



**Dr. Ralph W. Kuncel is the 11th president of the University of Redlands.** He joined the University in August, 2012, having served most recently as provost and executive vice president as well as professor of neurology and brain and cognitive sciences at the University of Rochester in New York. He has more than 30 years of experience teaching undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows in neurosciences, pathology, and medicine.

The majority of his early career was spent at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he served as professor of neurology, pathology, and cellular and molecular medicine. There he was appointed as the university's founding Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education in 2001. While at Hopkins, he received international recognition in the study of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, for laboratory discoveries of important disease mechanisms that helped lead to its first effective treatment.

He was the man on the Baltimore Orioles' infield on September 6, 1995, accepting a \$1.3 million endowment from Cal Ripken Jr. the night Cal broke Lou Gehrig's "Iron Man" record.

After more than 20 years at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Kuncel served as provost and professor of biology at Bryn Mawr College, and concurrently as professor of neurology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, before his appointment at Rochester.

On a broader stage, he has provided leadership at the national level in undergraduate higher education reform and college affordability, having served on the Board of Directors of the Tuition Plan Consortium (sponsor of the Private College 529 Plan), and is an appointee of the National Academies of Sciences as a member of the Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable (2009 to 2016).

Known for his extensive professional support and development of those with whom he has worked, Dr. Kuncel has mentored not only his administrative staff and faculty colleagues but scores of undergraduates, medical students, and postgraduate research trainees over the years. A medical doctor by training, "Dr. K"—as many students and staff like to call him—has been "making his rounds," meeting or working alongside hundreds of Bulldogs during his first years at the University of Redlands. Here he is spearheading expansive internationalization of the University, raising our national stature, leading a comprehensive campaign double the size of any previous campaign, and propelling the University to greater financial health. Enrollment quality, strength, and diversity are thriving, so that U of R has become a "hot" university for prospective students to consider.

"Dr. K," whose 20 years as a vocal performer in the Baltimore Choral Arts Society continues to propel his interest in musical performance, joined the University of Redlands choirs in an historic performance of Mozart's *Requiem* on May 25, 2013, at Carnegie Hall in New York, and again with Verdi's *Requiem* in Hollywood to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project in 2014. The highlight of his musical career was the chance to conduct the combined University orchestra and chorus in Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* in the 2014 Feast of Lights.

Through the breadth and depth of his diverse career, Dr. Kuncl has become accomplished as a leader and an administrator. Interesting and notable highlights of his career include:

- Created the University of Redlands University Distinguished Fellows program designed to bring public intellectuals into campus residence. Recent Fellows have included nation-leading journalists James and Deborah Fallows and foremost digital historian and NPR personality Ed Ayers.
- Established a University-wide Council on Inclusiveness and Community in response to national conversations on race and religion.
- Restructured and rebuilt the University of Redlands presidential cabinet into a high-functioning leadership team.
- Launched several new initiatives to build and enhance comprehensive internationalization, online learning and digital media, college affordability, and environmental sustainability at the University of Redlands.
- Created of a three-way corporate-university-governmental alliance among IBM, the State of New York, and a consortium of more than 400 scientists in the schools of Arts & Sciences, Hajim School of Engineering, and the School of Medicine and Dentistry to establish a nation-leading Health Sciences Center for High-Performance Computational Innovation at the University of Rochester.
- Created of the first-ever mission statement for the University of Rochester in 161 years: Designed and led the creative and consultative process leading to an authentic, signature mission statement of only 10 words that also serves as the rhetorical basis for a comprehensive campaign: “Learn, Discover, Heal, Create — And Make the World Ever Better.”
- Tripled federal research funding at Bryn Mawr College, while preserving academic programs, controlling academic expenditures, decreasing the size of the central administration, and helping create new multidisciplinary and consortial programs in East Asian Studies, Arabic and Islamic World studies, and Geoarchaeology.
- Established a distributed function of diversity leadership at Bryn Mawr College; hired more than one-third of entire faculty, with 63 percent of hires women and 36 percent persons of color.
- Established the first-ever provost-level portfolio for undergraduate education at Johns Hopkins University. Conceived and led its Commission on Undergraduate Education in strategic re-envisioning: raising the value of undergraduate education; increasing the diversity of students and curriculum; integrating the intellectual and social lives of undergraduates; improving and rewarding undergraduate teaching, especially TA training and assessment; and enhancing international dimensions of undergraduate education.
- Created and led the first undergraduate Enrollment Management Team at Johns Hopkins University Homewood Campus to lead admissions, financial aid, and the deans of engineering and arts & sciences in enrollment policy and practice.

Dr. Kuncl earned his A.B. from Occidental College, magna cum laude and with election to Phi Beta Kappa; his Ph.D. in experimental pathology at the University of Chicago, Division of Biological Sciences; and his M.D. at the University of Chicago’s Pritzker School of Medicine.

He and wife Nancy live in Redlands at the University’s historic home and gardens called Miraflores.