



## **BIOGRAPHY: TED CARTER**

Ted Carter became the eighth president of the University of Nebraska System on Jan. 1, 2020, following a national search by the Board of Regents.

As president, Carter leads a four-campus university system that enrolls nearly 50,000 students and employs 16,000 faculty and staff on campuses in Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney, plus academic divisions and research and extension centers across the state. He serves as chief spokesman and chief executive officer for the system, which operates on a \$3 billion annual budget and includes a flagship Big Ten institution, a world-renowned academic health sciences center, Division I athletics programs, and preeminent institutes focused on water and agriculture, national security and defense, infectious disease and early childhood education.

Carter brought with him a distinguished record in education, partnerships and military service, having come to Nebraska from the U.S. Naval Academy, his alma mater, where he was the longest continuously-serving superintendent since the Civil War. Under his leadership, the Naval Academy achieved a No. 1 national ranking and new records in student success and diversity. Carter previously was president of the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I. A retired Vice Admiral with 38 years of service, Carter has logged more than 6,300 flying hours and holds the American record for carrier-arrested landings.

In his first year at the University of Nebraska – faced with the unexpected and unprecedented challenges presented by COVID-19 – Carter led with a focus on the land-grant priorities of access and opportunity for students and families. He launched the Nebraska Promise, a financial aid program guaranteeing free tuition for low- and middle-income Nebraskans, and implemented a multi-year budget plan that included a two-year, across-the-board tuition freeze. The result was system-wide growth in enrollment, including record gains among underrepresented students.

Carter oversaw the awarding of a \$92 million federal contract for the university's National Strategic Research Institute, one of only 14 University-Affiliated Research Centers in the country conducting exclusive research

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AT OUR UNIVERSITY—A JOB THAT I BELIEVE IS ONE OF  
THE BEST IN AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION.”

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