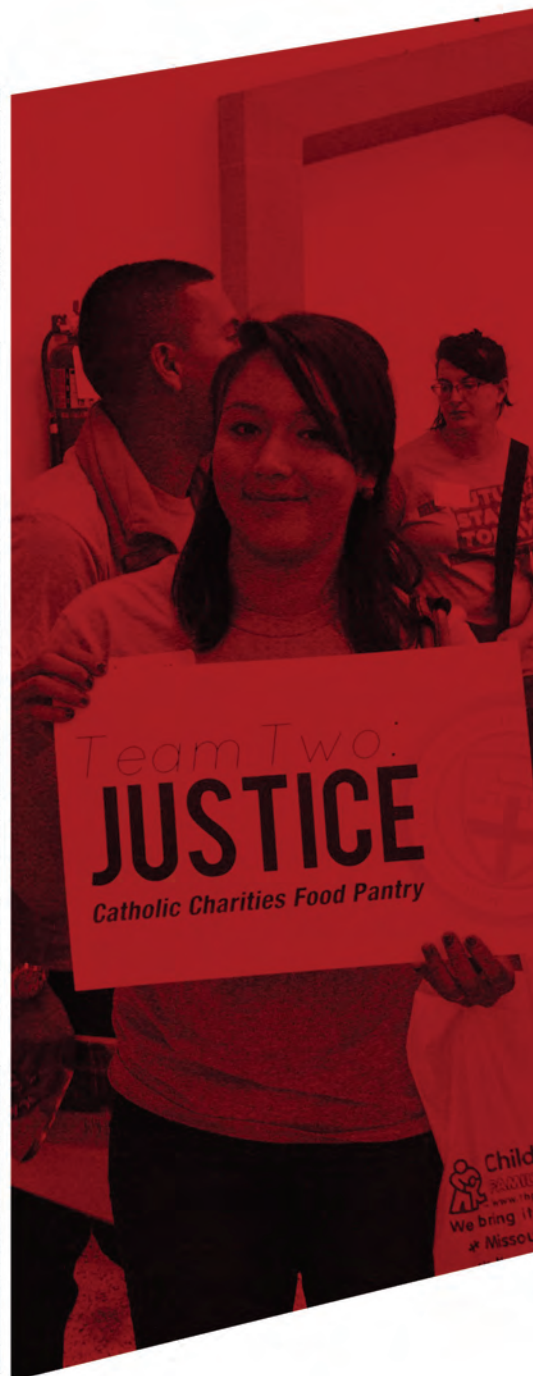


DONNELLY COLLEGE *DIGEST*

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Most Rev. Joseph F. Naumann
Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas

LEADER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

It's my privilege to extend warm wishes for a blessed Advent season to each of you. As students, alumni, supporters, volunteers, faculty and staff of Donnelly College, we are united, by God's grace, as a family.

As a Catholic community, we believe it's our responsibility to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in our time by making the love of God tangible in our world. As proponents of education, we believe in the potential of our students to achieve great things. As an institution of higher learning, we believe in the power of education to transform lives. And, as members of the Donnelly community, we believe in the importance of helping individuals from diverse walks of life realize the dream of attending college.

In the Church, Advent is a season of preparation. Through our thoughts, prayers and actions, we anticipate the arrival of Christ – the Word made flesh – in our world. It's a time of great hope and promise.

In many ways, the spirit of Advent parallels the spirit of hopefulness and expectation that prevails at Donnelly. I try to make visits to campus as frequently as my schedule allows. Quite honestly, it's one of the things that I most love about my role as archbishop. Donnelly is a place where hope for the future abounds. I hear it in the voices of students. I see it in the Event Center construction that's in progress. I witness it in classrooms. During a recent visit to Donnelly, I asked several students why they chose to come to the College. All of them cited the personal concern and investment of the faculty and staff in their success – not just academically, but as human beings.

