

**FROM EXCELLENT
TO EXTRAORDINARY**

THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF JEFFREY P. GOLD, M.D.
AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA SYSTEM

September 5, 2024

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

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PRE-CEREMONY MUSIC

Nebraska Medical Orchestra Chamber Ensemble
Matthew J. Brooks, D.M.A., Associate Professor
Director of Orchestral Activities in Music & Medicine, UNO/UNMC
String Chamber Music

FACULTY PROCESSIONAL

UNK Student Brass Quintet
Robert Benton, D.M.A., Associate Professor of Music
and Tim Farrell, D.M.A., Professor of Music
Vaghi Amorosi e Fortunati Allori by Giovanni Gabrieli

PLATFORM PROCESSIONAL

UNK Student Brass Quintet
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and Tim Farrell, D.M.A., Professor of Music
Rondeau by Jean-Joseph Mouret

WELCOME

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Christian Shields
University of Nebraska at Omaha

INVOCATION

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, S.J., Ph.D.
President, Creighton University

INTRODUCTIONS

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GREETINGS

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Unclouded Day by J.K. Alwood

**INTRODUCTION OF
SPEAKER**

Paul R. Kenney

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John E. Hyten, LL.D., General (Ret.)

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THE PRESIDENT**

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Umó'ho'n Tribal Elder

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Quand'io Ero Giovinetto by Giovanni Gabrieli

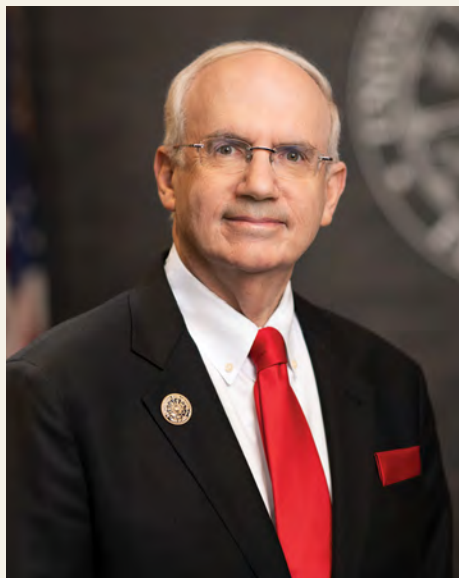


Please remain seated until the recessional is completed.

*Please feel free to stay after the ceremony for a free guided tour of the Capitol;
the last tour of the day starts at 4 and begins at the North Entrance on the second floor.*

Reception to follow at 5:30 p.m. at the International Quilt Museum, 1523 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

JEFFREY P. GOLD, M.D.



Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., became the ninth president of the University of Nebraska System on July 1, 2024, following a national search by the Board of Regents.

As president, Gold leads a four-campus university system that enrolls nearly 50,000 students and employs 16,000 faculty and staff on campuses in Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney, plus academic divisions and research and extension centers across the state. He serves as chief spokesman and chief executive officer for the system, which operates on a \$3 billion annual budget and includes a flagship Big Ten institution, a world-renowned academic health sciences center, Division I athletics programs, and preeminent institutes focused on water and agriculture, national security and defense, infectious disease and early childhood education.

He is a nationally recognized higher education and health care leader and advocate. He was the chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and board chair for the Nebraska Medicine

Health System from 2014 to 2024. As UNMC's chief operating officer, Dr. Gold was responsible for all aspects of campus leadership, program quality and operation—including 7 colleges, 37 institutes and centers, 5,429 faculty and staff and 4,700 health professions students.

In July 2021, Dr. Gold was named the Provost and Executive Vice President of the University of Nebraska System in addition to his ongoing UNMC/Nebraska Medicine responsibilities. In this role, he served as the chief academic officer of the University of Nebraska System and liaison to the Board of Regents for academic affairs. From May 2017 through June 2021, Dr. Gold served as the chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the state's only public metropolitan university—a role he held concurrently with being UNMC's chancellor.

