Preferred Name/Changing Preferred Name

UMBC recognizes that any student, faculty, or staff member may choose to identify themselves within the University community with a preferred first name that differs from their legal (primary) name. As long as the use of a preferred name is not for the purpose of misrepresentation, the University acknowledges that a preferred name should be used whenever possible in the course of university business and education.

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