Donnelly is continually preparing – for the future, for the needs of students and for the growth of our community. Here, the spirit of Advent is perpetual. It's heartening to be part of such a faith-filled community and it's clear that God's grace is at work – inspiring each of us to become the Church that Jesus has called us to be.

Through the generous support of many, the College's capacity to prepare students and serve the community is steadily growing. In this issue of the Donnelly Digest, you'll see how Donnelly is helping students and the community prepare for a promising future. Many thanks for your steadfast support and best wishes for a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,

A handwritten signature of Joseph F. Naumann in black ink. The signature is stylized and includes a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann
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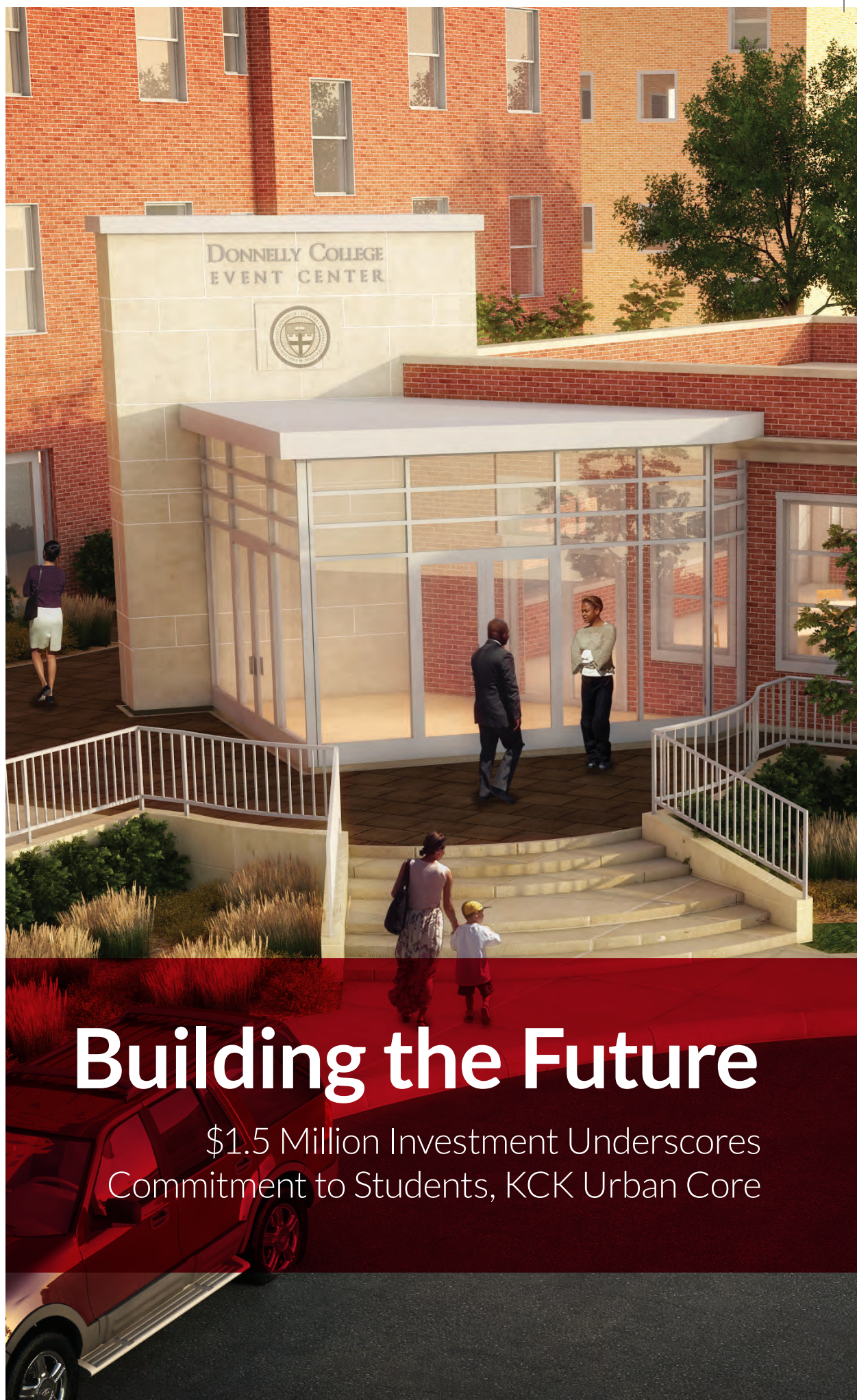
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**Construction of the
Community Event Center
represents the first phase
of a master plan for
campus improvement.**

