About Chancellor Gallagher

As the University of Pittsburgh’s 18th chancellor, Patrick Gallagher directs one of the nation’s premier public institutions for higher education and research. In this role, Gallagher oversees a community of more than 34,000 students at 16 undergraduate and graduate schools across five distinct campuses. He also supports the work of more than 13,000 faculty and staff members who are committed to advancing the University’s legacy of academic excellence, community service and research innovation.

Prior to his installation at Pitt, Gallagher spent more than two decades in public service. In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed him to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology. While in this role, Gallagher also served as acting deputy secretary of commerce before leaving for Pitt in the summer of 2014.

Today, Gallagher is active on a number of community boards, including United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Internet2, and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. He has previously completed terms on a wide range of community boards and committees, including serving on President Obama’s 12-person Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity in 2016.

Gallagher holds a PhD in physics from the University of Pittsburgh and a bachelor’s degree in physics and philosophy from Benedictine College in Kansas. He and his wife, Karen, are the proud parents of three sons.