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COLLEGE

Vision
for the *Future*



John A. Romito, M.D. '66
Member, Donnelly Board of Directors

IMPOSSIBLE TO POSSIBLE

It seems impossible that we are once again beginning a new year, but we find ourselves at the start of 2018. It also seems impossible that I graduated from Donnelly College 52 years ago, in 1966.

Let me share my experience in those early days at Donnelly. I realized that I needed an education, but I had come from a single-parent home where very little emphasis was placed on higher education. I was looking for an institution that emphasized God and cared about my success. I found Donnelly! Because of the nurture and care I received at Donnelly, I continued my education all the way through medical school. This has allowed me to spend my career caring for God's people as a physician.

When I began classes at Donnelly, I was still in terra incognita or the "unknown land." This is where many of our current students find themselves today—terra incognita. So many are first in their family to attend college and others have come from another country. Because Donnelly remains an institution where God and a caring staff still exist, students flourish.

It also seems impossible that Donnelly is operating in a building that was a 1940s add-on to the first Providence Hospital building. Donnelly moved to this larger facility in 1982 from 12th & Sandusky. The building is now 72 years old, posing significant deferred maintenance and service-delivery challenges.

This brings me to what is possible. I'm sure you would agree with me that our community, our country, and the world need individuals educated with a God-centered focus. This is offered at Donnelly College.

In the pages that follow you will see our vision for the campus. This master plan allows for improved student learning experiences inside and outside the classroom, and allows for new program growth, such as the newly approved Associate Degree in Nursing program and pre-engineering courses – both coming in 2018.

To remain competitive in today's higher education market, an excellent learning environment is just as important as excellent instruction. For Donnelly to survive and thrive, the campus must be refreshed and rebuilt.

It is possible for our master plan to become a reality so that we can continue to transform lives. However, this will require your help. My wife and I have committed both time and economic support, as have many friends of Donnelly College.

So, in closing, I ask all of you who have been touched by Donnelly in any way – alums, friends or those of you who simply know that through education we are able to offer the greatest opportunity – for your financial support of our mission and work throughout the year. Tell your friends, tell your colleagues, and don't forget to pray for our success!

Thanks and God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Romito". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

John A. Romito, M.D. '66
Orthopedic Surgeon
Retired, Chief Medical Officer, Overland Park Regional Medical Center
Member, Donnelly Board of Directors



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DONNELLY NAMED MOST DIVERSE COLLEGE IN MIDWEST



U.S. News & World Report has announced that Donnelly College tops the list of the most ethnically diverse colleges in the Midwest.

Donnelly’s ranking is a reflection of its status as the region’s only federally-designated Minority-Serving Institution and Hispanic-Serving Institution.

“We are proud to receive this national recognition highlighting one of our strongest assets – our diverse student body,” said Donnelly President Monsignor Stuart Swetland. “Students come to Donnelly for many reasons – our affordability, our urban location, our nurturing campus environment, and especially our academic programs. However, decade after decade, students tell us that student diversity is often a top factor that helps them choose to attend and find success here.

“It is rare to find a college that has a majority of minority students, especially in this region. We know our students find comfort, security and confidence in that. As a Catholic College, we believe in the innate dignity and worth of each person, and that is something we strive to make tangible to our students each day in their campus experience.”

Donnelly students often note that difference. “I love the diversity at Donnelly,” one student said. “I feel 100%

safe and accepted. I believe, above all, we feel equal here. In the classroom, I don’t feel any less because [of who I am].”

Donnelly’s student body was 83% students of color representing 36 countries (36% Hispanic, 33% African-American, 17% Caucasian, 6% Two or more races, 4% Asian, 4% Other). The 2017 graduating class was 92% students of color and included 79% first-generation students.

The diversity found at Donnelly represents our neighborhood, and also reflects Donnelly’s commitment to the urban core since its founding in 1949. Mark Holland, mayor/CEO of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, often notes that Wyandotte County is one of the most diverse counties in the nation, as there is no ethnic majority among constituents.

“The richness of our campus experience has always been due in large part to the diversity of our student body,” Swetland added. “The world is increasingly interconnected and our nation is seeing racial tensions that we have not witnessed in generations. More than ever, this requires higher education to foster a global perspective and an understanding of individuals different than one’s self. Our board, faculty and staff are proud of our students and how their diversity enriches our learning environment.”

As a small, private Catholic college, Donnelly has not always registered in national or regional rankings. However, for the past five years, Donnelly has also

made another important ranking – the U.S. Department of Education’s Top 100 list of most affordable private, not-for-profit four-year colleges, according to the College Affordability and Transparency Center.

“Our commitment to providing an affordable private, Catholic college opportunity is not unrelated to our exceptional student diversity,” Swetland said. “This country is facing a growing higher education accessibility gap, and far too often that gap is a product of economic challenges, not ability.”

According to Dick Flanigan, Cerner Health Services President and Chair of Donnelly’s Board of Directors, “Donnelly is creating the workforce of the future – a diverse workforce that is critically needed in our region’s businesses. Donnelly’s mission to increase college opportunity is more needed than ever, and continues to impact our larger community.”