Transformations is a \$25 million campaign that touches every aspect of campus – positioning Donnelly College to more broadly transform people, places and spirits. In addition to capital investments, the campaign is designed to strengthen the College's endowment resources.

Unprecedented levels of support have already set the stage for the most successful campaign in DC's history. We are especially grateful to our sponsor, the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas for making a lead gift of \$4 million. Additional phases of the campaign will focus on building a new library and academic resource center, chapel, entrance as well as system updates and renovations to the seven-floor tower. For specific information on ways to support the Transformations campaign, contact Emily Buckley at 913.621.8731.



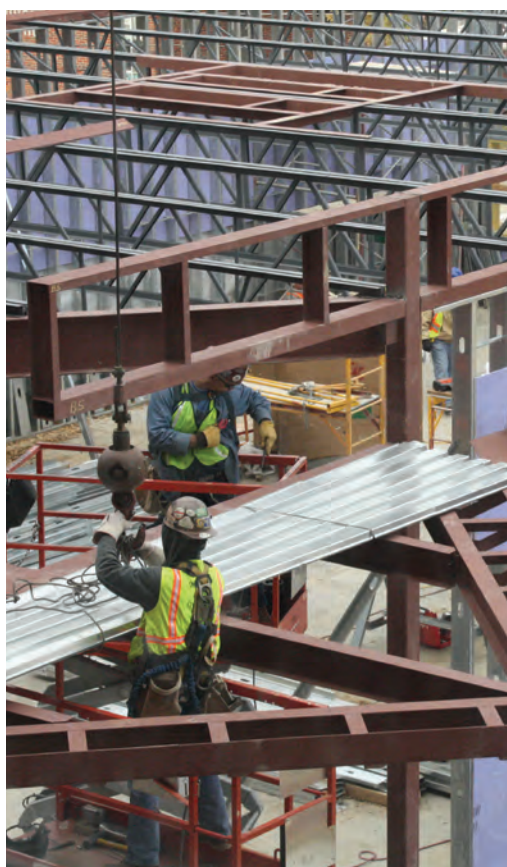
Building the Future

\$1.5 Million Investment Underscores
Commitment to Students, KCK Urban Core

Peace and quiet are in short supply on the Donnelly College campus these days, but no one seems to mind the racket.

Ever since early August, the buzz, whirl and grind of construction equipment has become part of the community's daily routine. That's because work is underway on the new Donnelly Community Event Center.

On Sept. 13, the College hosted a groundbreaking ceremony, sharing details about the first phase of a campus improvement plan – the most comprehensive in the institution's 63-year history. The Center, scheduled to open in spring 2013, will double the College's event programming space and serve as a venue for meetings and campus events. The new 3,196 square-foot facility will also provide much needed meeting and event space for community organizations and non-profits. When finished, it will accommodate 200 people and feature a catering kitchen, state-of-the-art multi-media technology, a circle drive drop-off and outdoor courtyard.




The new Center will strengthen Donnelly's connection to the KCK community and enrich the experiences of DC students. As a neighborhood anchor in central KCK, Donnelly is deeply committed to helping area residents pursue higher education opportunities. The Center will create a variety of opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds to come together on the Donnelly campus, expanding exposure to college for thousands more youth.