He holds tenured faculty appointments in UNMC's College of Medicine and in the College of Public Health, where his research interests in health care policy, population health and epidemiology are concentrated. He has authored over 200 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 350 national presentations, 40 books and chapters and engaged in over 300 invited professorships and keynote presentations.

Dr. Gold is a first-generation student; he graduated from the Cornell University College of Engineering with a bachelor's degree in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. He earned his M.D. from the Weill Cornell College of Medicine and completed his general surgery residency at The New York–Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He completed his cardiothoracic surgical fellowship training at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, with additional training in pediatric cardiac surgery at the Boston Children's Hospital, both of the Harvard Medical School.

He has been certified by the American Board of Surgery and by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, specializing in adult and pediatric cardiac surgery. Dr. Gold is licensed in Nebraska, Ohio, New York and New Jersey.

Dr. Gold leads several key economic development boards for the State and the University System, including the Greater Omaha Chamber, University Tech Development Corp, the University Tech Transfer Corp, and UNeTech Corp.

His national leadership roles have included more than 50 national professional committees and more than 100 national organizations, volunteer boards, government and public health councils. He has worked extensively with national- and state-level elected and appointed governing and administrative bodies as an advisor and trusted resource in the areas of higher education, research and clinical care.

Dr. Gold has been married for fifty years to a medical school classmate. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.

GEN. (RET.) JOHN HYTEN, USAF



General (Ret.) John Hyten served as the 11th Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff after a distinguished 40-year career in the United States Air Force. Before retiring from the military in November 2021, General (Ret.) Hyten's role as Vice Chairman made him the nation's second highest ranking military officer, responsible for supporting and overseeing joint military requirements for nearly 1.5 million service members and their families.

Previously, General (Ret.) Hyten led U.S. Strategic Command from 2016 to 2019 and Air Force Space Command from 2014 to 2016. He deployed to Southwest Asia as the Director of Space Forces for operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and has received numerous awards from the Defense Department for distinguished service.

He attended Harvard University on an Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship, graduating with a bachelor's degree in engineering and applied sciences. He also holds his MBA from Auburn University at Montgomery and is a distinguished graduate from Squadron Officer School as well as Air Command and Staff College. He was also a National Defense Fellow at the University of Illinois and received an honorary doctor of law degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA SYSTEM

The University of Nebraska System, the state's only public university, has served Nebraskans through teaching, research, outreach and engagement for over 150 years.

The university was founded on February 15, 1869, less than two years after Nebraska became the nation's 37th state. The goal of this new land-grant university was, "To afford the inhabitants of this state with the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches of literature, science, and the arts." This goal has stood the test of time—underlying the university's dedication to the education of students, research in a broad range of disciplines, and service to the state's citizens.

The University of Nebraska System is comprised of four campuses: the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Teaching, scholarly research and creative activity, and statewide outreach are at the heart of the university's work. Each campus has a unique role and mission—and when viewed collectively, give the University of Nebraska System a breadth that is hard to match.

The university's four campuses—including an undergraduate-focused campus in Kearney, a leading Big Ten institution in Lincoln, a world-renowned academic health science center with branches across the state, and a metropolitan university in Omaha—are home to nearly 50,000 students and 16,000 faculty and staff. The university system also includes many research, extension, and service facilities statewide.

The University of Nebraska System strives to be the best public university system in the country as measured by the impact it has on the people and the state of Nebraska, and through them, the world. The future of Nebraska is closely tied to that of its only public university, and the university's goal is to build and sustain a Nebraska that offers its citizens educational and economic opportunity and a high quality of life.

Through its faculty, staff and students, the University of Nebraska System is working to be a catalyst for change—in the lives of people it serves and as a giant in higher education, nationally and around the world.



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WHAT IS AN INVESTITURE?

An investiture is defined as the “formal ceremony of conferring the authority and symbols of high office.” It is held during the new president’s first year in office, or at the conclusion of the first year. It is an academic ceremony which has symbolized the pursuit of knowledge since the Middle Ages. Today, universities view investitures as opportunities to welcome a new era and celebrate as a community.

