

Candidates for Board of Directors

Candidate bio information

Please take a moment to review the important information about our four candidates for the University of Nebraska Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.



Dr. Uchechukwu Jarrett

UNL, Assistant Professor of Practice
B.S. Mathematics & Statistics, University of Lagos, Nigeria
Ph.D. Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

NUFCU ALCO Committee Member

My work at the university started in 2016 as a professor in practice. I specialize in international trade, promoting growth and development.

I believe in the mission of the credit union and its commitment to supporting its members at crucial points in their lives. With the rapidly changing economic landscape, particularly in the last three years, my training and expertise as an economist could be useful in navigating these changes resulting in the accomplishments of the credit union's goals.

Working with credit union management and credit union volunteers as part of the ALCO (Asset and Liability Management Committee) has provided me with a good insight to the internal workings of the credit union as well as the credit union's management philosophy. I believe with my background in economics and my desire to promote a growth in technology at the credit union, I will serve the credit union membership well as a member of the Board of Directors.



Jennifer Hellwege

UNL Bursar
B.S. Business Administration - UNL
Current NUFCU Board Member

I've been a member of the credit union since 2000 and see the value it brings to both the employees of the university and our students. I started my career at the university in March of 1996 shortly after graduating from UNL. My first position was in the internal audit department known as Operations Analysis at that time. I moved to the Student Accounts Office in 1998 as an Assistant Director, and then became the Assistant Bursar in 2007 and Bursar in 2019.

I would be honored to continue serving on the Board and supporting the credit union's work in providing financial services for our university community. The credit union is a great partner to the university for educating both our students and staff on financial literacy. I look forward to continuing to promote all the credit union has to offer. My experience is well-suited for serving in this position, and I have enjoyed being able to give back to the credit union for all it has done for us.



Chris Tran

UNL Director of Benefits, Director of Risk Management
B.S. in Family Science - UNL
Society for Human Resources Management,

SHRM-CP

Current NUFCU Board Member

I've been with the University of Nebraska since 2020 and quickly became a member of the University of Nebraska Federal Credit Union. As the Director of Risk Management and Benefits, I have the opportunity to interact with university employees to ensure our benefits meet their needs. The credit union plays a crucial role in supporting these needs and financial goals of our employees.

Born and raised in Lincoln, I would be honored to continue serving on the credit union board. My current position helps me provide insight to developing and aligning current business strategy with people and culture strategy. I have been able to utilize my (current and past) experiences to advance the mission and goals of the credit union and wish to continue.



Heath Tuttle

UNL Chief Information Officer
NU ITS Assistant Vice President for IT
B.S. Secondary Education - Chadron State College
M.A. Organizational Communication - UNL

Ph.D. Educational Studies - UNL

First Vice Chair of NUFCU Board of Directors

I came to work at the University of Nebraska in 2003 and have been a member of the credit union since that time. I believe in the mission of the credit union and enjoy the great customer service and the full suite of financial services offered. I am excited about being a part of the great work that the NUFCU Board does. My experience, talents, and enthusiasm have been helpful during my time on the Board.

I was raised on a dairy farm outside of Springview, Nebraska and attended a one-room country school for grades K-8. After attending a small high school, I decided to go to college to become a high school teacher. After teaching in western Nebraska for a few years, I continued my education and started teaching at the college level. I "fell" into information technology work when my department chair asked me to teach an online class in 2001. I haven't looked back since that day.

I am the Chief Information Officer at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, responsible for all IT systems at UNL. I am also responsible for the ITS HR and Research IT support across the University of Nebraska system.