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Local Teachers Taking Part in Lincoln Program

(KLZA) On Monday, more than 80 Nebraska high school students will travel to the State Capitol for the 15th Nebraska Capitol Forum on America's Future.

Sponsored by Humanities Nebraska and Secretary of State John Gale, Capitol Forum is designed to engage high school students in a discussion about our nation's future in a changing international environment. This year, 21 teachers and their students are taking part.

The day will begin at 8:20 a.m. with a greeting from Governor Dave Heinemann and from Secretary Gale. During the morning, students will meet in break-out sessions in which they will discuss U.S. foreign policy topics including: terrorism, immigration, global environment, trade and nuclear proliferation. That afternoon, students will move to the Warner Chamber, where they will present and deliberate options related to the future of U.S. foreign policy.

As part of the program students also create posters, which will be on display in the Rotunda, depicting their various viewpoints. The day will culminate in a question-and-answer period in the Warner Chamber involving U.S. Senator Mike Johanns and U.S. Representatives Jeff Fortenberry and Lee Terry.

Upon completion of the one-day event, teachers and their students return home and share their experiences with their classmates, broadening the impact of Capitol Forum to more than 1,500 students statewide.

Capitol Forum is a Choices for the 21st Century project, an outreach educational program of Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies. In Nebraska, the program is funded in part by the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the State of Nebraska.

Participating Teachers include, Lori Rech, Falls City High School, Bryce Roth, Auburn High School and Arlo Wusk, Sterling High School.

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