Short Biography
Chancellor Mark A. Mone, PhD

In 2014, Mark Mone became the ninth chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) – the only public research and access mission institution in Wisconsin. He transformed UWM into a force multiplier through path-breaking partnerships, advancing equity through education and addressing societal issues through research and strategic re-invention.

Under his leadership, the university was named a top-tier research institute by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education three times since attaining Research 1 status in 2016. In 2015, UWM was named one of the nation’s top universities for community engagement as classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. In 2019, UWM became an APLU Innovation and Economic Prosperity designated campus, renewed again in 2024. In 2017, UWM became Wisconsin’s first DOE higher ed Green Ribbon Award winner.

Guided by the university’s 2030 action plan, UWM’s momentum is evident through financial stewardship, aligning and streamlining academic programs, increased student support through the Milwaukee Tuition Promise and visionary capital projects. Those include a state-of-the-art Chemistry Building, Orthopaedic Hospital of Wisconsin Center, the Lubar Entrepreneurship and Welcome Center, School of Freshwater Sciences, the Kenwood Interdisciplinary Research Complex, and integrating health care profession facilities. The student, research, and capital projects support was enabled by Chancellor Mone’s leadership of the Made in Milwaukee, Shaping the World comprehensive campaign, doubling the previous campaign, achieving over $251 million and continuing with record fundraising years.

Chancellor Mone serves on the boards of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities’ Coalition of Urban Serving Universities, Horizon League Athletic Conference, The Water Council, Milwaukee Succeeds, Milwaukee Film, and BizStarts Milwaukee. He is an active member of the Greater Milwaukee Committee and Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce.

A first-generation graduate, Chancellor Mone earned his B.A. in Organizational Management from Central Washington University during his initial career as a chef, food and beverage director and senior leader in hospitality operations. He earned an M.B.A. from Idaho State University, and a Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior and Organization Theory from Washington State University.