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The most urgent need of the present generation is light and warmth, the light of knowledge and the warmth of high idealism.

H. Richard Niebuhr
Elmhurst College 6th President
Bucking the headwinds...(for now)

• Affiliated with the United Church of Christ (Church of Firsts)
• Stated values of community, social responsibility, and faith, meaning, and purpose
• 3652 FTE Enrollment (3093 UG; 768 Grad; 45 ELSA headcount)
  • 42.7% students of color (last two classes of new students have been majority minority)
  • Over 50% first-generation
  • Launched first doctoral program (DNP) in Fall 2023
• Designated as Hispanic-Serving Institution in January 2022; hired inaugural VP for Equity and Inclusion; received $3.4M Title V D-HSI grant
• Recently completed $55.3M campaign
• Broke ground on a ~$30M health sciences building
Calling All Voices

*Calling All Voices* is a podcast that explores the stories of our Elmhurst University community.

Who gets to tell the story of a college or university? We believe that we all hold a piece of the truth when it comes to telling our history, and this podcast expands the kaleidoscope of voices that have made Elmhurst University what it is today.

Our journey of “becoming” Elmhurst University has been a saga of true transformation; we seek to provide new and innovative ways to give space and voice to the narratives that have been underrepresented in telling the story. How do all members of our institutions experience our mission? What voices are shaping the purposes and directions of our institution?

NetVUE “Reframing the Institutional Saga” Grant – *Our Ever-Widening Circle: Being and Becoming Elmhurst University*
The Ties that Bind us: The White Sisterhood Traditions of Wesleyan College

Portrait of Lucinda Hunt known to the students as “Aunt Cindy”

Photograph of Thornton Johnson known to the students as “Uncle Johnson”
Alexander Stephens

DOLLY BLOUNT LAMAR

WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE

nen that ever lived and was a natural-born wit. He had a nickname for every girl and called the roll by them. She was "Mim-ma-ba-ba." Lola Burke, being Burke, L., was "Buckie." Dr. Smith was in charge of ringing the bell to dismiss classes. The bell, which is in the tower now, was in a bellboy on a platform in front of the college. He would send Lola Burke to ring the bell by saying, "Let bugle and bugle sound. Release your fellow sufferers!"

All the girls were required to take class singing under Mr. Williams, who was professor of music. His father was general superintendent for Minnie Blais' musical education. He was not satisfied with the plain instruction only. One day he took her to the voice teacher and said, "Madam, you never, I want my daughter to take vocal lessons from him. She sings well already, but I want her to have the beautiful voice, and I have no
1919 Sophomore/Senior Banquet Program & Menu

Scrapbook of Linda K. Anderson
Items used in RAT traditions:

Class Drums
Noose & Links
Rat Cap
At the University of the South, the stories that once comforted us now trouble us.

That is why we need to tell them.

Sewanee’s Vice-Chancellor Alexander Guerry joined with the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1940 to dedicate a memorial to Confederate Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith, a longtime member of its faculty after the Civil War, at the heart of the campus.
Launched July 2017

Some of Sewanee's most illustrious and beloved faculty celebrate Confederate Veterans Day, ca. 1904.
Remembering and Re-Telling Our Stories:
The Locating Slavery’s Legacies database launched on October 4, 2023, funded by a Legacies of American Slavery grant from the Council of Independent Colleges.
Questions and Open Discussion
Thank you for attending this session!