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**Andy Feinstein, Ph.D.**  
President

**Dr. Andrew “Andy” Feinstein** became the 13th president of the University of Northern Colorado in July 2018. He has devoted a career to teaching and learning, research and scholarship, and student success, which is his top priority at UNC.

Throughout his presidency, Dr. Feinstein has sought to enhance the fundamental characteristics and commitments that make UNC a great place to live and learn by making intentional decisions that put students first—ensuring positive and transformative experiences as faculty and staff nurture their growth, empowering them to make a difference, and eliminating institutional barriers to their progress and success. He has also led efforts to leverage data analytics to facilitate better-informed decision making and improve student success outcomes.

As UNC’s president, Dr. Feinstein has recommitted the university and its leadership to design and activate new approaches that honor and celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusion, ensuring that UNC sustains a nurturing and supportive environment where all students, faculty, and staff thrive.

Dr. Feinstein has worked tirelessly to ensure UNC is well positioned for future success. In fall 2019, he marshaled a collaborative process resulting in the articulation of a new vision for the university: [Rowing, Not Drifting 2030](#). Work toward the development of a strategic plan to guide the university through the next decade began the following spring. He also built the university’s financial capacity by eliminating a \$10 million structural deficit and directing efforts to tune the university’s organizational structure.

Emphasizing transparency, communication, and collaborative decision making, Dr. Feinstein meets frequently with the Student Senate, Faculty Senate, Professional Administrative Staff Council, Classified Staff Council, and other organizations serving UNC’s students, faculty, and staff. He also regularly travels throughout the state to meet alumni and friends, higher education leaders, legislators, and policymakers.

His positive influence over higher education in Colorado extends well beyond UNC. Through an active agenda to coordinate efforts among the presidents and chancellors of Colorado’s public colleges and universities, Dr. Feinstein has helped to ensure institutions advocate for the needs of higher education with one voice—benefitting institutions and students across the state.

Dr. Feinstein’s career in higher education spans 25 years. He most recently served five years as provost and senior vice president at San Jose State University. Prior to that, he served in roles including professor, department chair, associate dean, dean, and senior advisor to the president at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He has published numerous journal articles and books on topics such as student success, strategic management, simulation modeling, purchasing and foodservice operations. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Hotel Administration from UNLV and a Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University.

In his free time, Dr. Feinstein enjoys cooking, spending time with his family and being in the great outdoors. He’s an avid disc golf player who frequents UNC’s course. He and his wife, Kerry, reside in Greeley and are the parents of Nick and Rachel.