A Closer Look



From Franklin College President Kerry N. Prather



Greetings, Franklin College alumni and friends!

In response to the evolving landscape of higher education and the demands of a rapidly changing economy, Franklin College continues to adapt curricular and co-curricular programming to student interest and industry needs. This ensures that our students receive a well-rounded liberal arts education while also acquiring cutting-edge skills and practical experiences that will position them for success in their chosen fields.

Through constant research and close collaboration with industry partners, we stay attuned to emerging trends and advancements, integrating those which are mission-centric into our curriculum. Recent additions such as the digital fluency program and the data science major have already proven to be advantageous in securing opportunities for our graduates with companies like Salesforce, Facebook, and Eli Lilly and Co. Two pending programs, a game development track in computer science and a cooperative program in nursing, are awaiting only accreditor approval.

We also constantly review the elements of our expansive co-curricular environment, mindful of the many learning opportunities and social engagement touchpoints that complete a fulfilling college experience. We recently initiated an esports program that immediately gained student interest and has resulted in competitive success at the national level. We devoted campus and external resources to the enhancement of our historically popular Greek Life program, and our intercollegiate athletic offerings will soon include men's volleyball. These and many existing activities contribute to the development of our students beyond the classroom, instilling leadership and teamwork skills while providing an exciting and fun campus atmosphere that fosters lifelong friendships.

January's Immersive Term, previously known as Winter Term, is a great example of our commitment to a holistic student experience. In addition to on-campus courses and an array of internship opportunities, we stress to students the lifelong value of international travel. Studying abroad can be an incredibly enriching experience, offering an education that no classroom can provide. We encourage all students to investigate these incredible opportunities throughout their Franklin careers. I hope you will click on the link below to see how some of our students have spent the recent Immersive Term studying abroad.

The Franklin College experience extends well beyond academic preparation for a career. Our graduates emerge confidently prepared, adaptable and motivated to succeed

personally and professionally. Alumni speak consistently and passionately about the transformative influence of their four years on campus. That earned reputation continues to attract talented students ready to pursue their passions as Franklin Grizzlies.

If you have ideas about academic programs or co-curricular experiences we should investigate, please don't hesitate to contact me. We are always looking for great ideas!

Go GRIZ!

Kerry N. Prather

President

