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Dr. Nkenge Friday, a diversity and inclusion strategist with a background leading organizational-wide diversity and inclusion operations, serves as the Senior Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Focusing efforts on equity, inclusion, and diversity as an institutional wide strategy, Friday works with leaders and constituents to develop strategic plans and initiatives that align with collaborative based frameworks, aligning organizational needs with industry trends and best practices. Friday's research examines the role of institutions of higher learning during periods of sociopolitical conflict and leveraging diversity and inclusion for global leadership and engagement. She has also developed and delivered diversity research and training to international communities, including in Scotland, South Africa and India, as part of her work with SIT Graduate Institute.

Friday holds several leadership and board positions within professional associations and community organizations and is a certified Qualified Administrator for the Intercultural Development Inventory. She received her BA from Tougaloo College, MA from the University of Oklahoma, MEd from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Doctor of Education from Nova Southeastern University.