Note: Although U.S. News & World Report recognizes Donnelly as the most diverse college in the Midwest, Donnelly is not included in U.S. News & World Report’s overall higher education rankings because Donnelly maintains an open admissions policy to ensure that all students can access higher education. Use of ACT or SAT scores in admissions decisions is a key criteria for inclusion in U.S. News & World Report’s overall rankings, as well as other national and regional rankings. Because Donnelly does not require the ACT or SAT for admission, Donnelly College is not included in the overall ranking of colleges and universities in the Midwest.

DONNELLY TO OFFER REGISTERED NURSE - ASSOCIATE NURSING DEGREE BEGINNING JANUARY 2018

Donnelly College was approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing in December 2016 and later by the Higher Learning Commission in September 2017, to offer a Registered Nurse - Associate of Nursing degree on campus.

“Offering an associate degree in nursing is very exciting for the nursing department,” said Sandra Tapp, director of nursing at Donnelly College. “By offering this degree

we are providing a much needed service to help fill gaps in the field of healthcare.”

Beginning January 2018, the program will admit up to 15 students per cohort. In addition to general education requirements, the program comprises 33 nursing credit hours and takes 18 months to complete.

The RN-ADN program is intended for students who are licensed practical nurses

and “looking to take the next step in furthering their careers,” Tapp said.

The program requires each student to have an active Kansas LPN license among other requirements that prospective students can view at the college website.

“I am looking forward to seeing current LPNs be able to fulfill the dream of becoming an RN,” Tapp said.

KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION SUPPORTS FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Kauffman Foundation provided a grant valued at nearly \$20,000 to cover the cost of all full-time and part-time faculty to participate in a nationally recognized professional development opportunity. The Association of College and University Educators is teaching their Course in Effective Teaching Practices.

The course prepares college educators to implement all of the essential practices shown to improve student outcomes. It includes 25 one-hour online modules across five comprehensive units of study. Consisting of more than 180 instructional videos, the course showcases exemplary teaching on campuses nationwide and

features interviews with leading experts in college instruction. Course topics include: designing an effective course and class, establishing a productive learning environment, using active learning techniques, promoting higher order thinking and assessing to inform instruction and promote learning.

GUGGENHEIM AND MACARTHUR FELLOW TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS

Donnelly College is proud to present Ben Lerner, American poet, novelist, essayist, critic on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 10 a.m.

Ben Lerner was born in Topeka, Kansas, and attended Topeka High School before attending Brown University. He has received fellowships from the Fulbright, Guggenheim and MacArthur Foundations, among other honors. He is the author of three books of poetry (“The Lichtenberg Figures,” “Angle of Yaw,” and “Mean Free Path”), two novels (“Leaving the Atocha Station” and 10:04), and several collaborations with artists (including “Blossom,” with Thomas Demand). His most recent book is the monograph, “The Hatred of Poetry.” Currently he serves as Distinguished Professor of English at Brooklyn College.

This event is free and open to the public.



Ben Lerner



ENJOYING THE MOMENT

With specialty glasses on and moon pie desserts in hand, students, faculty and staff gathered on campus to experience a historic moment. The campus was set to experience 99% coverage from the solar eclipse that occurred on August 21, 2017, darkening skies from Oregon to South Carolina.

While the weather was cloudy, spirits were not. Cheers and gasps were heard as we experienced as close to totality as we expected. The next two opportunities for the United States to experience a solar eclipse are in 2024 and 2045, neither of which will be seen in Kansas City.



