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# 140th Anniversary

## Morrill Hall kicks off year-long celebration with special event

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1) Guests enjoy dining in Morrill Hall. 2) Matt McNair, UNL campus director of development, University of Nebraska Foundation. 3) Tuttle award winner Mel Thornton.

The University of Nebraska State Museum celebrated its 140th anniversary with a kick-off event January 7 at Morrill Hall, hosted by Friends of the State Museum and the University of Nebraska Foundation.

The social hour included appetizers, jazz entertainment by Sarabande and a presentation of the museum's new "Mammoth Mania" dance videos featuring the Archie mascot and LPS students. Guests also enjoyed National Geographic pho-



tographer Joel Sartore's new exhibit "Amphibians: Vibrant and Vanishing" in Morrill Hall's Cooper Gallery.

UNL Catering served dinner, and Meier's Cork 'N' Bottle provided bar service.

### Congratulatory remarks

After dinner, the following individuals gave remarks congratulating the museum on its anniversary:

- Priscilla Grew, state museum director;
- Bob Phares, chairman, University of Nebraska Board of Regents;
- Ellen Weissinger, UNL senior vice chancellor for academic affairs;
- Chris Beutler, Lincoln mayor;
- Jessica Whalen, community liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith of Grand Island, who read a congratulatory letter from the congressman;
- Roger Lempke, representative for Senator Mike Johanns of Lincoln, who read a congratulatory letter from the senator;
- Matt McNair, UNL campus director of development, University of Nebraska Foundation; and
- Mark Brohman, president, Friends of the State Museum.

### Friends of the State Museum awards presented

Brohman presented the following Friends awards:  
-Anderson Award to Rick Otto, Ashfall Fossil Beds superintendent, honoring his service to the museum;

