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Bob Blouin, PharmD

Executive Vice Chancellor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)

Dr. Robert A. “Bob” Blouin is UNC’s executive vice chancellor, provost and chief academic officer, and serves as its chief operating officer. Blouin obtained a historic \$100M gift from Dr. Fred Eshelman to create the Eshelman Institute for Innovation, where he served as director.



John Bamforth, PhD

Director of Eshelman Institute for Innovation, UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy

Dr. John Bamforth is the director of the Eshelman Institute for Innovation. He came to the school after nearly 30 years with Eli Lilly and Company, where he served as the vice president and chief marketing officer for a broad portfolio including products for cardiovascular, immunological, pain and neuro-degenerative disorders. He is also a board member for the Structural Genomics Consortium (SCG).



Angela Kashuba, PharmD

Dean and John and Deborah McNeill, Jr. Distinguished Professor, UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy

Dr. Angela Kashuba currently serves as the dean of the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. She was named the John and Deborah McNeill, Jr. Distinguished Professor in 2013 and served as chair of the Division of Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics from 2015 to 2019. She also serves as director of the UNC Center for AIDS Research Clinical Pharmacology and Analytical Chemistry Core.



Barbara Rimer, DrPH, MPH

Dean and Alumni Distinguished Professor, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

Dr. Barbara K. Rimer, DrPH, MPH, is Alumni Distinguished Professor and dean of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Dean Rimer is the first woman and behavioral scientist to chair the National Cancer Institute’s National Cancer Advisory Board. She was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2008 and was appointed by President Obama to serve on the President’s Cancer Panel, which she chaired from 2011 to January 2019. In 2013, she was awarded the American Cancer Society’s Medal of Honor for her cancer control research.



Blossom Damania, PhD

Vice Dean for Research, Boshamer Distinguished Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, UNC School of Medicine

Dr. Blossom Damania oversees the research enterprise at the UNC School of Medicine, which brings in over \$500 million in annual research funding. She is also the director of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center Programs in Virology and Global Oncology.



Terry Magnuson, PhD

Sarah Graham Kenan Professor, UNC Department of Genetics; Vice Chancellor for Research, UNC

Dr. Terry Magnuson is the Sarah Graham Kenan Professor and founding chair of the UNC Department of Genetics. He oversees, develops and supports UNC's \$1 billion research enterprise, connects academic units across campus with university priorities, and manages research support offices as well as 14 centers and institutes. He is a founding member of the International Mammalian Genome Society and has served on the Board of Directors for both the Society for Developmental Biology and the Genetics Society of America.



Ralph Baric, PhD

William R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor, Department of Epidemiology, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health; Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, UNC School of Medicine

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