Photo by Angelica Perez

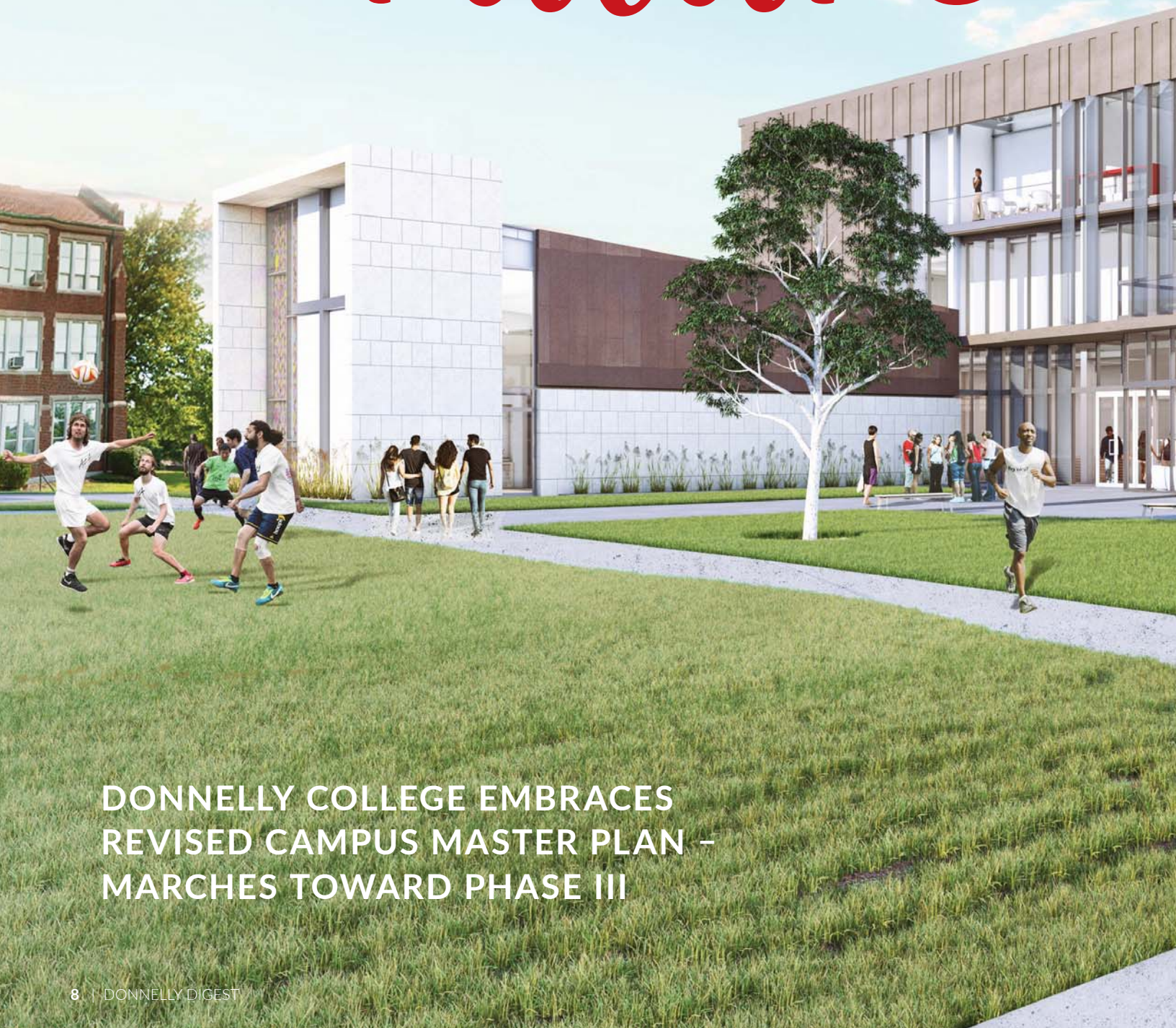


1 A new Donnelly flag flies proudly outside the main building on campus. Craig and Karen Gaffney, 2017 SHINE chairs, provided and presented this Donnelly College flag to Donnelly President Monsignor Swetland at SHINE on Thursday, Sept. 28. 2 Donnelly student Zulina Ramirez leads prayers during the college's annual Convocation Mass on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Kansas City, Kan. 3 Donnelly College's campus flu clinic provided vaccinations for more than 100 Donnelly students, faculty and staff on Wednesday, Sept. 20. 4 Sister Sharon Hamsa, Donnelly math tutor and adjunct instructor, poses in the Donnelly College Campus Cupboard during the grand opening on Tuesday, Aug. 22. 5 Freelance writer Aaron Barnhart offers a presentation and discussion about 'Care for the Creation' on campus Thursday, Sept. 28. The program was made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council. 6 Student Treyvon Ward heads toward the basket during fall intermural finals.



7 Former University of Mississippi football player Richie Contartesi speaks to Donnelly students on campus about overcoming obstacles and pursuing their dreams on Thursday, Aug. 24. 8 More than 40 students, faculty, staff and community members donated blood at Donnelly's blood drive on Wednesday, Oct. 4. 9 Marta Caminero-Santangelo, professor of English and director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Kansas, speaks on campus Tuesday, Oct. 17 about her book "Documenting the Undocumented" with a student panel and Q & A session following her presentation. 10 Donnelly Success First student Keiona Boyce reads to a classroom of kindergartners at Holy Name Elementary School in Kansas City, Kan. on Tuesday, Oct. 3. Each semester, students in the Success First program complete the service learning project better known as Project L.O.U.D., Literacy, Outreach in Urban Districts, in the local community. The project enables Donnelly students to promote positive reading habits. 11 Donnelly student Emprezz Copeland poses with her prize bundle she won during new student orientation in August.

Vision for the Future



**DONNELLY COLLEGE EMBRACES
REVISED CAMPUS MASTER PLAN –
MARCHES TOWARD PHASE III**



Donnelly College has a bold vision for the future, both as an institution of higher education, and as part of the broader Kansas City and Catholic communities. This vision is to advance the common good by becoming the most accessible and transformative Catholic college in the country, in the heart of one of the most diverse communities in the country.

Since 1949, Donnelly's rich legacy of expanding access to higher education has helped thousands realize their personal version of the American dream. There are over 40,000 alumni in Kansas City and beyond who may not be where they are today if they had not found Donnelly College. Donnelly helped transform their lives, positively impacting their families and their communities.

But we can do more, and we must do more, to make our bold vision a reality.

"To remain competitive in today's higher education market, an excellent learning environment is just as important as excellent instruction," as Dr. John A. Romito said in the Leader's Message (on page 2).

Because of Donnelly's commitment to keeping our private Catholic college education affordable, the College has been limited in resources to invest in long-term needs, including modernizing the campus infrastructure, enhancing learning resources, and improving financial stability. In fact, our accrediting agency, the Higher Learning Commission, cited our aging facilities as a key reason they placed the College on probation in February 2017. While we prepare for our full re-accreditation site visit in fall 2018, College leadership has prioritized completing our master plan as a critical component.

This progress has been a long time in the planning. Gould Evans Architects led Donnelly through initial planning in 2008, and Treanor Architects further developed a campus master plan that was approved by the Board of Directors in 2010. Phase I of this master plan was completed in 2013 with the grand opening of a new Community Event Center – Donnelly's first new construction project in 50 years. Since then, the College has been working to make the rest of campus just as appealing.