"This project is the most ambitious development effort launched since the College's founding by Bishop Donnelly and Sister Jerome Keeler in 1949," said William H. Dunn, Jr., Donnelly College Trustee and co-chair of the project's capital campaign. "We're pleased to be investing in the future of Donnelly and in KCK's urban core because the College's diverse student body represents our world – and our future. Here at Donnelly, students are getting skills and tools that will pave the way for future success."

The foundation of the Community Event Center formerly served as a hospital laundry facility, the oldest building on campus. Most recently, it served as a child care center for El Centro.

The project was awarded \$200,000 in Community Service Tax Credits by the Kansas Department of Commerce. Qualified donors can receive a tax credit worth 50 percent of their donation against their Kansas Income Tax liability. Tax credits are still available but they expire December 31, 2012.

For more information about the Event Center and photos of progress on the project, go to Donnelly.edu/eventcenter. For details about tax credits available to donors, contact Emily Buckley, Director of Advancement at 913.621.8731.



A little holiday magic is all it
takes to make dreams come true!

Be the magic.

Inspired by the Gospel and fueled by the generosity of friends, DC is on a mission to help more individuals realize the dream of earning a college degree.

Donnelly is different from most private colleges. We believe that higher education should be affordable for everyone. That's why we insist on keeping tuition within reach of all students and why we're proud to be recognized as the most affordable private college in Kansas and Missouri.

Often, an \$800 scholarship is all that's needed to keep a student's college dream alive. Every gift moves a student closer to his or her goals.

Imagine the tremendous sense of accomplishment of being the first person in one's family to attend college. Now, imagine helping make that dream come true. You can be that person. *You can be the magic.* Make a Holiday Season gift to the Donnelly College Annual Fund today.

Visit donnelly.edu/give today, call (913) 621-8752
or email advancement@donnelly.edu for more info

Welcome

DC is pleased to welcome new talent to our team. We're grateful for the service of the following individuals who joined the College in 2012.

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(elected to serve 2012 - 2015)



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FROM LEFT: Emily Richardson, Program Coordinator; Karla Williams, Accounting Specialist; Mary Pflanz, PhD, Director of Academic Support; Henrietta Doner-Hedrick, Fine Arts faculty; Marques Nelson, Admissions College Readiness Liaison; M. Lynn Hire, Marketing Coordinator; Betsy Gran, Assistant Dean of Evening programs / Evening ESL Coordinator; Andrea Essner, Admissions Student Recruiter / Counselor; Kathleen Powell, Allied Health Recruiter / Academic Advisor; Heidi Pujols, Assistant Registrar.

AS SEEN ON CAMPUS



PN Completion Ceremony



The new DC bus!



