Bios

Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, is a nationally recognized leader and tireless advocate for transforming academic medicine and health care delivery.

He became chancellor of UNMC -- one of the nation’s rising academic medical centers -- on Feb. 1, 2014. He also chairs the board of UNMC’s principal clinical care partner, Nebraska Medicine.

Dr. Gold is responsible for all aspects of UNMC campus administration, including an annual operating budget of more than $740 million, a staff of about 5,000 and 3,800 students. Nebraska Medicine has 6,500 employees and an operating budget of more than $1 billion. The ongoing construction includes the $323 million Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, set to open in 2017.

Prior to joining UNMC, Dr. Gold served as chancellor of the University of Toledo’s health science campus.

Dr. Gold graduated from the Cornell University College of Engineering, where he majored 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 Hospital and Memorial Hospital. He is a board-certified thoracic surgeon and specializes in adult and pediatric cardiac surgery.

Shelley Stingley is the program director for the Rural Healthcare Program, The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust that focuses on strengthening healthcare institutions in the upper Midwest. Her vision is to provide opportunities for rural critical access hospitals through the development of technology that will provide access to rural citizens in their home communities.

A lifelong resident of the upper Midwest, Shelley’s experience includes working in several healthcare institutions that reach out to rural areas, 14 years as the CEO of a regional nonprofit, the Assistant Chief of Staff for two South Dakota Governors and Secretary of the State Department of Labor. Her experience brings a background of the challenges of regulations, fund development and helping rural areas survive in tough economic times.

Shelley is a graduate of Wayne State College and also attended the Wharton School of Business Leadership Development Program. She is a former member of the South Dakota State Workforce Development Council.

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Lt. Gov. Mike Foley was elected to office as the running mate of Governor Pete Ricketts on Nov. 4, 2014. Prior to his election, he served eight years as Nebraska state auditor and served six years in the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature as the state senator for District 29 in Lincoln.

Originally from Rochester, N.Y., Foley earned his bachelor’s degree in 1976 from the State University of New York at Brockport. He then went on to earn his master’s degree in business administration from Michigan State University in 1978.

Formerly, Foley was employed as a consultant with Kirschner Associates. He went on to serve as director of financial analysis of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and then as a corporate planning analyst for the Nebraska Public Power District.

He was elected as Nebraska’s 24th state auditor in 2007. In 2010, he was re-elected with 80 percent of the vote. His time as state auditor was dedicated to keeping taxpayer money spent in a productive and honest manner.

Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert is beginning her third year as mayor. Elected in 2013, she is the 51st Omaha mayor and the city's first woman to be elected to the office.

In her first two years in office, Mayor Stothert has reduced the property tax rate, the first cut in 14 years. She has increased funding for the police department to hire dozens of new officers, improved city services and worked with the Omaha City Council to grow the city’s population and tax base through annexation. She believes in open, transparent government and gets the most satisfaction from helping people solve problems.

She grew up in the St. Louis area and worked as a critical care nurse and later as head nurse and department head of cardiovascular surgery at St. Louis University, where she met her husband, Joe Stothert, M.D. In 1993, the Stothert family moved to Omaha from Galveston, Texas, when Dr. Stothert accepted a new position at Creighton University.

When the Stotherts' two children were old enough to go to school, Mayor Stothert became involved in their schools as a volunteer. Later, she was appointed and then elected to the Millard Board of Education and served 11 years, including three as president. In 2009, she was elected to the Omaha City Council, representing District 5 in southwest Omaha.

Hank M. Bounds, Ph.D., a lifelong educator, was appointed the seventh president of the University of Nebraska on Jan. 12, 2015, by the Board of Regents. He began his tenure as president on April 13, 2015, bringing with him a demonstrated record of expanding opportunities for students, improving higher education outcomes and efficiencies, and building successful partnerships with policymakers, donors and business leaders.

He began as a high school teacher, then rose to principal, superintendent and state superintendent before becoming Mississippi’s commissioner of higher education in 2009. In that role, he oversaw a complex system of eight public universities including research universities, regional universities, an academic health science center, historically black institutions, a law center, a school of veterinary medicine and 200 institutes and centers. Together the system enrolled 85,000 students, employed 26,000 faculty and staff, and operated with a combined annual budget of $4.5 billion, including $500 million in research and development.

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Dr. Bounds grew up on a farm in rural Mississippi, where his family raised hogs and cattle and he hauled hay. His service in the Army National Guard helped him pay for college, and he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and a doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

**Paul M. Paulman, M.D.,** is a professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and assistant dean for clinical skills and quality in the College of Medicine.

He is board-certified by the American Board of Family Practice. In 2002, he was named as one of UNMC’s “Outstanding Teachers.” Dr. Paulman received the University of Nebraska’s Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award in 2010.

Dr. Paulman received the UNMC “Service With Distinction” Award in 1999. He was awarded the “Outstanding Alumni Award” from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 1996, and he received the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Service Award in 2004. He has served as chair for the National Family Medicine Predoctoral Directors Group.

He has been a member of several professional organizations including the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Metro Omaha Medical Society, American Medical Association, Nebraska Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians. He received his medical degree from the UNMC College of Medicine and completed a family practice residency at the Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Jen Wolsleben, NREMT,** Cedar Bluffs Fire & Rescue, is a volunteer firefighter/emergency medical technician (EMT) on the Cedar Bluffs Fire & Rescue Department. She obtained her EMT license through Creighton University and also is a graduate of Metropolitan Community College.

She is employed in emergency medical service at a major manufacturing plant in the Omaha area as well as in seasonal EMS/security at Woodcliff Lakes. Her accomplishments include Rookie EMT of the Year in 2012 and EMT of the Year in 2013 and 2015.