VISION

The vision of Donnelly College is to advance the common good by being the most accessible and transformative Catholic college in the country.



Academic building - present



Academic building - future

With the guidance of Donnelly's President, the Building Committee and expert assistance from Burns & McDonnell and MC Realty, the Board of Directors approved a revised campus master plan in spring 2017. This plan called for renovating the final two floors in Donnelly's second academic building, Marian Hall, where our Practical Nursing and new Registered Nursing programs will be housed (see page 4). It also calls for replacing our main academic and administrative building (the former Providence Hospital building), rather than trying to accomplish challenging and expensive renovations. This bold plan will double our student capacity to 800 and give Donnelly an academic home designed specifically for the College for the first time in our 68-year history. (Donnelly's first location at 12th & Sandusky was the former home of Bishop Ward High School.)

The College acted swiftly to begin Phase II renovations in Marian Hall immediately after the spring 2017 semester, and JE Dunn executed construction on time to ensure classes could resume in January. Donnelly will proceed with Phase III once sufficient funds are raised through our Transformations Capital Campaign. The campaign will also grow our endowment, ensuring that our mission will go forward in a vibrant and sustainable way.

Our plan is ambitious, perhaps the most ambitious since Sr. Jerome Keeler, OSB, and Bishop George Donnelly decided to open Donnelly Community College in 1949. But Donnelly is committed to giving our students a campus they deserve – and one that matches the quality education we have provided for nearly 70 years.



Academic building interior

Chapel



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DETAILS

PHASE I

COMMUNITY EVENT CENTER \$2,500,000
(Completed 2013)
Work completed by Treanor Architects & JE Dunn Construction.

PHASE II

MARIAN HALL RENOVATIONS \$2,000,000
(Completed 2017 - Reopening in January)
Renovations added nine new classrooms, six faculty/staff offices, a computer lab and a collaborative study space. We modernized the elevator, added sprinklers, and improved mechanical systems throughout the building. Academic space doubled to 22,000 square feet.

Grand Re-opening Celebration, January 25, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

PHASE III

New Academic Building And Transformed Campus \$19,500,000
(Target completion Fall 2020)
The new three-story, 72,000 sq. ft. academic building will include state-of-the-art learning environments, updated technology, centralized student support services, academic resource center and a 60-seat chapel. Once the new facility is fully operational, we will remove the current main academic building and a former residence hall to replace parking and create a campus quad.

TIMELINE & BUDGET

TOTAL CAMPAIGN	\$30,000,000
Capital improvements	\$24,000,000
Endowment	\$3,500,000
Annual operating fund	\$1,500,000
Expenses & marketing	\$1,000,000



View of the chapel from Barnett Avenue

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SHINE



CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT: Student panelists Aly Mponezya, Ada Sanabria, LaCherish Thompson, and Peilong (Johnny) Zhou with Monsignor Swetland; alum Diego Payan and students Angelica Perez and Johnny Zhou collect envelopes at the conclusion of the program; Archbishop Joseph Naumann (KS), left, and Bishop James Johnston (MO) visit with nursing student Amanda Hester; event chairs Craig and Karen Gaffney present a flag to Monsignor Swetland.

PRESENTING SPONSOR

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The McDonnell Foundation
Newcomer Family Foundation



ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

"Donnelly offered me the opportunity to pursue my dream. If it were not for the English courses I took I would not be where I am today."

Ahmed Awad, D.O. '84



"Donnelly is the place to be. A place where you can learn about the world and learn about yourself."

**George Breidenthal, Jr. '69
(posthumously)**



"What I found at Donnelly that I did not encounter at any other college or university is the inclusiveness and the acceptance no matter where you come from. You can feel it here."

Liza Rodriguez, DNP, APRN, '01



WATCH THE STUDENT PANEL AND ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AT www.donnelly.edu/shine

SHINE BY THE NUMBERS

11TH ANNUAL
September 28, 2017

\$270,000 2017 total \$

434 SOLD OUT!
guests

51 GIFTS OF SUPPORT

4 student panelists

3 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees

2 inspiring event chairs

1 amazing evening



DONNELLY COLLEGE
EST. 1949

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DONNELLY COLLEGE'S

SHINE

12TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION
FOR OUR STUDENTS AND MISSION

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

5:30-9:00 PM

SHERATON KANSAS CITY -
CROWN CENTER

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ANSWERED *prayers*

HELP OUR STUDENTS WITH
YOUR GIFT OF SUPPORT

“Donnelly is home. It’s everything that I could have ever hoped for – I’m so blessed to be here.”

Amanda Hester, nursing student

“I was in crisis mode,” said nursing student Amanda Hester. Amanda was only one semester from graduation at another institution when, due to circumstances beyond her control, she was forced to transfer to complete her nursing program.

Although Amanda was accepted at other nursing schools, only Donnelly was willing to accept her previous course credits. “I remember when I got that phone call—my prayers had been answered,” she said. “Besides the birth of my children and my wedding day, it was the best day of my life. I already felt like I was part of Donnelly’s family.”

