

Please be advised that effective June 1, 2018, Bryn Mawr will no longer provide email accounts to retired employees.

This was a difficult decision and is a reflection of the costs and security risks now associated with institutional email access. Like many colleges and universities, Bryn Mawr has experienced a spike in the digital attacks that are a threat to College systems and data. Attackers often work to gain access to seemingly innocuous individual accounts, most often via email, as a pathway to the College's network and systems.

Because these attacks target individuals, using sophisticated means to trick people into giving up a password or other information, they can't be fully countered by technological safeguards. The attackers targeting our resources, sensitive data, and community members are constantly adapting to our risk mitigation measures, and their attacks grow in complexity and frequency each year. The consequences of just one successful attack could cause very deep and far-reaching financial, operational, and reputational damage.

As a result of these attacks, the College has been forced to revisit who has access to email as well as other College systems, as there are now significant costs to educate and train anyone who has been provided with a College email account. The College made the hard decision to focus our training efforts on active employees, who need to use email as part of their job.

If you would like to provide the College with another email you may certainly do so and this information will be updated in PeopleSoft (also known as Bionic). If you do not have an email account elsewhere, please be advised that if you are accustomed to Office 365, you may want to open an account through this site.

<https://outlook.live.com/owa/?nlp=1&signup=1>

I realize that many people may have provided a College email to various vendors and I would encourage you to update your information with these organizations before June 1, including both TIAA (www.tiaa.org) and Transamerica (www.trsrretire.com). To aid in the transition to a new email address, you may set up your Bryn Mawr email with an "away" message that includes a new email address. As long as this is done prior to June 1, the message will then remain in effect for up to 90 days, or through August 29, 2018. If you need help in setting up this message, please contact the Help Desk at (610) 526-7440.

If you are an alumna of the College, you are offered email *forward*, which redirects mail sent to the Bryn Mawr address to an outside address. Any retiree who is also an alum may follow instructions found here:

<https://www.brynmawr.edu/alumnae/services-and-benefits/alumnaei-benefits>

This change in no way impacts any other benefit provided to retirees, including gym and library access. Please call me at (610) 526-5266 if you have any questions.



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