Graduation



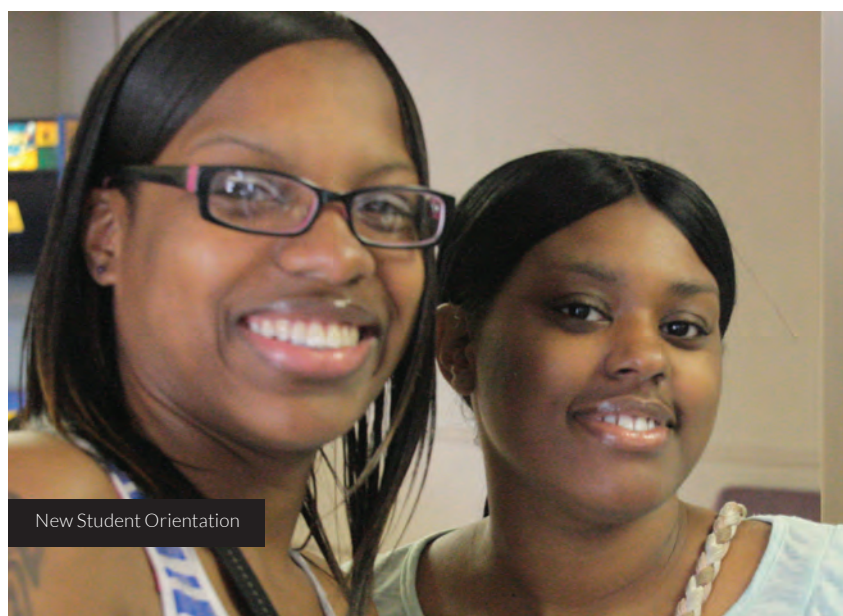
Thanks and Giving



Soccer Week



Faith + Reason in the DC Community Arts Space



New Student Orientation



Thanks and Giving



Día de los Muertos altar in the DC Community Arts Space



New Student Orientation



Convocation Day Mass

Way to Represent!

Introducing DC's 2012-13 Student Ambassadors

If you really want to know what's happening at Donnelly, there's only one (well, actually eight) sure source(s)! DC's student ambassadors have their fingers on the pulse of everything happening on campus. They know the people and places that make Donnelly tick. And they're eager to share their insight and experiences with visitors.

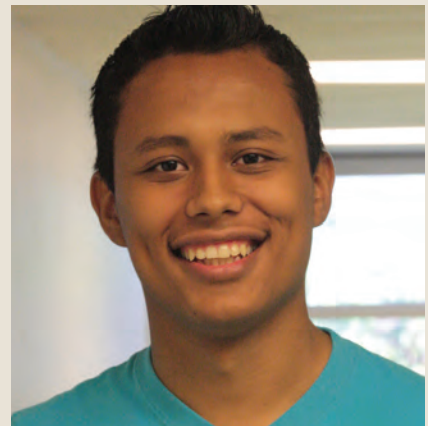
If you haven't visited lately and you'd like to see what's new on campus, call 913.621.8752 to set up a tour. We'd love to roll out the proverbial red carpet and show you around.



RUTH AGUILERA

Ruth is a graduate of East High School in Kansas City, Mo. and is working on an Associate of Science degree. She plans to become a teacher in an urban school. Giving back to the community is important to Ruth.

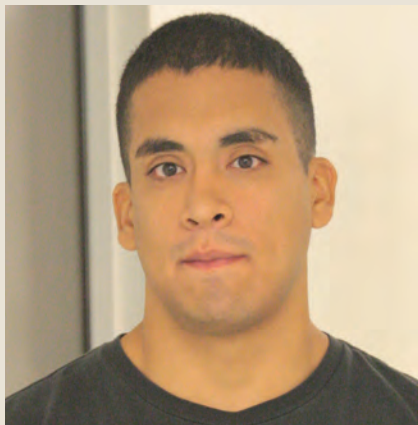
"Being in college is a huge blessing because at one point I had given up hope. As a student ambassador, I get to talk to students who are now where I was. I like talking to them about their options and overcoming adversity."



RUBEN BUENO

Ruben hails from Milan, Mo. He will graduate from DC in spring 2013 and plans to transfer to Rockhurst or Mizzou. Ruben wants to become a family physician or pediatrician. Co-president of Student Senate, he enjoys taking on leadership roles.

"The people are what I love most about Donnelly. Everyone gets along so well and the instructors genuinely care about your success."



JOHN CAMPBELL

Originally from Altus, Okla., John served in the Marines before enrolling at DC. He's pursuing an Associate of Science degree. He's also discovered an affinity for making art as a DC student. He plans to major in education and teach math and/or art. John is the captain of the DC soccer team.

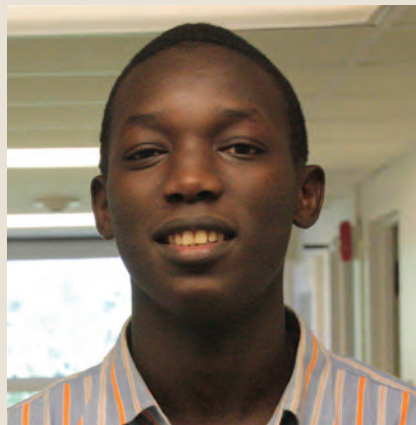
"My favorite spot on campus is the dorms. I love playing Call of Duty with the guys, but few people know that I also like romance movies." Who knew?



