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A celebration of UNMC faculty who hold endowed chairs, professorships and faculty fellowships and the benefactors who made these honors possible.

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Jeffrey P. Gold, MD
Chancellor
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Opening Remarks

Nicole Kent
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Senior Vice President of UNMC Development and
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Medallion Ceremony

Jeffrey P. Gold, MD
H. Dele Davies, MD, MHCM
UNMC Deans and Directors

Closing Remarks

Reception

Circle of Distinction faculty honorees, both new and previous, should gather by the stage for a group photo immediately following the program.



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