



## What's being said about the Campaign for Nebraska

### **James Linder, M.D., Interim President, University of Nebraska**

“Our vision for the University of Nebraska is to become the best public university in the country in terms of our impact on the people we serve. Because of the Campaign for Nebraska, we are in a tremendous position to achieve that goal.”

“Our work in making a college education more affordable for students, attracting talented employees, developing world-class facilities and building a global reputation for the university in areas important to Nebraskans and others isn't over. But it has been greatly enhanced over the course of this campaign. Great things are ahead for the University of Nebraska, thanks in no small part to the individuals who have selflessly contributed their time, energy and resources.”

### **Howard Hawks, Chairman, University of Nebraska Board of Regents; Campaign for Nebraska Executive Committee Member**

“The University of Nebraska is on a phenomenal trajectory, and donors have helped put us there. Their support has allowed us to reach further, dream bigger and stretch higher. We thank them for what they've done to meet the needs of the university, our students and our faculty. I am proud to be associated with this great university and the people who support it.”

### **Brian Hastings, President & CEO, University of Nebraska Foundation**

“Everyone involved with this great university should feel a sense of pride and accomplishment in the success of this campaign. We want to thank you for sharing your time, sharing your talent and sharing your gifts with us during this journey, as we certainly couldn't have done it without you.”

“This has truly been the collective endeavor of many dedicated individuals who brought this campaign to unanticipated levels of success. We had the perfect mix of outstanding and visionary university leadership, a hard-working foundation staff, committed volunteers and incredibly generous supporters who are also passionate advocates.”

“It is because of the passion, generosity and commitment of our donors, volunteers and friends – not to mention the thousands of students, faculty and staff who are the lifeblood of this university – that the Campaign for Nebraska has been such a tremendous success. They have seen, as I have, that something special is happening at the University of Nebraska and have wanted to be a part of it. Together, they have proven that the possibilities for the university really are unlimited.”

### **Tonn Ostergard, Chair, University of Nebraska Foundation Board of Directors**

“The University of Nebraska Foundation could not be more grateful to all those who have supported our university these past nine years. It has been amazing to see how everyone’s support for this campaign with gifts of absolutely every amount has helped position the university for an outstanding future. Years from now we’ll continue to see its effects on our students, faculty, academic programs and research.”

**John Christensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha**

“The Campaign for Nebraska has been transformative for the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is allowing us to serve our students and our community at a much advanced level. We are incredibly grateful to all who have invested in this important effort.”

**Jeffrey Gold, M.D., Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center**

“The Campaign for Nebraska has been an extraordinary success, and the generosity of support has helped position UNMC for greatness as we seek a common goal to uplift the quality of life for Nebraskans and in so doing, lead the world in transforming lives for a healthy future. This support and investment has given us further momentum to dream big and to seize opportunities.”

**Douglas Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney**

“The Campaign for Nebraska is making a profound difference for the University of Nebraska at Kearney. In terms of scholarship assistance, university doors are opening a little wider, and are including greater numbers of promising and deserving students than before. In terms of bricks and mortar, we are in a better position to increase our impact. This past spring, for example, UNK broke ground on a Health Science Education Complex, a project that represents a unique and exciting collaborative venture with the University of Nebraska Medical Center, that is destined to benefit health care in rural Nebraska and throughout the state and region for generations to come.”

“The UNK community is grateful to the University of Nebraska Foundation for this well-planned, well-executed, overwhelmingly successful campaign. Moreover, we are grateful to the hundreds and thousands of friends who gave so generously of both time and resources so that the future of the university and its students could become brighter still.”

**Harvey Perlman, Chancellor, University of Nebraska–Lincoln**

“We thank our donors whose commitment to the university has propelled us toward excellence and positioned us to better serve the students and the people of Nebraska. What I can say with certainty about the Campaign for Nebraska is that this university has unparalleled momentum and an unparalleled community of champions.”

**Sarah Thayer, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Director for Clinical Affairs and Physician-in-Chief for the**

**Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center; Merle M. Musselman Centennial Professor of Surgery and Chief of Surgical Oncology, University of Nebraska Medical Center**

“I’m overwhelmed by the generosity of Nebraskans. I think their ability to see that they have direct impact on the outcomes of the health and well-being of most Nebraskans is quite outstanding. The Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center represents hope, and it represents the commitment of our donors to improving Nebraska’s healthy future and, ultimately, to everyone’s cancer care. I think this center can absolutely be a doorway to national recognition.”

**Samuel Meisels, Founding Executive Director, Buffett Early Childhood Institute**

“The campaign has generated a tremendous amount of resource for the university and will make possible many teaching, research and service activities on the campuses. We’re going to help children and their parents in reaching each child’s potential.”

**Roberto Lenton, Founding Executive Director, Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute**

“The sky’s the limit, and there’s a lot of potential. We’re able to attract the world’s best specialists and attract the world’s best students to come here to Nebraska, because something’s going on here that is important for the rest of the world to know about. The gift allowed the university to really leverage the investments it had already made in the expertise in water and food and work on issues that are relevant to the state but are also terribly important to other parts of the world. We want to become not just one more university working on these issues of water and food but really a global leader.”

**Charles J. Bicak, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, University of Nebraska at Kearney**

“The campaign has been utterly transformative for the UNK campus. The influence of the well-prepared graduate as he or she returns to communities from one end of the state to the other, in a professional capacity, is tremendous.”

**John Richmond, Professor and Director, Glenn Korff School of Music, Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, University of Nebraska–Lincoln**

“It’s been a transformational time in the history of the university and certainly for the Glenn Korff School of Music. We now have more support for students and help to recruit a better caliber of student. It also allows us to bring the world here through guest artists, guest scholars, master teachers, guest composers and guest choreographers to benefit the entire community.”

**Angie Hodge, Dr. George Haddix Community Chair of Mathematics Education, Associate Professor of Math, University of Nebraska at Omaha**

“The campaign’s efforts have definitely helped us focus on STEM education, and the change is huge. More students are succeeding in freshmen-level courses, and there’s more access to help for first-generation students. And the more people we can get to like math and do well at it, then that enthusiasm just spreads.”