CARMELITA BOHOMONDE

A graduate of Marshall High School in Marshall, Mo., Carmelita is working on an Associate of Arts degree. She plans to transfer to an area university and major in European and Art History. She aspires to become a museum curator, possibly working at the Nelson-Atkins and eventually at the Vatican.

"There's so much that I love about DC. It's diverse, affordable and prepares you for your future. I'm making long-lasting friends and the staff is wonderful."



MADEMBA DIACK

Mademba grew up thousands of miles away - in St. Louis. That's St. Louis, Senegal. After earning an Associate of Arts at DC, he plans to transfer to UMKC or Newman University to earn an MBA. His favorite spot on campus is the cafeteria. He plays soccer, participates in service learning activities and likes to bike ride - he just learned how this semester.

"I love helping new students adapt to a new environment."



CESAR LOPEZ

Cesar is from Carthage, Mo. He's working on an Associate of Science degree and is currently weighing his options for what comes next. His dream job is hosting a science-related TV show for kids and his favorite thing about being an ambassador is... (drum roll, please)... his official DC name tag!

"I love Karen Judy's class and had a great time planning the Donnelly Dash 5K Run/Walk."



KARLA OSEGUERA

Karla is a pre-engineering student who plans to major in civil engineering. She attended Sumner Academy and plans to transfer to K-State. Karla is president of DC's Soccer Club and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

"As a student ambassador, I get the pleasure of interacting with donors and prospective students. I get to hear stories of how ordinary people accomplish extraordinary things."



MITZI RAMIREZ

A graduate of Shawnee Mission Northwest, Mitzi is on a path that she hopes leads to medical school. She wants to become a neurosurgeon. She enjoys meeting people from different backgrounds and has a passion for learning new languages.

"My favorite place at Donnelly is the library. And on the weekends, it's downtown."



The Path to Post-Secondary Success

How DC is Helping Students Prepare for College



Judily Dones, a senior at Wyandotte High School, wants to become a teacher.

She's working hard in her classes and the effort is paying off. Her grades are the best they've ever been. She wants to go to college; she would be the first in her family to do so.

Benito Ortiz, also a senior at Wyandotte, hasn't decided on a career path yet, but he's determined to enroll in college next fall. He wants to set a positive example for his younger sister. Like Judily, Benito would be the first in his family to attend college.

"I've taken the ACT once, but I want to improve my score so I'm taking it again," says Judily. "I definitely have the desire to go to college, but it's not easy. There's admissions and finances and so many other things to worry about."

Selena Farhath, a senior at J.C. Harmon High School, also aspires to be the first in her family to attend college. She hopes to become a police officer. She and her parents talk regularly about college, but the path that leads to enrollment isn't always clear. Like Judily and Benito, Selena lives in a household where Spanish is the primary language spoken. Communication challenges compound the confusion surrounding the college admissions and financial aid processes.

Judily, Benito and Selena are among the nearly 2,000 students enrolled at Wyandotte and J.C. Harmon high schools that are receiving coaching, advice and encouragement from Donnelly College admissions representatives during the 2012-13 academic year. Donnelly's College Readiness program, funded by an AT&T ASPIRE grant, focuses on improving high school graduation rates as well as preparation for post-secondary education opportunities.

"With a 63-year history of providing affordable, private higher education to students in the region, Donnelly is uniquely qualified to fulfill this role," says Donnelly President Steven LaNasa, PhD.

Donnelly was one of just 47 organizations across the nation selected to receive an ASPIRE grant. During the next three years, in partnership with Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, the Donnelly College Readiness program will seek to engage high school students and their parents, cultivating a college-going focus.

"It's about doing the right thing," says Edward Marquez, Donnelly Admissions director. "We meet with students, offer advice and encourage as many as possible to enroll in and attend a post-secondary program."