Amanda chose to pursue nursing as a career after her son was born prematurely at 35 weeks and spent considerable time in neonatal intensive care. Now, at five years old, he is thriving. Amanda says, “I want to show my children that if you work hard enough, you can be anything you want to be.”

Students like Amanda fill our campus. Each has their own story, their own path to Donnelly, and their own reason for pursuing a specific area of study. As we have done since 1949, Donnelly gives students an opportunity to achieve their goals.

Please consider a gift to Donnelly College and help us continue to answer prayers through the transformative power of higher education.

Learn more and give online at donnelly.edu/give



Amanda graduated from the Licensed Practical Nursing program in December and hopes to continue in Donnelly’s new Registered Nurse-Associate of Nursing program.

STUDENT LEADERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Colleges across the nation are blessed by dedicated student leaders working to make their campuses and communities the best they can be. They plan social events, educational programs and service projects, and give a voice to the students.

Donnelly's 2017-18 Student Senate did all this and more, by focusing their fall semester activities almost exclusively on giving to others through several campus fundraisers for Hurricane Maria relief, to purchase toys for patients at Children's Mercy Hospital and to sponsor a child from Kenya through Unbound,

a Kansas City-based sponsorship program that benefits individuals globally.

Student Senate President LaCherish Thompson said, "Student Senate is hoping to inspire our friends and classmates to serve their community and others. We want to educate our peers about different topics that impact our lives and how we can bring change and be a positive voice in our community."

During the spring semester, with service and education as a primary focus, Senate will use their efforts to raise awareness

about various social topics that impact student's daily lives including multicultural issues, women's rights, mental health and disabilities, child abuse, stress management, sexual assault and others. In addition, they plan to host monthly open-forums called "DC Chat" where students can express concerns and suggestions about campus life in a relaxed and informal environment.

Beyond Student Senate, there are 13 student organizations including Campus Ministry, STEM Club, Art Club and Environmental Club that add to Donnelly's already vibrant campus community.



2017-2018 Student Senate

MONSIGNOR TO CO-LEAD A PILGRIMAGE TO ENGLAND

Looking for a travel opportunity this summer? From May 27 – June 4, 2018, Donnelly College President Monsignor Swetland will co-lead a pilgrimage organized by Trinity Travel, a Lenexa-based travel agency, in cooperation with Troy Hinkel, Ph.D. of the Holy Family School of Faith. The nine-day excursion will follow

in the footsteps of Sir Thomas More and St. John Fisher, and will take in numerous historical religious, cultural and educational sites. Geographic areas and cities visited will include London, Canterbury, Salisbury, Bath, Oxford, Stratford, Avon, Cambridge and Norwich.

Act fast if you would like to join. Deadline for reservations is February 1, 2018. Cost is \$4,460 per person (double occupancy). Terms and conditions apply. Contact Trinity Travel at 913-422-4141 for more information and reservations.

MONSIGNOR NAMED CHIEF RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

Donnelly College is honored that President Monsignor Stuart Swetland was recently named Chief Religion Correspondent for Relevant Radio®, a national radio network of 127 stations in 39 states. In this role he will serve as commentator and guest host on many of the networks’ programs, sharing views on the Catholic faith and analysis of daily news events from a Catholic perspective.

In addition to this new role and his presidential duties at Donnelly, Monsignor

Swetland continues to remain available to local media outlets and churches to share a similar perspective. As President, Monsignor Swetland is well versed on issues of access to higher education, diversity in higher education and the impact of public policy, such as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), on students. Additional areas of expertise are in Catholic social teachings related to economics, politics and social doctrine. As a former naval officer he has also published on the

issues of just war theory and the ethical use of the military.

Since 2011, Monsignor Swetland has served as host of the Relevant Radio® daily radio show “Go Ask Your Father™” broadcasting from his office on the campus of Donnelly College. Since 2004 he has also hosted the television program “Catholicism on Campus,” on EWTN.

Join us

**FOR THE
GRAND RE-OPENING
CELEBRATION FOR**

Marian Hall

**January 25, 2018
4 p.m.**

IN THE COMMUNITY

Juan Rangel, Jr., director of Gateway to College, presented at the Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey “Symposium on Race, Place and Diversity” on Thursday, November 16.

Diego Payan, Donnelly College alum and information technology consultant, was honored with the Community Impact Award by the Hispanic Economic Development Corporation for teaching computer literacy classes in Spanish for Hispanic adults in the community.

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering those who have recently passed away.

ALUMNI

John Dollard ('56)

James Gray ('68)

Kenneth Zimmerman ('61)

ATTENTION ALUMNI

While your student days are behind you, we hope you choose to stay involved with Donnelly.

