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 9 years as president and chief executive officer of the Alaska Railroad Corporation. He currently serves as chair of the Alaska Aerospace Corporation 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 in command of U.S. air forces throughout 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. Gamble commanded a fighter squadron, two fighter wings, a combat support wing, and he served as Commandant of Cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Gamble flew 394 combat missions in Vietnam, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross, as well as other military honors.

He 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 45 years, and have a grown son and one grandchild.