"It's also about service to our community and living our mission of creating better access to college for everyone," Marquez continues. "The partnership with Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools was originally designed to focus on just a small number of high school students. District officials like the Donnelly culture so much that they wanted all students exposed to this experience."

One of the most common concerns expressed by students and their families is the cost of college. Marquez says that without coaching and encouragement, challenges with finances and a myriad of other personal and/or academic concerns often seem insurmountable.

We are extremely grateful for the dedication Donnelly College has displayed in supporting the higher education aspirations of our students. Donnelly understands the challenges many of our students face as they struggle to reach their dreams. The College's commitment to removing barriers and opening doors is life-changing for many of our students."

Dr. Cynthia Lane

Superintendent, Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools

"We talk to students about the four steps in the pipeline that leads to college enrollment: aspiration, preparation, admission requirements and finally application," says Marques Neslon, Admissions College Readiness Liaison. "Our goal is to help students harness available resources and opportunities that prevent them from dropping out of the college pipeline."

"AT&T is extraordinarily proud to support the great work of Donnelly College," says AT&T Kansas President Steve Hahn. "It will take all of us working together and supporting the hard work of the education community to continue to improve graduation rates and preparedness for college and careers."

LEGACY LINK:

It's Definitely a Donnelly Thing!

Meet Mary, Tina and Ambrosia. **THREE** generations, **ONE** family, **IMMEASURABLE** enthusiasm

Why did you choose Donnelly College?

MARY FRANCES: The decision came easily for me. I wanted to be a nurse and applied to St. Margaret's. Lucky for me, they sent their nursing students to Donnelly.

TINA: When I wanted to return to college, Donnelly was the only school I applied to. I knew my mom had a great experience here and it just felt so comfortable and familiar. I applied and enrolled in classes all within one week.

AMBROSIA: I looked at other schools but I wanted to stay close to home as I made the transition to college. Donnelly was the right choice for me. I really like everything here – my classes, professors and the students, too.

What aspect of DC do you appreciate most?

MARY FRANCES: I'm happy that Donnelly has been here for my family through the years. When I was a student back in the '60s, I had no idea that this College would become a family tradition.

TINA: I think the Catholic culture of Donnelly is what makes it a special place. People come from many places and traditions and faiths, and they're all welcomed and treated with dignity and respect.

AMBROSIA: For me, it's the fact that the tuition at Donnelly is half the cost of other colleges I considered. While I'm taking my core classes during the first two years, I'm paying 50 percent less than I would at the other colleges I toured.

How did (will) Donnelly prepare you for your career?

MARY FRANCES: I'm retired now, but I worked as a registered nurse for 42 years. I took biology, chemistry, anatomy and other classes at Donnelly while training at St. Margaret's. It was a great experience.

TINA: I earned my associate degree here in 2007 before transferring to Rockhurst University. Donnelly gave me the chance to balance school with my responsibilities as a mom. I also gained a lot of confidence in my ability to succeed as a student. I was so scared when I enrolled that I didn't tell anyone – not even my parents. My fears faded quickly after I started classes and began experiencing the compassion of DC. I graduated in 2010 from Rockhurst with a bachelor's degree and I've been promoted in my job.

AMBROSIA: I want to major in criminal justice. At Donnelly, I'm getting exposed to a lot of perspectives and ideas that will help me as I move toward my goals. I'm doing well in my classes and I've even had the chance to help other students in biology.

Final thoughts?

MARY FRANCES: I was fortunate that my parents were able to send me to college. Education, in today's world, is essential – that's what my husband and I always told our kids, and now our grandchildren. I didn't insist that they choose Donnelly, but I'm glad that Tina and now Ambrosia did.

TINA: I think it's super cool that three generations of our family have a connection to Donnelly. As vice president of the DC Alumni Board, I want to encourage all of our alums to share their enthusiasm for Donnelly with younger members of their families.

AMBROSIA: I'd recommend Donnelly to just about anyone. It's definitely a good fit for me!



