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## **Blue Collar Boxing Event Strengthens Local Community**

The Omaha Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO and United Way of the Midlands will host their annual Blue Collar Boxing event on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at Ralston Arena beginning at 7 p.m.

During Blue Collar Boxing, 22 local labor union members will face off in the boxing ring. One-hundred percent of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Nebraska Center for Workforce Development and Education and United Way of the Midlands, empowering both organizations to strengthen our local community.

The competing boxers hail from nine different local labor unions: IBEW Local 22, IBEW Local 1521, Heat & Frost Insulators 39, Ironworkers Local 21, Sprinkler Fitters Local 669, Operating Engineers Local 571, IAFF Local 385, Steamfitters & Plumbers Local 464 and Plumbers 16.

Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased at [bluecollarboxing.org](http://bluecollarboxing.org).

The relationship between the AFL-CIO and United Way is built upon a mutual desire to create a better, stronger and more vibrant community. Partners since 1941, it's that shared commitment to our community that led to the creation of this amateur boxing event in 2019.

We hope you'll save the date and join us for this exciting event! For additional information about Blue Collar Boxing, please visit [bluecollarboxing.org](http://bluecollarboxing.org).

### **About United Way of the Midlands**

For the past 98 years, United Way of the Midlands (UWM) has used its community-wide perspective to identify local needs that are going unseen or unmet – and how it can partner with corporate, government organizations, nonprofits, and donors to tackle them. Today, UWM remains committed to uniting our community's caring spirit to build a stronger tomorrow. It invests donor dollars in more than 100 local nonprofit programs that, together, form a circle of support around our community. These programs are addressing pressing social and economic disparities and providing the essentials families need to thrive, such as food, a safe place to go after school, and job support.

### **About the Nebraska Center for Workforce Development and Education**

The Nebraska Center for Workforce Development and Education is a nonprofit focused on increasing the qualified workforce in Nebraska by creating opportunities for individuals to gain exposure to careers in the trades. Through their unique programs, they are addressing the skill-gap in Nebraska's workforce and supporting the infrastructure of the State of Nebraska.

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