### **College President Becomes Freshman Again: A Journey of Renewal and Transformation**



In a bold and unprecedented move, Dr. Joan Hogle, the former president of Chapman University, has decided to step down from her prestigious position and enroll as a freshman at the same college she led for over a decade.

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Dr. Hogle's decision has sent shockwaves through the higher education community and beyond. It has sparked a national conversation about the value of education, the importance of lifelong learning, and the transformative power of stepping outside of one's comfort zone.

#### A Life Dedicated to Education

Dr. Joan Hogle has spent her entire life dedicated to education. She began her career as a high school teacher before moving into higher education administration. She served as president of Chapman University from 2005 to 2020, during which time she led the institution through a period of unprecedented growth and innovation.

Under Dr. Hogle's leadership, Chapman University expanded its academic programs, increased its enrollment, and significantly improved its national rankings. She also spearheaded the construction of several new buildings on campus, including the state-of-the-art Leatherby Libraries and the Keck Center for the Arts.

#### A Journey of Renewal

Despite her many accomplishments, Dr. Hogle felt a growing sense of restlessness in her role as president. She longed for a new challenge, a

chance to learn something new, and to make a different kind of impact on the world.

"I've always been a lifelong learner," said Dr. Hogle. "I've always been curious about the world around me. I've always wanted to do something different, and I've always wanted to challenge myself."

After much deliberation, Dr. Hogle decided to step down as president and enroll as a full-time student at Chapman University. She chose to major in environmental science, a field that has always fascinated her.

#### **A Freshman Perspective**

As a freshman, Dr. Hogle is experiencing college life from a whole new perspective. She is taking classes with students who are decades younger than her, and she is learning about subjects that she never had the opportunity to study in her previous career.

"It's been a really great experience so far," said Dr. Hogle. "I'm learning a lot, I'm meeting new people, and I'm having a lot of fun."

Dr. Hogle is also using her unique perspective as a former president to advocate for students and to improve the college experience for all.

#### The Transformative Power of Education

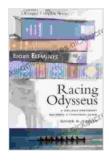
Dr. Hogle's journey as a freshman is a powerful reminder of the transformative power of education. It shows that it is never too late to learn something new, to challenge oneself, or to make a difference in the world.

Education is not just about acquiring knowledge and skills. It is about opening our minds, broadening our horizons, and becoming more engaged citizens.

Dr. Hogle's story is an inspiration to all of us. It shows us that anything is possible if we are willing to step outside of our comfort zones and pursue our dreams.

Dr. Joan Hogle's decision to become a freshman again is a bold and inspiring example of lifelong learning. Her journey is a reminder of the transformative power of education and the importance of never giving up on one's dreams.

We all have something to learn from Dr. Hogle's example. Whether we are students, educators, or simply lifelong learners, we can all benefit from embracing the power of education and the importance of stepping outside of our comfort zones.

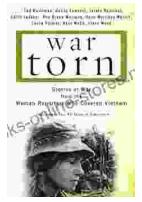


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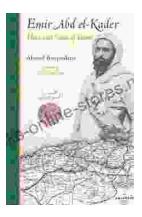
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