



## **PAUL SECORD**

**VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**

Paul Secord joined the Senior Staff of Southwestern University on June 1, 2015, as Vice President of University Relations. Prior to beginning his tenure at Southwestern, he served nearly eight years as Director of Development & Gift Planning at Drake University, in Des Moines, Iowa, where he led a staff of seventeen fundraising professionals in the successful execution of a \$200 million comprehensive campaign, and before that was Director of Gift & Estate Planning and a Prospect Research Analyst at Babson College, in Wellesley, Massachusetts for a combined seven years and a Major Gift Officer at Lahey Clinic, in Burlington, Massachusetts for two years.

As Vice President of University Relations, Paul is responsible for the areas of alumni, parent and friend relations, development and philanthropic operations, and the Office of University events as well as their related support functions. He and his team work closely with President Burger and the leadership of Southwestern University to advance the philanthropic priorities of the University and to build a culture of philanthropy that engages the entire community in supporting Southwestern's mission with investments of time, talent, and financial resources.

Paul received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction from Boston College's Lynch School of Education and a Master of Science in Taxation from Bentley University. He is a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, and the Association of Fundraising Professionals, as well as an active participant in several planned giving roundtables.

Paul, his wife Deborah, and their two children, Charlotte D'Arcy and Patrick William live in Georgetown.