

ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Students,

As we look forward to welcoming each of you back to campus in the fall, I want to share several developments that will directly impact the quality of your educational experience and extracurricular programs at EC.

First, several new initiatives related to strengthening enrollment are working and **we are on track to welcome one of the largest groups of incoming students we've seen in recent years**. Class of 2028, we're looking forward to having you join us this fall!

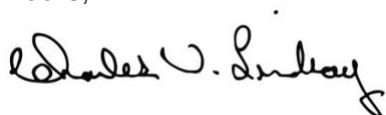
I'm excited to see the robust amount of activity on campus that a larger student body brings, combined with increased student activities on our new turf field. We have received all approvals and anticipate breaking ground in about two weeks. In addition to increased intramural activities and the Lawnsay's, the turf field on campus means soccer, women's field hockey, and our new men's and women's lacrosse teams will host games on campus rather than at the MAC. This opens up the possibility for new campus life activities and events. Be sure to watch the [turf field web page](#) for updates over the summer.

Dr. Ireland [emailed yesterday](#) with the new academic programs now available to students along with new faculty who will be joining us this fall.

We also will be continuing work on our Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) self-study. MSCHE is the agency responsible for accrediting colleges and universities in this region. We undergo a self-study and review with MSCHE every eight years. The self-study and review provides an opportunity for alignment with the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan and I will be sharing information about these efforts and how you can participate later in the summer and fall.

As many of you know, higher education is changing and Elmira College must change with it. While small colleges are better equipped to provide students with a personalized academic experience and can facilitate more opportunities for hands-on learning, they are not immune to changes occurring across the industry. The academic and extracurricular initiatives I mentioned above, along with the self-study, are exciting work that allows EC to lay the foundation for growth.

Yours,



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