

Kerry N. Prather

Kerry Prather serves as President of Franklin College.

He joined the Franklin College staff in 1982 as the assistant men's basketball coach and was promoted to head coach the following year. He was named Director of Athletics in 1989. Under his leadership, Franklin College expanded athletic opportunities for students to the current level of 21 intercollegiate sports and upgraded and built new athletic facilities throughout the campus.

Over the duration of his 37-year Franklin College career, Prather has served as assistant dean of students, associate director of admissions, acting vice president for enrollment management and acting vice president for administration. For much of his career, he has served in executive leadership positions, including as a Cabinet officer in four administrations. Prather was named Acting President in January, 2020.

In November, 2018, Prather achieved his 500th career coaching victory. In total, he has guided the Grizzlies to five conference championships, four league tournament titles, five appearances in the NCAA Division III national tournament and one in the NAIA national tournament.

He is a graduate of Indiana University with an undergraduate degree in English and a master's degree in education. In 1999, he was named an associate alumnus of Franklin College in recognition of his longtime service and contributions.

Kerry's wife Cindy taught elementary school for 14 years before a 23-year tenure on the faculty of the Franklin College Education Department. She has since been engaged in higher education consulting. The Prathers are parents of two Franklin College alumni, daughter **Katie '13** and son **Robbie '17**.