STAY CONNECTED



- Update your information
- Tell us about your life events
- Follow us on social media

GIVE BACK



- Give a gift
- Join the Champions Circle
- Attend SHINE or other special events

SERVE



- Volunteer on campus
- Share your story
- Serve on a board or committee

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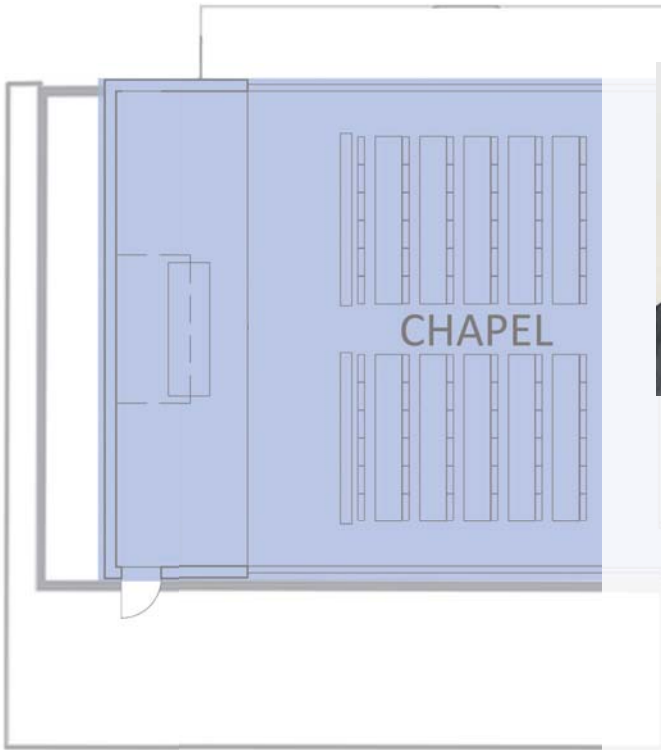
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

[2016-2017]

This report contains data from the 2016-2017 academic year

ENTRY

ADMISS
BUSINES



Monsignor Stuart Swetland

In early September, we were informed by *U.S. News & World Report* that we were being recognized as the Most Diverse College in the Midwest. I must admit that keeping the honor a secret for a week while it was “embargoed” was extremely difficult!

This honor is an external recognition of what all those who work at or attend Donnelly College already know. Our College is wonderful and wonderfully diverse. Since its inception 68 years ago, Donnelly has been a model of inclusivity.

This accessibility is needed now more than ever. At a time when racial tensions are rising and both private and public colleges and universities are becoming more and more economically exclusive, the mission of Donnelly College is of vital importance.

MAIN
LOBBY

ENTRY

DONOR
WALL

BOOKSTORE
DISPLAY

CAMPUS ASSEMBLY

LOUNGE

CAMPUS QUAD

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STUDENT
SERVICES

This is why we continue to increase our programs and offerings at Donnelly College. Starting in January, we will enroll our first class of Registered Nurse - Associate of Nursing (RN-ADN) students. We have also entered into exciting new grant and scholarship partnerships with University of Missouri - Kansas City, University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Avila University, the Kauffman Foundation, KC Scholars, the Department of Defense and the Department of Education.

Perhaps the most exciting news is the approval of our new Campus Master Plan. By the time you read this, our renovation of Marian Hall will be complete and an additional 13,000 sq. ft. of academic and office space will have been added to our college. (Please join us for the rededication ceremony for Marian Hall on January 25, 2018 at 4 p.m.)

Donnelly College must succeed at our mission if we are to fulfill Pope Francis's call to be joyful proponents of the gospel of life, especially for those at the margins in our society. More than 75% of our students are first generation college students and their

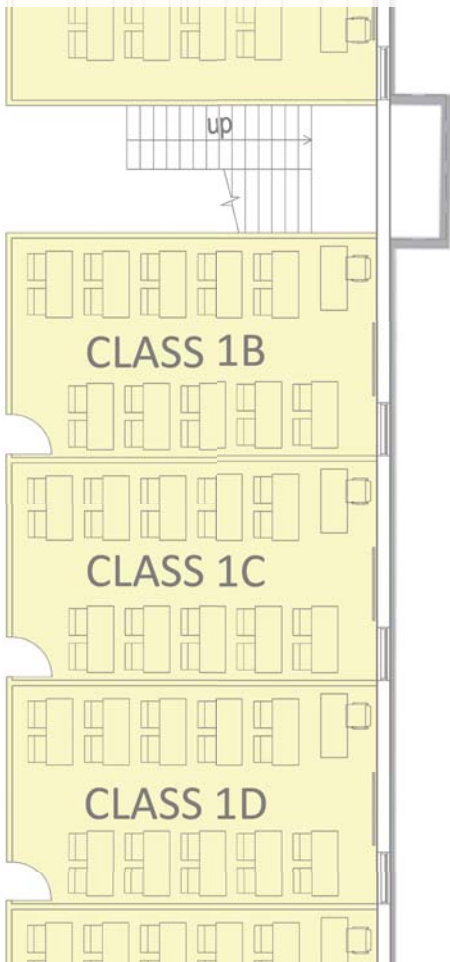
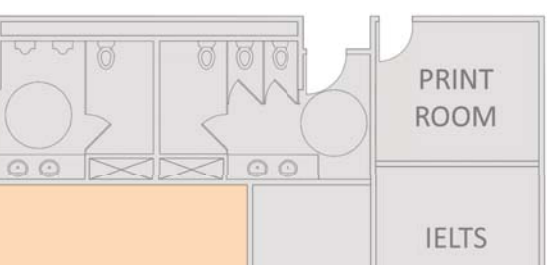
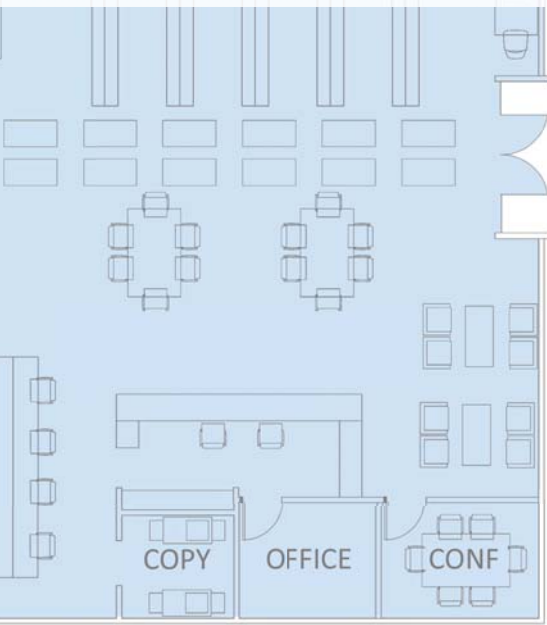
average family income is less than \$29,000 a year. Most students could not attend college if Donnelly was not here for them.

