University of Nebraska Medical Center
Circle of Distinction

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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Welcome
Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D.
Chancellor
University of Nebraska Medical Center and University of Nebraska at Omaha

Opening Remarks
Sarah Hotovy
Student Regent
University of Nebraska Medical Center

Recognition of Past Circle of Distinction Honorees
H. Dele Davies, M.D., MHCM
Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
University of Nebraska Medical Center

Medallion Ceremony
Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D.
H. Dele Davies, M.D., MHCM
Sarah Hotovy
UNMC deans and directors

Recognition of Future Endowed Chairs, Professorships and Fellowships

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.
Circle of Distinction new honorees:

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