

A Closer Look

From Franklin College President
Kerry N. Prather



Greetings to Franklin College alumni and friends!

After a year of broad engagement with constituents and comprehensive research and discussion, the Franklin College Board of Trustees has approved an ambitious strategic plan, *Franklin Forward: Bold Innovation for a Dynamic Future*. This strategic roadmap will serve as the compass for our institutional progress over the next five years.

Guided by this comprehensive plan, Franklin College is poised to embark on one of the most exciting chapters in its history—an era marked by growth of the student body, growth of our resources and growth of our endowment. Together, that growth will provide the foundation for Franklin to continue its legacy of excellence and ensure a prosperous future.

Growth in enrollment reflects a heightened interest and trust in our academic offerings and the quality of the student experience. It also envisions an increasingly diverse and vibrant college community. That growth will necessitate infrastructure improvements, such as upgraded facilities. The project in our immediate focus is the renovation of the historic Fitness Center, home of the iconic Wonder Five basketball teams of the 1920s. This exciting undertaking will not only preserve the exterior integrity of the oldest college gymnasium in Indiana, but it will provide completely updated recreational, intramural and fitness resources for our growing student body. In addition, the building will house offices, locker rooms and support-service areas for the teams which compete across the street in Faught Stadium—football, men’s and women’s soccer and women’s lacrosse.

Growth in our endowment is obviously the key to our long-term financial stability and prosperity. That will allow us to invest in new academic programs, facilities and resources that define our distinctive student experience. And, most importantly, it will enable us to expand scholarship opportunities that make Franklin accessible and affordable for future students while also attracting and retaining top-notch faculty and staff.

Franklin College is positioned for a future of greatness, and I am excited for you to play an important role in our exciting journey.

Go GRIZ!



Kerry N. Prather
President



Our students, faculty and staff recently enjoyed an evening filled with fun activities, delicious treats and the holiday lighting of the Wellhouse. Check out all the fun [here](#).

Happy Holidays!



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