

Robert D. Bartee, M.A., Vice Chancellor for External Affairs

Biographical profile



Robert Bartee, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, is responsible for government relations, public affairs and alumni affairs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Bartee is a leader in designing strategies for public policy advocacy, communications, and strategic advancement. He lectures and speaks on topics such as “Leadership in the 21st Century” and “The Politics of Health.”

Among his successes:

- Targeting 20 percent of the state’s tobacco settlement funds for biomedical research.
- Dedicating a portion of the state’s cigarette tax to research in cancer and smoking-related diseases.
- Securing state support for the nationally recognized Nebraska Rural Health Education Network.
- Assembling partners to create a vision and master plan to revitalize midtown Omaha.
- Leading efforts to create the Nebraska Cancer Registry.
- Creating the UNMC Health Professions Tracking Center.
- Creating the UNMC Office of Alumni Affairs.

A 1969 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Bartee has a master's degree from Syracuse University, Maxwell Graduate School of Public Affairs. He currently serves as a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges Governmental Relations Steering Committee and the Association of Academic Health Centers Health Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Assembly.

Long involved in state and community affairs, Bartee has served as Chairman of the Board of several organizations. Among these are: Destination Midtown, Wellness Council of the Midlands, Omaha Community Partnership, the Nebraska Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Nebraska Health Coordinating Council. He serves on the board of UNeMed and is a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission for Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

He is a recipient of the 2005 Marvin D. Swede Johnson Achievement Award, jointly bestowed by four national associations of higher education for lifetime achievement in governmental relations.