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Movers: Entrepreneur inspires, teaches

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The director of Creighton University's Entrepreneurship Program, she was at the University of Washington in Seattle in the early 1990s and witnessed explosive growth in the city's enterprising spirit.

The dot-com boom was just beginning, and companies such as Microsoft and Boeing were making exciting advances in their fields, she said. The university was working on groundbreaking DNA cancer research, which York said she found inspiring.

York said she developed a reusable bag long before cities like San Francisco banned the use of plastic bags because of environmental concerns.

Her next stop was the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Research Triangle, a region anchored by the cities of Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh, and known for its high-tech research and development.

York came to Nebraska four years ago. The University of Nebraska at Omaha hired her to head its Maverick Entrepreneurship Institute and to work with such partners as the Nebraska Medical Center and Peter Kiewit Institute.

At Creighton she won a \$500,000 National Science Foundation grant to start a Bioscience Entrepreneurship Program. It will train students studying science, business, law and medicine to work together to bring inventions to market.

York is working on programs to encourage high school students to consider entrepreneurship as a career. She also works with potential startups on grant applications.

She also is preparing to launch a social entrepreneurship program to educate students in how to start nonprofit ventures.

"I want to make a difference while I'm here to help people reach their dreams and goals."

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