Even though the weather screams, "Grab a blanket and stay inside," we here in the office have been staying incredibly busy. New Venture Adventure, an Enactus event that brings high school students from all over the region to create mock businesses and face real world problems, was a huge success. We also helped organize Central Nebraska Startup Week, which kicked off with Big Idea Kearney and featured events like the Best Practices Summit, ProTalks Lunchbox, and the Business Leaders Breakfast.

Rachel Jack, an Enactus member and the leader of New Venture Adventure, tells us a little bit about what she learned from organizing such a big event as well as how Enactus in general has helped enhance her UNK experience. She is senior with a major in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting.

Tell us a little bit about yourself.
I am a senior from Eustis, Nebraska. I enjoy spending time with friends and family. You can always find me doing a little DIY project around my apartment or

How has Enactus impacted you and your UNK experience?
looking at Pinterest.

Enactus has helped me gain connections beyond normal classroom experiences. I have been able to participate in events that impact our community...

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RECENT ACTIVITY AT THE CENTER

New Venture Adventure
New Venture Adventure is a day for high school students to learn of both the hard work and excitement of becoming an entrepreneur. This year about 130 students were in attendance. Students work to create a mock business over the course of 5 hours. During the day, these young entrepreneurs meet with local professionals to help them experience what a normal startup business goes through. New Venture Adventure shines light on different tasks that a business goes through when it is created that many people don’t think about. We have heard comments from students including the day was more fun than they thought it would be, they learned a lot, and enjoyed working with other students.

"I plan on using some of the things I learned today to help me decide if I want to be a business major in college."
-NVA Attendee
Central Nebraska Startup Week, an entire week dedicated to entrepreneurship in the region, was a huge success! Entrepreneurs gathered to see what other great ideas were brewing at the Big Idea Kearney, networked with other creators at the ProTalks Lunchbox, and listened to other entrepreneurs from around the area give tips and tell their stories at the Best Practices Summit.

**Big Idea Kearney**

With a bigger venue, and even bigger ideas, Big Idea Kearney brought people of all ages onto the stage to share their business ideas. Hosted at the World Theatre downtown, area entrepreneurs pitched their ideas to a panel of judges in front of a live audience. Business pitches ranged from agriculture technology, apps, clothing stores, and drones.
Nebraska Entrepreneurship Best Practices Summit
The Best Practices Summit was the crown jewel of Central Nebraska Startup Week. Educators, Administrators, Service Providers, Policy Makers and Entrepreneurs throughout the region listened and learned from other expert presenters throughout the day. Andy Stoll with the Kaufmann Foundation kicked off the day with an inspiring keynote. The day was filled with breakout sessions, keynote speeches, and a Q&A session to a panel of business leaders. Breakout sessions covered topics from rural business, to new ways to teach entrepreneurship. The day ended with a local panel of entrepreneurs at various stages in the development of their business.

ProTalks Lunchbox
Entrepreneurs throughout the community got a chance to talk with local professional service providers (accounting, finance, marketing, legal) over lunch, focusing on setting up the legal structure of your own business. Students from the UNL Weibling Entrepreneurship Clinic presented at the event and gave advice on legal practices. Attendees sat down with professionals and asked questions about the legal concerns of their own businesses and get helpful professional guidance for success in their small businesses.
Threat to Withdraw from NAFTA Continues to Cast Shadow Over Agribusiness

One of Trump's agenda items is to renegotiate NAFTA, a trade agreement between North American countries that tries to keep jobs within the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Read on to see why agribusiness may suffer from leaving the trade agreement.

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Small Business Saturday - November 25th
Go For Launch - An accelerated business workshop - January 26th-28th
Executive Education Management Workshop - January 18th
UNK Career Fair - February 7th
Business Leader's Breakfast - February
Enactus Regional Competition - April 9th

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