaningful and transferable legal, practical and ethical skills through application of classroom lessons to client representation in a transactional law firm setting;
- Offer early-stage transactional legal advice and representation to Nebraska's aspiring entry-level entrepreneurs, innovators, and start-up businesses;
- Inspire an entrepreneurial spirit among law students by facilitating educational and professional opportunities that connect law students with entrepreneurs and business leaders, relevant partner organizations, and legal practitioners who represent entrepreneurs and start-up businesses;
- Contribute to the University of Nebraska's mission as the state's primary intellectual center by performing direct outreach to rural and urban communities on legal issues facing entrepreneurs and start-up businesses and providing legal support to other University of Nebraska initiatives relating to entrepreneurship; and
- Be a meaningful contributor in the Nebraska ecosystem of entrepreneurs and supporting organizations that are working to make the State of Nebraska one of the best places in the United States to start a business.



More information about the Weibling Entrepreneurship Clinic, including information for becoming a clinic client, is available at <https://law.unl.edu/eclinic/>.

# Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year



## Linda Hartman - Southeast Community College



Linda has long been a driving force in college level Entrepreneurship education. She was instrumental in assisting with the design of the college level Entrepreneurship classes taught in Nebraska's community college system. Linda has also taught a number of Entrepreneurship classes at SCC and is regarded as one of the best instructors in the Business Division at SCC. In addition, Linda has worked in the SCC Entrepreneurship Center and has been a tireless advocate for the Center since its formation.

Linda's education includes an M.S. Human Resources and Family Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; B.S. in Business, Kearney State College, Kearney, NE; A.A. General Education, McCook Community College, McCook, NE.

She is a native of Nebraska, graduating from Medicine Valley High School in Curtis, NE. She has been with Southeast Community College since 2000 and has been recognized with many honors including the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs Region 5 Teaching Excellence Award 2013; National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship Educator Award nominee 2010; Talbot's regional people development award, five years.

## Entrepreneurship Outstanding Service Award

### UNK's Center for Entrepreneurship and Rural Development

The Center for Entrepreneurship and Rural Development (CERD) at the University of Nebraska at Kearney offers outstanding leadership and guidance in entrepreneurship education and business development services in Nebraska



The UNK CERD promotes strong and sustained business growth by fostering creative entrepreneurial initiatives in rural Nebraska and establishing a competitive economic edge through applied academic research & community outreach. Director Lisa Tschauner and Assistant Director Aliese Hoffman engage in exemplary leadership and advocacy through their wide range of statewide services and student programs. The Center focuses on outreach, education and research that impacts small business development and growth in rural Nebraska including talent retention, effective business planning and economically inviting opportunities.

Since 2018, they have helped rural Nebraska communities secure over \$6Million in grant funding for community projects. They have worked with over 500 small business clients and students. Hoffman and Tschauner have been active in NETForce for several years by hosting meetings and both serving on the executive committee. To learn more visit: [unk.edu/cerd](http://unk.edu/cerd).