Senior Leadership
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ADMINISTRATION

**Eric W. Kaler President**
Dr. Eric Kaler was named the 16th president of the University of Minnesota in 2011. Previously, Kaler served as provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs and vice president 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 U of M.

**Katrice Albert VP, Office of Equity and Diversity**
Dr. Katrice Albert became vice president for Equity and Diversity in June 2013 where she leads the U of M’s access, equity, and diverse multicultural resources and programs. Albert previously served as the chief diversity officer at Louisiana State University.

**Ann Aronson Chief Marketing Officer/Deputy Chief of Staff**
Ann Aronson co-leads the Office of University Relations, the central communications and marketing enterprise at the University. She manages the U’s brand, overseeing client and creative services, digital communications, social media, and market research.

**Michelle Behr Chancellor, U of M Morris**
Dr. Michelle Behr was appointed chancellor of the University of Minnesota Morris in February, 2016. Previously, Behr was the provost, senior vice president for academic affairs, and dean of the college at Birmingham-Southern College. Behr received both a master’s degree in anthropology and a Ph.D. in geography from Arizona State University.

**Lendley (Lynn) Black Chancellor, UM Duluth**
Dr. Lendley C. (Lynn) Black began his tenure as chancellor of UM Duluth in 2010. Black came to UMD from Kennesaw State University in Georgia, where he served as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

**Brian D. Burnett SVP, Finance and Operations**
Dr. Burnett was appointed Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations in November 2016. He oversees the Office of Human Resources, Information Technology, University Finance, and University Services. He received his Ph.D. in educational leadership, research, and policy from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.
J.D. Burton  Interim Special Assistant to the President, Government & Community Relations
J.D. Burton advances the interests of the U of M system at the capitol in St. Paul, in Washington, D.C., and among community partners. Previously, he was Director of Government Relations for the City of St. Paul, and has represented many interests before the State Legislature and U.S. Congress while in private practice.

Mark Coyle  Director of Athletics
Mark Coyle was named athletics director in May 2016. Coyle, a former athletic administrator at Minnesota, returns to Gopher Athletics after serving as athletics director at Syracuse University and Boise State University and as deputy athletics director at the University of Kentucky.

Karen Hanson  Executive VP & Provost
Karen Hanson joined the U of M in 2012 after serving as provost and executive vice president of Indiana University. She received her B.A. from the U of M and earned her master’s degree and Ph.D. from Harvard.

Jay Brooks Jackson  Dean of the Medical School and VP for Health Sciences
Dr. Brooks Jackson became dean of the Medical School and vice president for Health Sciences in 2014. Prior to his current role, Jackson was the director of Pathology at John’s Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Barbara Keinth  Interim Crookston Chancellor
Barbara Keinth was appointed interim chancellor in January 2017, having served as vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at Crookston since July 2013. Keinth holds a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and an M.A. in college student personnel from Michigan State University.

Gail Klatt  Associate VP, Internal Audits
Gail Klatt has served as the associate vice president of Internal Audit for the U of M since 1994. Prior to joining the University, she worked in a variety of audit management capacities in the financial services sector for 17 years.

Boyd Kumher  Chief Compliance Officer
Boyd joined the University of Minnesota in 2016. Prior to his arrival he was the inaugural Chief Compliance Officer for Case Western Reserve University. He comes to the institution with 20 years of experience working in higher education and academic medical centers.

Stephen Lehmkuhle  Chancellor, UM Rochester
Dr. Lehmkuhle was appointed the first chancellor of U of M Rochester in 2007. In his role, he has led collaborative master planning efforts for the University and created innovative programs in healthcare and biomedical informatics.

Allen Levine  Interim VP, Research
Dr. Levine previously served as vice provost for faculty and academic affairs, dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, and associate director of research at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. His research centers on the neural regulation of food intake.

Lisa Lewis  President & CEO, University of Minnesota Alumni Association
Lisa Lewis was named president & CEO of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association in 2013. Previously, Lewis was the executive director of the University of Connecticut Alumni Association. She is an honors graduate of the University of South Florida in marketing and public relations.

Amy Phenix  Chief of Staff
Amy Phenix was appointed in 2011. She oversees several functions, including the Office of the President, athletics operations, university relations, compliance, and the University Senate Office, and coordinates with the Board of Regents to advance the president’s agenda. She earned an MBA from the Carlson School of Management.

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

Kathleen Schmidlkofer  President & CEO, U of M Foundation
Kathleen Schmidlkofer, MBA, was selected as president and CEO of the University of Minnesota Foundation in 2014. A graduate of the University’s Carlson School of Management, Schmidlkofer came to the foundation from Greater MSP.

Chuck Tomborge  Chief Public Relations Officer/Deputy Chief of Staff
Chuck Tomborge co-leads the Office of University Relations. 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.