The installation of a new president is a ceremony of dignity with many academic traditions and protocols. It includes an academic procession of delegates from other colleges and universities as well as the institution’s own faculty. Marchers wear the colorful academic regalia of their own institution. Interspersed with musical selections, the event includes greetings from members of the university and higher education community and government leaders.



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NEBRASKA MEDICAL ORCHESTRA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Matthew J. Brooks, D.M.A., Conductor

The Nebraska Medical Orchestra—a collaboration between UNO and UNMC—is a volunteer orchestra open to all health care-related musicians.

Violin

Jake Jungwoo Son
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Violin

Rachael Neff, CT(ASCP)
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Violin

Mary Perkinson, D.M.A.
University of Nebraska at Omaha

Cello

Kamron Karimi Zand
Creighton University

UNK BRASS QUINTET

Robert Benton, D.M.A. and Tim Farrell, D.M.A., Conductors

The UNK Brass Quintet, led by Dr. Robert Benton and Dr. Tim Farrell, is proud to participate in Dr. Gold's investiture ceremony. UNK's music program offers quality instruction, personalized education and excellent performance opportunities. Students receive purposeful, realistic and challenging learning situations. UNK is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.

Trumpets

Daniel McCarty
Dr. Tim Farrell

French Horn

Jacob Solomon

Euphonium

Dr. Robert Benton

Tuba

Dan Shipley

CHRISTIAN SHIELDS

Christian Shields, from Omaha, NE, is a senior studying vocal performance at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is also a member of UNO's Concert Choir. When he isn't at school or singing, he is busy teaching piano lessons.

UNL UNIVERSITY SINGERS

Pete Eklund, Conductor

This ensemble has performed three times in New York's Carnegie Hall to rave reviews, and, in 2020, enjoyed an 11-day performance tour of major French Gothic cathedrals. They hope to return and fulfill the special invitation of performing in Paris's Notre Dame Cathedral for a service and an afternoon standalone concert. Last spring, they were featured in an innovative concert of all choral music composed by Native American (First Nation) composers.

SALVADOR BECERRA AND HENRY TOMSU (INVESTITURE RECEPTION)

Salvador Becerra, piano, is a junior pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in Music Degree with a jazz concentration. This summer he was chosen through a competitive selection process to participate in The Berklee at Umbria Jazz Clinics in Perugia, Italy where he spent 12 days participating in intense classes and performances with the world-famous Berklee jazz faculty.

Henry Tomsu, bass, is a senior pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in Music Degree with concentrations in both jazz and music technology. He performs frequently throughout the Midwest in all styles of music including jazz, rock, pop and Latin genres. Henry was selected from a nationally competitive audition process to perform in Florida with the National Association for Music Education's honors modern band.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Ben Sparks and Frances Beurivage

COLOR GUARD

Today's joint Color Guard is comprised of members of the University of Nebraska—Lincoln Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force ROTC detachments.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING:

“

I enjoy working with Dr. Gold, and I am inspired by his passion

for serving the community to make a brighter future for all learners in Nebraska. I am confident that together we can do many impactful things for our community and university as a whole.”

Joanne Li, Ph.D., CFA

Chancellor

University of Nebraska at Omaha

“

Jeff Gold has served the University of Nebraska with highest distinction for a decade.

He is dedicated to bringing out the best in all members of our four university communities: students, faculty, and staff. His intelligence, work ethic, and collegial demeanor epitomize an academic leader. With his leadership, we will make great strides.”

Charles J. Bicak, Ph.D.

Interim Chancellor

University of Nebraska at Kearney

“

In over a decade of working with him, I have found what distinguishes President Gold is his ability to always think big

while also being meticulous in the planning and execution of his vision. The University of Nebraska is poised to rise to new levels of excellence and recognition under his leadership.”

H. Dele Davies, M.D., M.S., MHCM

Interim Chancellor

University of Nebraska Medical Center

“

President Gold cares deeply about our university’s responsibility to all Nebraskans including our very youngest citizens.

Through his deep commitment to innovative research, academic success, and strategic leveraging of resources, our great university will be even more impactful at closing opportunity gaps and improving lives.”

Walter S. Gilliam, Ph.D.

