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## THE TRANSFORMING DIFFERENCE

*With your help, the largest campaign in College history is on the path to success*

56.24% OF THE WAY THERE!

George Smart '67, Chair of *The Transforming Difference Campaign*, made that announcement during the Celebrate DC dinner at Homecoming 2009. George informed returning alumni that the college has reached more than 56% of the overall campaign goal of \$26 million, the largest campaign yet undertaken by Defiance College.

In a short video report to donors, Smart highlighted the campaign's progress, focusing on completed projects, which include Tenzer and Whitney Halls, and setting the stage for the remainder of the campaign.

As Smart summarized, there are three major segments to the campaign:

- ◆ Capital projects, typically called bricks and mortar, which stands at 23.84% of goal
- ◆ Endowment, which has reached 98.02% of its projected goal
- ◆ Current Priorities, also known as the Annual Fund, now at 81.14% of goal

While Current Priorities and Endowment are both well within reach of their goals, he noted that extra effort will be focused over the next two years to reach the goal set for capital projects, which include:

- ◆ The Wellness and Fitness Center/Field House which would dramatically improve DC's athletic facilities
- ◆ Completion of the Schomburg Auditorium renovation, including the lobby area and public restroom space
- ◆ McReynolds Hall renovations, in the same fashion as Whitney
- ◆ Renovation of the Weaner-McMaster Gymnasium with new bleachers, locker rooms, academic center, recruiting space, lobby and public restroom area

The successful completion of *The Transforming Difference Campaign* will give Defiance College the competitive edge over the competition, George assured the group.

Shaune Skinner '75 and Edd Buhl '73, National Alumni Co-Chairs, spoke about the important regional events that have been held across the country, including Florida, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and several locations in Ohio and Michigan as well. Skinner and Buhl urged alumni from every year to step forward to make this campaign a success.

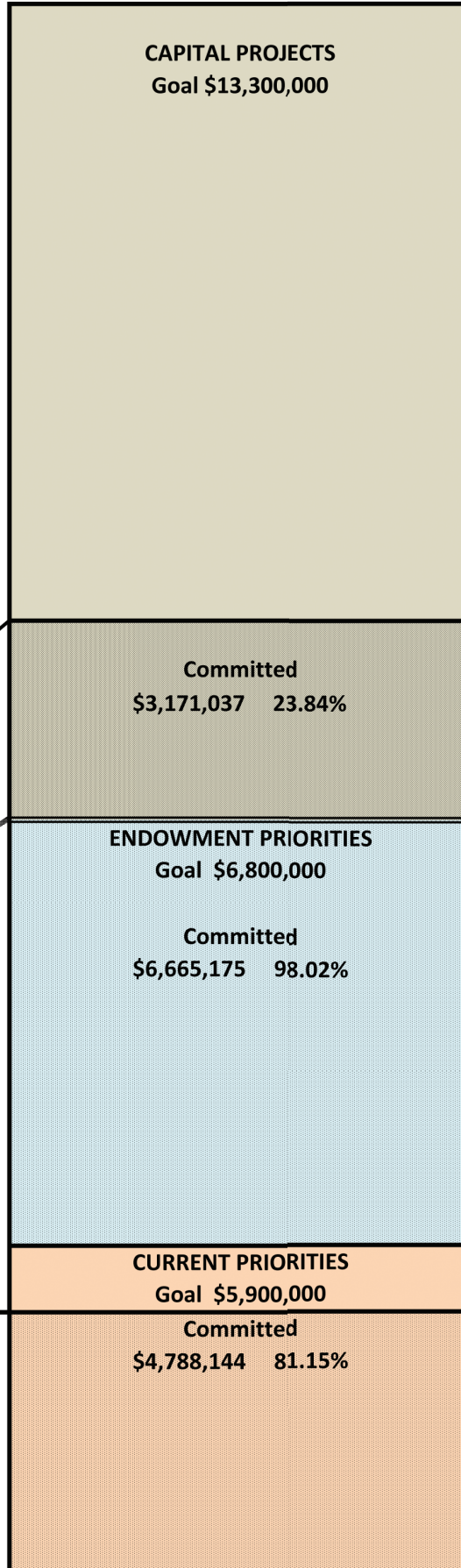
Thanks to all who have enthusiastically joined the campaign to date, helping DC reach the 56.24% mark! Every dollar you contribute, every hour you volunteer on the College's behalf will make completing the campaign's goal a reality.

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September 15, 2009**

Goal/\$ Millions

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**I. CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**Academic Facilities:**

\*Tenzer Hall renovation and addition - *complete*

**Residence Halls:**

\*McReynolds and Whitney Hall Renovations - Whitney Hall - *complete*  
McReynolds to be scheduled

**Recreation, Sports,**

**Community Facilities:**

\*Wellness and Fitness Center/Field House - a gathering place for students to keep fit and compete, includes Weaner McMaster renovation  
\*Schomburg Auditorium Renovation - Phase 1 complete. Funds for disabled seating, stage flooring, proscenium curtain, new sound system, and restroom remodeling are still needed

**II. ENDOWMENT PRIORITIES**

**Faculty and Program**

**Endowment:**

\*Faculty Research and Professional Engagement  
\*Development of Academic Programs (includes outright and planned gifts)  
\*Student Support - scholarships and financial aid

**III. CURRENT PRIORITIES**

\*Annual Fund - The margin of excellence that helps ensure quality across the campus

## The Transforming Difference

### A Campaign to Defy the Ordinary

# Endowment Priorities

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## DC LAUNCHES PARTNERSHIP FOR JOBS PROGRAM

President Mark C. Gordon has announced the first in a series of initiatives to strengthen ties between the College and the community and Defiance region. Under the new Defiance College Partnership for Jobs program, the College is launching a student employment program that will fund up to 2,000 hours of community work in 2010 for qualifying Defiance College students. Students in the program will work at community-based non-profits as well as qualifying local small businesses, with the College helping to defray a portion of the students' salary.

"I am pleased and excited that the College is able to participate in our local community in this way," said President Gordon. "Our students need work experience, and the community and local businesses need assistance providing jobs. This is a real win-win which can expand students' learning while also helping to stimulate economic development and job growth in the region."

The program will be administered through the McMaster School for Advancing Humanity as part of its commitment to assisting economic development in the local community. Community-based non-profits will be able to apply for student

assistance with specific projects which offer educational benefits for the students as well as community benefit. Special preference will be given to those non-profit projects which offer the prospect of attracting additional financial support for the community. An innovative aspect of the program is that it will also provide financial support for students to work in select local small businesses which have not traditionally hired DC students and which can demonstrate that the project will provide significant pre-management training and mentoring for the student.

"This is a very exciting initiative by Defiance College and its new President. We are pleased that the College is making this level of commitment to job creation and economic development at a time when our region needs both," said U.S. Representative Robert Latta, Congressman from Ohio's Fifth District.

Local officials and community and business leaders have also expressed their strong support. Mayor Bob Armstrong praised the College for its willingness to provide financial resources that can strengthen the community. "This is precisely the kind of enhanced partnership that we have been hoping for," said the Mayor.