



In March, the Franklin College Board of Trustees announced President Kerry Prather will continue to lead the institution until at least July 1, 2024. Prather was appointed acting president in January 2020 and president one month later, with his term originally slated to end in June 2022.

The trustees recognize that President Prather has provided unity and stability, transparent leadership, institutional vision and community collaboration during his presidential tenure, all of which are needed in today’s challenging higher education environment,” said board chair James V. Due ’82. “He has done a remarkable job, including the navigation of COVID-19. The extension of his presidential term is a reflection of the board’s confidence in his continued leadership and commitment to advancing the College.”

Prather’s 39-year Franklin College career has included leadership roles in enrollment management and athletics, and involved him in Cabinet-level work through four administrations.

During Prather’s tenure as the College’s 17th president, he has led the way in establishing the Center for Tech Innovation and the Johnson Memorial Health Athletics Annex (both on campus); launching a competitive esports program; and creating a digital fluency initiative that serves as the capstone to the already transformative education Franklin provides. Additionally, the College received a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., through its initiative, Charting the Future for Indiana’s Colleges and Universities. Part of the initiative’s phase two round of funding made in 2020, the grant is helping the College strengthen technology integration and expand learning opportunities. He also led the College to its most successful fundraising year ever in 2020 in the midst of the pandemic.

Prather said, “I am honored and humbled by the confidence of the trustees, alumni, faculty, staff and students, and I am excited to continue leading this great institution. Franklin College is a special place blessed with extraordinary people. I look forward to the exciting work ahead, as we continue to ensure a bright and promising future for the College and its students.”

Prather’s spouse, Cindy, also is an educator. She served with the Franklin College Education Department faculty for 23 years, including as chair, before transitioning to higher education consulting. Their children, Katie Prather ’13 and Robbie Prather ’17, are alumni. Read the full press release at [FranklinCollege.edu](https://www.franklincollege.edu).

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