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President: Professor Philip Nolan, MB, BCh, BAO, BSc, PhD

Dear Graduate:

I am writing to tell you that we have decided to adopt a new common and short name for the university: for simplicity, from 1 September 2014, we are going to refer to ourselves as "Maynooth University" rather than "NUI Maynooth". Our formal and legal name remains "National University of Ireland Maynooth", we remain part of the National University of Ireland, and our new logo, shown below, retains a very explicit and strong link to the NUI.



The fact that we are the National University of Ireland, Maynooth is very important to us, and serves us well nationally and internationally. However, the different abbreviations and colloquial forms of our name do not. We abbreviate our name to NUI Maynooth or NUIM, and are variably referred to as "NUI Maynooth", "NUIM", the "University of Maynooth" or "Maynooth University". This is confusing, and does little to enhance the reputation and impact of the University. The change to "Maynooth University" cuts through this confusion and projects a clear and confident sense of ourselves as a vibrant and growing university and an outstanding place to learn and work.

This change is in no way intended to weaken or undermine our relationship to the National University of Ireland. Rather, we hope it clarifies and strengthens that relationship, showing that we are an independent university in our own right, but also a constituent university of the National University of Ireland, a heritage and a membership of which we are very proud.

The university is currently implementing an ambitious strategic plan, with very significant developments in our undergraduate curriculum, enhancement of our research capacity, expansion of our postgraduate and international portfolio and significant growth and development of the campus. There will be almost 10,000 students enrolled at the university in the coming year.

This is an exciting time for your alma mater. I welcome your interest in developments at Maynooth University, and I look forward to meeting you at one of the many alumni events in the near future.

Kind regards

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Professor Philip Nolan
President