Our mission is vital at this moment of our nation's history, but it is not possible without the generous support of our donors. This is a challenging time for us as we diligently work toward our upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation visit. We know that the HLC will be looking to see how much the community supports our mission. They will examine our fiscal health and the viability to continue to heavily subsidize our students' Christian formation and education at Donnelly. For nearly 70 years, we have faithfully served our mission, modeling a partnership between dedicated, hardworking faculty, staff and students and a generous community willing to help others to climb the ladder of success and sanctity that all of us hope to ascend.

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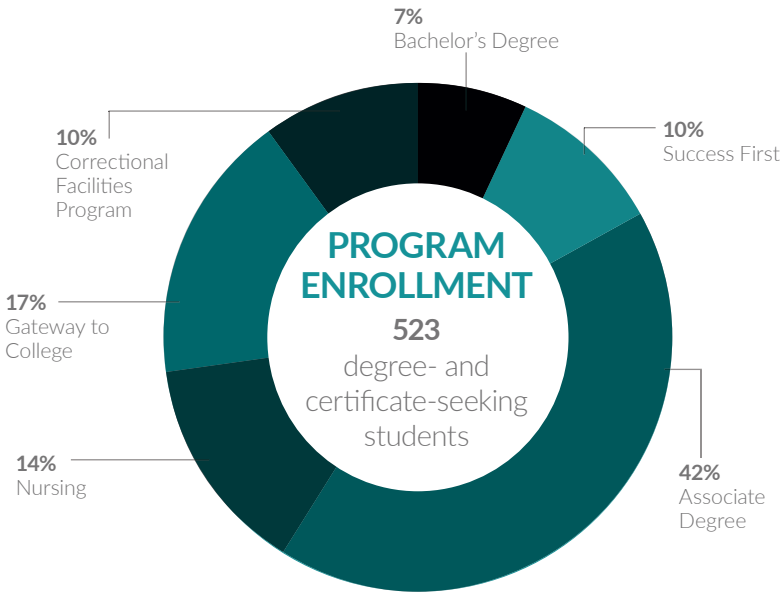
Msr. Stuart W. Swetland

Monsignor Stuart Swetland
President



N 18TH STREET

ABOUT DONNELLY



On average, Donnelly's classes have **12 STUDENTS**



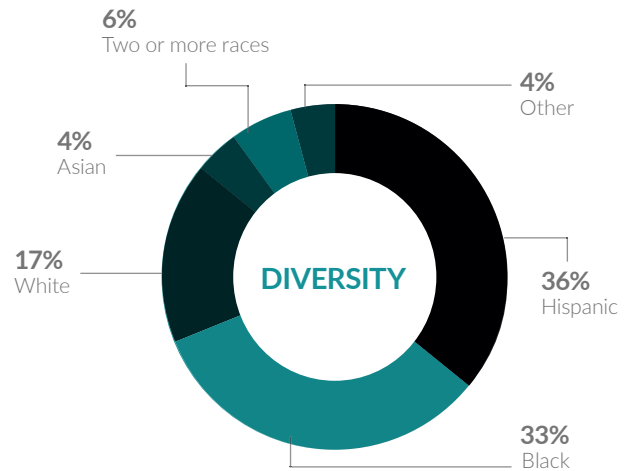
WHO OUR STUDENTS ARE



35% male 65% female

63% full-time

37% part-time



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PERCENT

first-generation college students
- almost twice as high as other four-year institutions nationally

