

Imagine...

AN INITIATIVE TO *Transform* DEFIANCE COLLEGE



DEFIANCE MODEL OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - *\$3.5 million*

FINANCIAL AID INITIATIVE - *\$2.5 million*

Imagine...

if every student who came to Defiance College had an opportunity to attend an opera, a symphony, and a ballet. And, to visit an art or science or history museum.

Imagine...

if every DC student had an opportunity to travel domestically with one or two faculty members to experience and learn more deeply about issues related to the student's major – recapturing some of the magic of the popular Winter Term experiences of past years.

Imagine...

if every DC student had an opportunity to travel internationally and be exposed to different cultures and different experiences.

What if every student had an opportunity for an international travel experience or could walk into a campus classroom and have an international experience brought to them through the capabilities of today's technology, learning directly from scholars and business leaders in other countries. President Gordon outlined these and other exciting initiatives during the Celebrate DC dinner at Homecoming 2010. The projects are the final phase of The Transforming Difference Campaign which began in 2007.

President Gordon announced that because the new field house and wellness center would cost \$6 million less than was originally anticipated, there was an opportunity to explore additional priorities. "And what are those priorities?" he asked. "Put very simply, we need to enhance our academic excellence and give our students the financial assistance they need to take advantage of it. For all the talk about all the myriad activities on campus – and we are very proud of them – we always need to remember that academics is at the core of our mission.

"We want to challenge our students in the classroom. We want to open their eyes to new perspectives; we want them to open their minds to knowledge and different ways of thinking; and we want to help them raise their sights as well."

President Gordon announced that the College will be raising \$3.5 million in seed money to start a series of initiatives that will, he said, "put Defiance College on the map in a new way, with our distinctive model of undergraduate education." The programs will be implemented over the next five years, and thereafter incorporated into the operating budget as ongoing educational opportunities. In addition, a financial aid initiative seeks \$2.5 million to provide immediate assistance to deserving students. "There is no better investment to be made than helping a Defiance College student achieve his or her potential," said President Gordon.

YOU'RE INVITED TO COME ALONG!

Do you wish you could be back at DC taking advantage of some of these initiatives? Well, you can!

That's right, alumni are invited to come along, as we travel with our students to cultural events, and on domestic and international trips. All we ask is that for every trip you attend, you sponsor a student with financial need to come along. For more details on how to be part of these DC Edventures, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 419-783-2572

*The
Initiatives*

A CULTURAL/ARTS AND HUMANITIES INITIATIVE in which every Defiance College student has an opportunity before graduating to attend a wide range of mind-broadening cultural experiences: an opera in Detroit, a symphony in Cleveland, a ballet, a musical, art and science museums in Chicago, and more.

DC TO D.C. - An initiative in which every Defiance College student has an opportunity before graduating to experience our nation's history firsthand, traveling to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, or other places of historical significance.

DC EDVENTURES - A Domestic Travel initiative in which every Defiance College student has an opportunity before graduating to travel for 7 to 10 days domestically with a faculty member for an enrichment experience related to the student's major. This initiative retools the traditional Winter Term experience for the 21st Century. It could, for example, enable students to accompany a faculty member on an archaeological dig, enable business students to meet entrepreneurs in different cities, or give education students an opportunity to tour different school systems.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCE - An opportunity for every DC student before graduating to travel internationally, building on the foundation already laid by the wonderful generosity of the McMaster Family.

GLOBAL CLASSROOMS - Today's technology makes it possible for the world to truly be our classroom. We can wire our classrooms so that we can pipe into the classroom the business executive from China, the alternative energy expert from India, the Latin American literature scholar from Argentina, the scientist from Germany, the sociologist from South Africa, and much more.

DISTINCTIVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES - DC students should be able to enjoy the opportunity to engage in distinctive professional experiences in each major, experiences that will give them a real advantage in the marketplace. We have already created such an opportunity with our "Cold Case Initiative" in which students majoring in Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, and Digital Forensics are investigating cold cases for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in Detroit. With your help, we can create similar opportunities in all our majors.