University of Alaska President Patrick K. Gamble

Patrick K. Gamble became the University of Alaska's 13th president on June 1, 2010.

Prior to joining the university, he served Alaska for over nine years as president and chief executive officer of the Alaska Railroad Corp. He currently serves as chair of the Alaska Aerospace Corp. Board of Directors.

Before leading the railroad, Gamble served as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a four-star general and as commander of U.S. air forces in the Pacific Region. Prior to that assignment, Gamble was director of Air Force Air and Space Operations in the Pentagon. From 1996 to 1998, he served as commander of Alaskan Command. Previous military assignments included director of NATO operations and logistics during Bosnia operations. He also commanded two fighter wings and served as Commandant of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Gamble earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from Texas A & M University and a Master of Business Administration from Auburn University, Alabama. He and his wife Ailese have been married 43 years, and have a grown son and one grandchild.