

Presidents and Board of Trustees Presidents/Chairs, Northwestern University

Presidents of Northwestern University (*=interim)		Board of Trustees Presidents (title changed to "Chair" in 1972)	
Clark T. Hinman	1853–1854	John Evans	1850-1894
*Henry S. Noyes	1854–1856	Orrington Lunt	1894-1897
Randolph S. Foster	1856–1860	William Deering	1897-1906
*Henry S. Noyes	1860–1867	William F. McDowell	1906-1917
*David H. Wheeler	1867–1869	James A. Patten	1917-1920
Erastus O. Haven	1869–1872	Oliver T. Wilson	1920-1924
Charles H. Fowler	1872–1876	Robert W. Campbell	1924-1930
*Oliver H. Marcy	1876–1881	Melvin A. Traylor	1930
Joseph H. Cummings	1881–1890	Arthur Andersen	1930-1932
Henry Wade Rogers	1890–1900	John H. Hardin	1932-1935
*Daniel Bonbright	1900–1902	Mark W. Cresap	1935-1937
Edmund James	1902–1904	Kenneth F. Burgess	1937-1959
*Thomas F. Holgate	1904–1906	Wesley M. Dixon	1959-1964
Abram W. Harris	1906–1916	John G. Searle	1964-1970
*Thomas F. Holgate	1916–1919	Kenneth V. Zwiener	1970-1975
Lynn Hough	1919–1920	Thomas G. Ayers	1975-1986
Walter Dill Scott	1920–1939	Howard J. Trienens	1986-1995
Franklyn Bliss Snyder	1939–1949	Patrick G. Ryan	1996- 2009
J. Roscoe Miller	1949–1970	William A. Osborn	2009-
Robert H. Strotz	1970–1985		
Arnold R. Weber	1985–1994		
Henry S. Bienen	1995-2009		
Morton O. Schapiro	2009-		

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