

A Closer Look

From Franklin College President
Kerry N. Prather



Greetings, Franklin College alumni and friends!

For generations, internships have been an essential component of the Franklin College experience, serving as the bridge between academic learning and real-world application.

As we watch other liberal arts institutions become more intentional about providing similar experiences, we can't help but think how visionary Franklin was to have embraced this critical aspect of a college education decades ago. Many of our

students have not only gained valuable practical experience, but also professional recommendations and job offers from their internship mentors.

Every Franklin College student is required to complete at least one formal internship or undergraduate research experience, with most opting for multiples in order to investigate career options, diversify their skill sets and extend their network of professional contacts.

Students are equipped with essential skills for success in their internships and entry-level career opportunities through our Professional Development course, a prerequisite prior to beginning internships. The course provides students with the necessary tools and preparation to excel in professional environments, ensuring they will make meaningful contributions during their internship experience.

According to a 2023 report by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), more than half of internships lead to full-time employment, and students with internship experience receive more job offers and higher starting salaries than those without it.

Internships offer invaluable benefits for our students. Likewise, organizations that host Franklin College interns find that our students bring fresh perspectives, impressive work ethics and an eagerness to learn and grow.

We are fortunate to have a robust network of internship partners, with organizations such as Eli Lilly and Co., Cummins, Indy Eleven, Johnson Memorial Health, Riley Hospital for Children, The International Center, Indiana Sports Corporation and Centerstone of Indiana. However, we are constantly working to expand that network into as many high-tech industries as possible.

I invite you to consider hosting a Franklin College intern and taking advantage of this mutually beneficial experience. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me (kprather@franklincollege.edu) so I can connect you with our career development staff. We would be honored to have you assume this important role in our students' educational journey.

Go GRIZ!



Kerry N. Prather
President



“It was a true pleasure having Chelsey Arbin in the lab. She was a bright student with the passion and drive to succeed. Chelsey gained extensive experience in tissue culture techniques, treatment of cells with drugs and endpoint analysis for viability and ATP content.”

Thomas K. Baker '91

**Senior Director,
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Eli Lilly and Co.



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