



## Focus on Religious Freedom

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"Defendants spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in student fees each year to pay for speakers and other events promoting political and ideological viewpoints on topics like sexual orientation, social justice, police reform, and political activism," the lawsuit reads.<sup>(3)</sup> Gov. Pete Ricketts urged UNL to support "speakers from a wide variety of viewpoints on campus, including Christian speakers."

**The College of the Ozarks**, a private, Christian college, awaits a ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals, one step below the U.S. Supreme Court, in its lawsuit against the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and its directive forcing colleges and universities to open their dorms, bathrooms, and showers to members of the opposite sex. By requiring colleges covered by the Fair Housing Act to not "discriminate" based on sexual orientation or gender identity, this directive forces religious schools to violate their beliefs.

"Religious freedom is under attack in America, and we won't stand on the sidelines and watch," said college president, Dr. Jerry C. Davis. "To threaten religious freedom is to threaten America itself. College of the Ozarks will not allow politicians to erode this essential American right or the ideals that shaped America's founding."<sup>(4)</sup>

#### Hope for Religious Revival in America from College Students

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