

Introducing Vice President for Advancement Mike Nevergall

Dear Members of the North Park University Campus Community:

I am delighted to announce today that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees for North Park University has approved the nomination of Mike Nevergall SBNM '13, CFRE, as North Park's next Vice President for Advancement, responsible for our university's fund-raising, alumni relations, and engagement. Mr. Nevergall will join the President's Cabinet, partnering with and reporting directly to the President, beginning March 6, 2023.

The Vice President for Advancement leads the areas of alumni relations and engagement, fund-raising, and the special events related to those areas. He will create and execute the next campaign for North Park evolving from our strategic plan; further develop alumni engagement strategies for our rapidly diversifying alumni community; and enhance philanthropic collaboration across the University.

Mr. Nevergall earned his Bachelor of Science in business administration from Valparaiso University, and his Master of Nonprofit Administration, with a concentration in fund-raising management, here at North Park. He is a person of expressed Christian faith, passionate about our Christian, city-centered, and intercultural distinctives, and energized about this opportunity to advance the mission of North Park.

"The distinctive core values of North Park spoke to me when I was a student, and they still resonate with me today. I am excited to partner with my fellow North Park alumni and friends to build an exciting next chapter in the University's story."

Mr. Nevergall interviewed with a wide range of members of the campus community during his time of candidacy and emerged as the premier candidate with all constituencies. I look forward to Mike's arrival, and I have full confidence in his leadership and our partnership as we pursue the University's development priorities.

Mike joins North Park from his current post at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, MN, where he has served as a gift planner since 2017, working with alumni and friends on significant testamentary gifts for the College. There, he cultivated and stewarded a large portfolio of major donor prospects, led the 25-year reunion event each year, and guided the major gifts team in the school's annual giving day. Before that he served four years as vice president for agency advancement at *Upbring*, a Texas faith-based human services provider; and from 2005-2013 in various marketing and fund-raising roles with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

This was a key search for our institution, and I am incredibly grateful to the many members of our North Park community who thoughtfully contributed their time, energy, and expertise in this process by interviewing finalists and providing rich feedback. Their collaboration is greatly appreciated.

I know you will join me, along with all members of the senior leadership team, in welcoming Mike to our community!

Mary K. Surridge

President