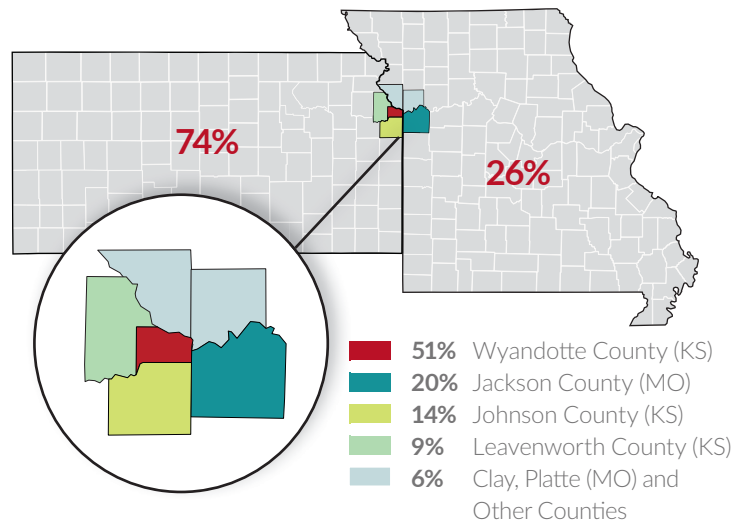
WHERE OUR STUDENTS COME FROM

59 total metro high schools represented by Donnelly's student body



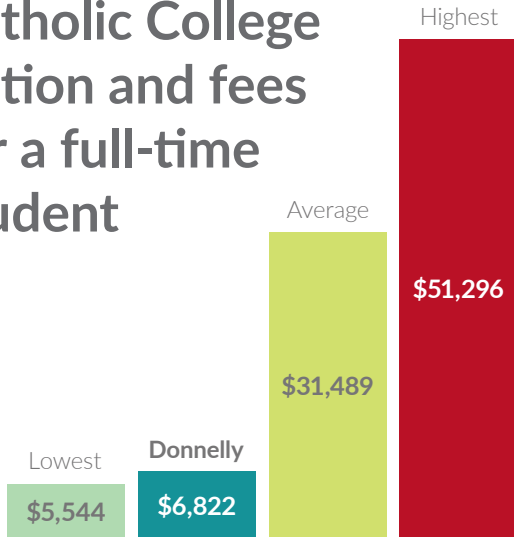
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An additional current high school students received credit through College Credit Now



WE ♥ SCHOLARSHIPS

U.S. average Catholic College tuition and fees for a full-time student



Source: Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

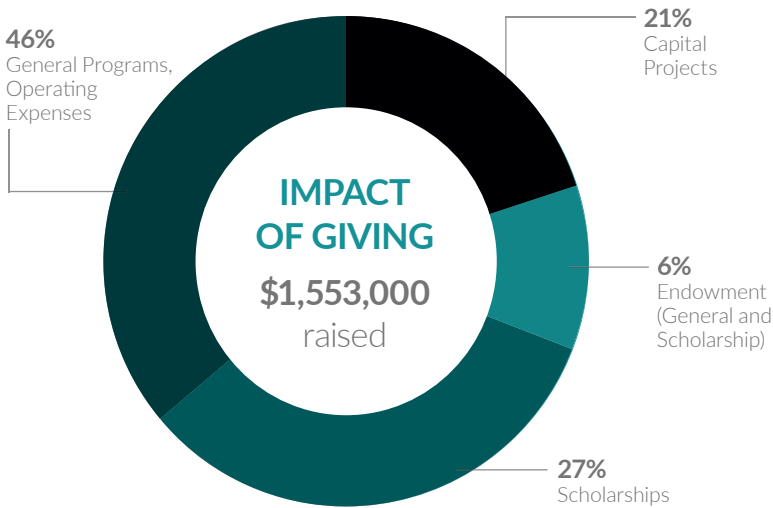
65%
OF STUDENTS RECEIVE PELL GRANT ASSISTANCE
TOTALING
\$914,102
total Pell Grants distributed

\$3,777
average award

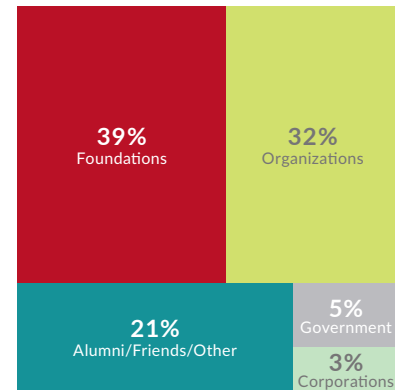
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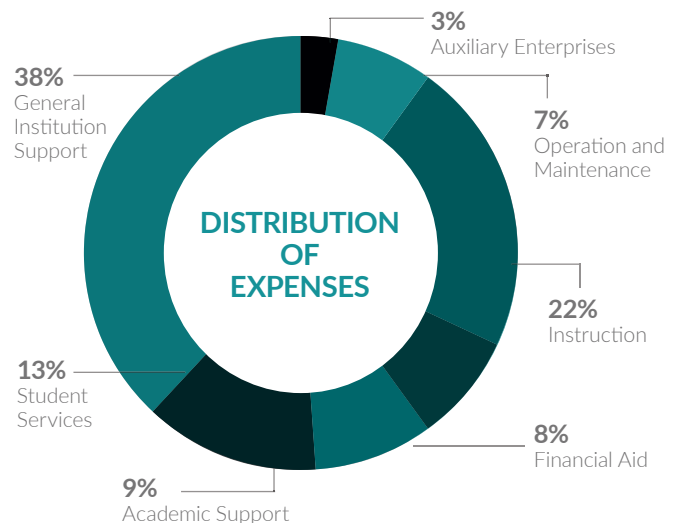
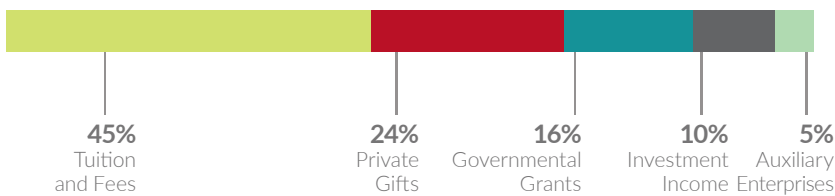
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