Executive Director

Buffett Early Childhood Institute

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING:

“

The University of Nebraska is blessed to have a person of President Gold’s character, passion, and dedication leading the university system.

His ability to listen intentionally and communicate clearly are essential skills when working with the citizens across Nebraska.”

Larry A. Gossen, Ph.D.

Dean

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

“

In my seven years of attendance at UNO and UNMC, Dr. Gold has been a stalwart supporter of students as chancellor.

I am eager to witness the University of Nebraska’s growth with his vision and expertise as president.”

Pranita Devaraju

Student Regent

University of Nebraska Medical Center

“

These are exciting and important times in higher education,

some might even go as far as to say they are ‘challenging.’ Few times in our history has it been more important that we get the right person to lead our institution. President Gold brings tremendous leadership qualities to the table, and we should all be optimistic when one combines that with his experience he has already had here in Nebraska.”

Peter A. Eklund, D.M.A.

Professor of Music and Faculty Senate President

University of Nebraska–Lincoln

“

President Jeffrey Gold is the right leader at the right moment.

He has a 40-year track record of being intentionally inclusive and seeking input and ideas from staff, faculty and students. I’m confident Dr. Gold will lead with collaboration and transparency while transforming challenges into opportunities for the betterment of our university.”

Jordan P. Gonzales, M.A.

Senior Director of Alumni Engagement, Nebraska Alumni Association

Staff Senate President, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

ABOUT THE NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL



The Nebraska State Capitol—otherwise known as the “People’s House,” a place that serves the citizens of the state of Nebraska—reminds us of all of our duty to build a better state and world.

The Rotunda’s soaring dome, surrounded by beautiful murals, mosaics, and inscriptions, inspires and elevates. One of the inscriptions, taken from Aristotle’s Politics, says, “A community, like an individual, has work to do.” This is a call to work together in creating a future we can all be proud of.

**“NOT ONLY DOES THE CAPITOL FUNCTIONALLY PROVIDE FOR THE
OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT, IT SERVES AS A MONUMENT
TO THE STATE OF NEBRASKA AND ITS CITIZENS.”**

The Capitol’s architect, Bertram Goodhue, created a building that represents the geography of Nebraska. The overall design of the Capitol is inspired by the Great Plains. Its low base reflects the rolling hills of Nebraska, and its tall tower is visible on the horizon, like the grain elevators and church steeples that guided the pioneers who built the state’s agricultural foundation.

The words “Nebraska State Capitol” do not appear on the exterior of Nebraska’s Capitol to identify the building. Instead, the names of Nebraska’s 93 counties circle the building’s 437-foot-square base to identify the structure as belonging to all Nebraskans.



Goodhue collaborated with sculptor Lee Lawrie, tile and mosaic designer Hildreth Meiere and thematic consultant Hartley B. Alexander. As Alexander and Goodhue discussed theme and symbolism, they decided that the artwork and inscriptions should tell Nebraska's story.

The exterior sculpture and decoration details depict the philosophical and legal foundations of our current Western system of government while the interior decoration expresses the natural and social development of Nebraska.

The artwork around the building includes detailed pieces influenced by Nebraska's Native American and pioneer cultures. The interior's grand public area has floor mosaics representing nature and ceiling mosaics representing common activities of society. The artwork in the Vestibule represents how civilization is founded in agriculture.

The three large murals in the Rotunda were painted by Kenneth Evett and added to the Capitol in 1956. They represent industrial enterprises, intellectual works, and humanitarian works, and are titled "The Labors of the Hand", "The Labors of the Head" and "The Labors of the Heart".

A 19-foot-tall bronze statue, *The Sower*, towers at the top of the capitol. The statue models the traditional method of hand sowing grain for planting and was sculpted in 1927 by Lee Lawrie.

Soaring skyward in the heart of Lincoln, the four-hundred-foot-tall building can be seen from miles away. Not only does the Capitol functionally provide for the operation of state government; it serves as a monument to the State of Nebraska and its citizens.

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A UNIVERSITY THAT CAN AND WILL CHANGE THE WORLD."

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