

James B. Milliken

James B. (“J.B.”) Milliken is chancellor of The University of Texas System, where he also holds the Lee Hage and Joseph D. Jamail Regents Chair in Higher Education Leadership. The UT System is one of the largest public university systems in the United States, with 14 health and academic institutions, including six medical schools. UT institutions enroll over 235,000 students and employ more than 100,000 health care professionals, researchers, faculty and support staff.

Prior to joining the UT System, Milliken served as chancellor of The City University of New York (CUNY), the largest urban university system in the country. Earlier, he was the first Nebraskan and alumnus to serve as president of the University of Nebraska. He also served as senior vice president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina. In each of these roles, Milliken led efforts that advanced student access, affordability and success, economic development, online education, and global engagement.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Nebraska, Milliken also earned a law degree from New York University, where he was a Root-Tilden Scholar. He spent a number of years working at a large Wall Street law firm, but left for an academic career at Nebraska.

Milliken serves on the board of directors of the American Council on Education and the executive committee of the Council on Competitiveness, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the founding chairman of the Daugherty Global Water for Food Institute.

Milliken and his wife, Nana G. H. Smith, a graduate of Yale University and the New York University School of Law, have three adult children.