

Mark Emmert
President, University of Washington

Mark A. Emmert became the 30th president of the University of Washington, his alma mater, in June 2004. Since taking office, he has worked to strengthen the UW's commitment to providing a transformative learning experience for students and improving the lives of the citizens of the state of Washington and beyond.

Under Emmert's leadership, the University has achieved a number of notable milestones, including the creation and launch of the Husky Promise, a guarantee to Washington's low-income students that they will not have to pay for tuition at the UW. Also, the University completed the most successful private fundraising effort in its history, Campaign UW: Creating Futures, which raised more than \$2.68 billion from nearly 300,000 donors.

During Emmert's tenure, the University has built solidly on its commitment to help improve the health of people at home and around the globe, establishing a new interdisciplinary Department of Global Health and creating the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. Another endeavor, the College of the Environment, was created in 2008 to focus the collective expertise of the more than 400 UW faculty members who are working to find sustainable solutions to the complex environmental challenges facing our world.

Emmert is a seasoned academic leader. Prior to assuming the presidency at the University of Washington, he was chancellor at Louisiana State University. There, he guided a highly collaborative effort known as the Flagship Agenda, an action plan aimed at establishing LSU as a nationally competitive research university. Emmert also served as chancellor of the University of Connecticut and held administrative and academic positions at the University of Colorado and Montana State University. He was a J. W. Fulbright Administrative Fellow in Germany and an American Council on Education Fellow.

Among his professional activities, Emmert is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, sits on the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board, and serves as chair of the Worldwide Universities Network Executive Group. He is also an active member of the Seattle community, serving on the Washington Council on Aerospace and as a co-chair of the Prosperity Partnership, a coalition of more than 260 organizations dedicated to developing and implementing a common economic strategy for the central Puget Sound region.

A native of Fife, Washington, Emmert attended Green River Community College before he transferred to the University of Washington. He graduated from the UW in 1975 with a degree in political science. He received his master's degree in 1976 and his doctorate in 1983, both in public administration from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. Emmert and his wife, DeLaine, have been married for more than 30 years. They have two children, Steve and Jennifer.