Dear Student,

I apologize if you are receiving this message a second time. Some students did not receive the message the first time it was sent, so I am resending it.

We are excited to let you know about a new feature in My OHIO Student Center. Effective now, you may report a preferred name and gender pronoun that will be used throughout the University. For example, if you go by a nickname, you may report that as your preferred name, and the class roster used by faculty members and instructors will have your nickname rather than your legal name.

OHIO students have multiple reasons for wanting others to know and address them by preferred names or pronouns. Students who identify as trans, students who go by a different first name in everyday life (e.g., a middle name, a nickname, etc.), international students who prefer to use another name due to pronunciation challenges, and students whose last names have changed for various personal reasons are among those who may want to report a preferred name or pronoun.

For more information about this new feature, including examples of when your legal name will be used instead of your preferred name, please check out the FAQ.

If you are living in a residence hall on the Athens campus and would like your preferred name used in the residence hall, please update your preferred name by August 7, 2015.

Please note that due to planned system maintenance My OHIO Student Center will be unavailable August 1 through 8:00 AM August 3.

We are looking forward to fall semester opening!

Best regards,

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