Guest Speaker

Senator Heidi Heitkamp

Heidi Heitkamp is the junior senator from North Dakota. She is the first female senator ever elected from North Dakota and took the oath of office on January 3, 2013. This event will mark her 100th day in office.

Heitkamp grew up in a large family in the small town of Mantador, North Dakota. Alongside her six brothers and sisters, she learned the value of hard work and responsibility, leading her to choose a life of public service.

The Wenstrom Lecture is an annual event sponsored by the UND Department of Political Science and Public Administration. Named for the late Frank A. Wenstrom, it is meant to highlight topics of public service and politics affecting the state of North Dakota. Wenstrom, a former North Dakota Lieutenant Governor and state legislator, served as President of North Dakota’s second Constitutional Convention.