Since its founding in 1834, Franklin College has provided its students with an education based in the liberal arts and characterized by close and nurturing relationships between its outstanding faculty and the more than 1,000 students it serves. Located 20 miles south of Indianapolis on a beautiful, 207-acre campus, Franklin’s students benefit from the intimacy of a small community and the resources of a major metropolitan area, resulting in a compelling synergy of classroom and co-curricular education.

To lead the college to the next phase in its development, Franklin College now seeks a president to succeed a successful, retiring incumbent.

Franklin College’s students benefit from a liberal arts curriculum focused on professional development. Service learning and leadership programs enhance and strengthen the education and development of its students and prepare them for successful lives and careers. The college operates under the auspices of bold, forward-looking strategic and master plans, an example of the success of which is that fully 97% of the most recent graduating class are currently either enrolled in graduate school or fully employed. Franklin’s president will have the opportunity to work with faculty, students, alumni, and board to continue to develop a vision for the college and to derive from that vision a distinctive identity that is compelling to prospective students, faculty, and supporters. The president will of course work diligently to ensure the financial health of the college, including especially by raising philanthropic support and by ensuring the retention of students through graduation. In accomplishing these objectives, the president will benefit from a partnership with an outstanding and deeply dedicated faculty that is intensely focused on student success, an enthusiastic alumni body, and a dedicated board that is generous with its time, hard work, and philanthropy.

To succeed in this environment, Franklin seeks a leader with the experience, energy, and exceptional people skills necessary to galvanize the college community around ambitious goals and aspirations. He or she will have exceptional interpersonal and communications skills, including a penchant for building strong, sincere relationships with constituents both internal and external to the college. That the president is passionate about the liberal arts and an able advocate for Franklin and its approach to education is axiomatic. Likewise, outstanding strategic thinking skills, a solid understanding of higher education finance, demonstrated success as a program builder, and a track record of success at getting things done are required. The president will be knowledgeable about the current state of higher education generally and liberal arts education specifically; prior experience at an institution of similar size and scope is highly desirable, as is an earned terminal degree and direct, personal experience with teaching, research, service, and administrative leadership.

Franklin College’s next president will build upon a history of success in the liberal arts to lead the college forward into a new era.

Recruitment will continue until an appointment is made. Nominations, applications, and letters of interest (including a cover letter and resume) should be submitted via email to FranklinPresident@wittkieffer.com.

Confidential inquiries and questions concerning this search may be directed to Dennis M. Barden at 630-575-6167 or Elizabeth K. Bohan at 630-575-6161.

Franklin College is committed to the principle and practice of equal opportunity for all its students, faculty, employees and applicants for admission and employment. For that reason, the College provides equal employment opportunities to all of its employees and applicants for employment on the basis of merit and without regard to the individual’s race, color, religion, gender, disability, age, national origin, marital status, or sexual orientation in accordance with state and federal laws and any other characteristic protected by law.