Elmhurst College to Become Elmhurst University in 2020

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Elmhurst College will change its name to Elmhurst University, effective June 30, 2020, according to a news release from the college.

"At this pivotal time in our history, less than two years away from our 150th anniversary in 2021, the decision to change our name to Elmhurst University marks the exciting start of the next chapter of our story," said Elmhurst College President Troy D. VanAken. "While this is certainly a new and significant development, it is the

result of an ongoing, collaborative process. It reflects discussions that have been taking place for some time regarding how we should celebrate who we are, what we have become, and what we need to be in order to best serve our students for generations to come."

The Elmhurst College Board of Trustees approved the new name June 15, according to the release. The university name more accurately reflects Elmhurst's current educational profile as a comprehensive higher education institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs in the liberal arts and applied sciences, while anticipating opportunities for new programs and partnerships. The change comes at a time when the college has seen record enrollments and fundraising in the past couple of years.

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