



Executive Leadership

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ADMINISTRATION

**Eric W. Kaler President**

In 2011, Kaler became the 16th president of the University of Minnesota. Previously, he served as provost and SVP for academic affairs and VP for Brookhaven National Laboratory Affairs at Stony Brook University in New York. Kaler received his undergraduate degree from the California Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University.

**Ann Aronson Chief Marketing Officer**

Aronson has led marketing in the Office of University Relations since 2005. She manages the U of M's brand, overseeing client and creative services, digital communications, social media, and market research.

**Michelle Behr Chancellor, UMN Morris**

Behr has led UMN Morris since 2017. Previously, she was the provost, SVP for academic affairs, and dean of the college at Birmingham-Southern College. Behr received a master's degree in anthropology and a Ph.D. in geography from Arizona State University.

**Mike Berthelsen VP, University Services**

Berthelsen has served the University for over 25 years, beginning in 1993 as a budget and finance officer, moving to University Services as the assistant VP and CFO and, for the past 10 years, providing leadership as the associate VP for facilities management.

**Lendley (Lynn) Black Chancellor, UMN Duluth**

Black leads UMN Duluth. He came to UMD in 2010 from Kennesaw State University in Georgia, where he served as provost and VP for academic affairs.

**Kathryn F. Brown VP, Human Resources**

Arriving at the University in 1992, Brown has also served as VP and chief of staff and as chief adviser to the president, playing an integral role in establishing and implementing policy at the University.

**Brian D. Burnett SVP, Finance and Operations**

Burnett has overseen the Offices of Human Resources, Information Technology, University Finance, and University Services since 2016. He received his Ph.D. in educational leadership, research, and policy from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

**J.D. Burton Chief Government Relations Officer**

Burton advances the interests of the U system at the Capitol in St. Paul, in Washington, D.C., and among community partners. Before arriving at the University in 2015, he was director of government relations for the City of St. Paul.

**Lori Carrell Chancellor, UMN Rochester**

Carrell leads UMN Rochester. She formerly served as UMR's vice chancellor for academic affairs and student development. Before arriving at the University in 2014, she earned her Ph.D. from the University of Denver.

**Mark Coyle Athletics Director**

Coyle has led the 25-sport Gopher Athletics program since 2016. He has also served as athletics director at Syracuse University and Boise State University and as deputy athletics director at the University of Kentucky.

**Christopher Cramer VP, Research**

Cramer oversees the University's \$900 million systemwide research enterprise. Arriving at the University in 1992, he has also served as associate dean in the College of Science of Engineering. He is an accomplished chemistry researcher and a Distinguished McKnight University Professor and Academy of Distinguished Teachers member.

**Michael Goh VP, Equity and Diversity**

Goh arrived at the University in 2000. Besides leading the Office for Equity and Diversity as vice president, he directs the Institute for Diversity, Equity, and Advocacy (IDEA) and is an associate professor in CEHD's Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development.

**Bernard Gulachek VP, Information Technology**

Since 1986, Gulachek has served in a variety of operational and strategic technology leadership roles. He is credited with leading many of the information technology services in use at the U today and for working to achieve institutional goals through use of technologies.

**Karen Hanson Executive VP and Provost**

Hanson joined the University in 2012 after serving as provost and executive VP of Indiana University. She received her B.A. from the U and earned her master's degree and Ph.D. from Harvard.

**Mary Holz-Clause Chancellor, UMN Crookston**

Holz-Clause has led UMN Crookston since 2017. Previously, she was dean of the College of Agriculture at Cal Poly Pomona and VP for economic development at the University of Connecticut. She holds a Ph.D. from Iowa State University.

**Gail Klatt Chief Auditor**

Klatt has served as the associate VP for internal audit since 1994. Before joining the University, she worked in a variety of audit management capacities in the financial services sector for 17 years.

**Matt Kramer VP, University Relations**

Kramer has led the University's lobbying, community relations, marketing, and public relations teams since 2017, overseeing public affairs strategy while engaging with the diverse range of U of M stakeholders. He earned his Ed.D. in leadership from Creighton University.

**Boyd Kumher Chief Compliance Officer**

Kumher joined the University in 2016. Before his arrival, he was the inaugural chief compliance officer for Case Western Reserve University. He comes to the institution with 20 years of experience in higher education and academic medical centers.

**Doug Peterson General Counsel**

The Office of the General Counsel provides legal advice on litigation and transactional matters to the U of M System. Peterson came to the University in 2016 from Stinson Leonard Street LLP and previously served as a federal prosecutor for the District of Minnesota.

**Jon Steadland Chief of Staff**

Steadland oversees many functions, including the Office of the President and the University Senate Office, and coordinates with the Board of Regents to advance President Kaler's agenda. Arriving at the University in 2004, Steadland has an M.P.P. from the U's Humphrey School of Public Affairs and a Ph.D. from the College of Education and Human Development.

**Jakub Tolar VP for Clinical Affairs & Dean, Medical School**

Tolar is a Distinguished McKnight University Professor of Pediatrics, an NIH-funded researcher, and a practicing clinician through the U of M's Masonic Children's Hospital. Arriving at the University in 1992, he has also served as executive vice dean for the Medical School.

**Chuck Tombarge Chief Public Relations Officer**

Tombarge has led public relations in the Office of University Relations since 2012. He manages public and media relations and issues and crisis management. He previously managed the daily operations of the News Service, the University's central media relations office.