Tina Gerber '07, Ambrosia Gerber, '12 freshman, Mary Frances Aguilar (student '66 – '67),

CONGRATULATIONS *to the* 2012 INDUCTEES *of the* **ALUMNI HALL OF FAME**



From left: Kevin Keefer, '72, Ted Garcia, '93, Fr. Frank Horvat, '52, Don Wolf, '56, Pat Callaghan, '59

LAST CALL *for* 2013 NOMINATIONS

Know someone you'd like to nominate as a candidate for our Alumni Hall of Fame?

Our more than 40,000 alums have gone on to touch lives and communities in amazing ways. We want to recognize their contributions.

Please nominate an alum, living or deceased, who embodies the values, spirit and mission of Donnelly.

Submission are accepted year-round. Those submitted by January 1 will be considered for the 2013 Hall of Fame class.

There are three ways to nominate an alum:

1. Visit Donnelly.edu/halloffame to submit an online nomination.
2. Visit the above website page, download a nomination form, print and complete it, then mail it to DC's Alumni Office at 608. N. 18th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102
3. Call the Alumni Office at 913.621.8744 to request that a form be mailed to you.

Questions? Contact Roger Berg at alumni@donnelly.edu or 913.621.8744.

SAVE *the* DATE!

2013 Alumni Hall of Fame
Ceremony & Reception
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013

CLASSNOTES

Have you recently gotten married, started a new job or welcomed an addition to your family? Or perhaps you've been recognized for contributions you make to your community?

If you've accomplished something that you're excited about, WE WANT TO KNOW! Share your news with more than 5,000 Digest readers. Submit a class note to alumni@donnelly.edu.

ALVERNE BUSH '67, is proud to announce the birth of her grand-daughter, Alana Evelyn Bailey born November 7, 2012, at Menorah Medical Center.

JASON JOLLY '06, earned his bachelor degree from Washburn University in December of 2011.

BRITTANY EMERSON '10, graduated from UMKC in May and is now working for DST Systems.

JAMINE EMERSON '10, graduated from UMKC in May and is also now working for DST Systems.

PAOLA ZAPATA '10, is working on her Master's degree in International Business at the University of Vaasa in Finland.

CRYSTAL SUDDUTH '12, was recently promoted to Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Customer Quality Specialist with Apria Healthcare.

JONATHAN WESTBROOK, '07 was the guest speaker at the 2012 Donnelly Scholarship Dinner.

inMEMORIAM

In remembrance of alumni and friends who have recently passed away.

DON KOMER '56 died April 29, 2012 at Olathe Medical Center, surrounded by friends and family. He spent most his childhood in Kansas City, Kan., attended Bishop Ward High School and later received an Associate degree from Donnelly College. Don married Patricia Costigan in 1963. They would have celebrated their Golden Anniversary in February 2013. They lived in Merriam, KS for 32 years and moved to Spring Hill in 1995.

ALICE "JEAN" MCGURN, died January 21, 2012 at the age of 86. She was a lifelong resident of Kansas City, Kan., attending Blessed Sacrament grade school, Bishop Ward High School, and St.

Mary's College in Leavenworth. In later years, she went on to teach at Ward and to become a longstanding member and Eucharistic minister at Christ the King Parish. Two of her children, Bob '71 (died 2009), and Larry '73 graduated from Donnelly College.

BARBARA (HEADRICK) O'NEAL '66 died January 14, 2012 at Providence Place. She was born and raised in Kansas City, Kan. She graduated from Wyandotte High School and Donnelly College and earned her Master's degree from Kansas State University.

SISTER ROSARIA SCHAEFER, OSB, died January 25, 2012, at Mount St. Scholastica. Sister Rosaria taught at Guardian Angels, Lillis High School, St. Joseph High School in Shawnee and Donnelly College. She was registrar at Benedictine College, Atchison, 1972-79 and later a parish assistant in Hanover, Kan., and at St. Mary-St. Anthony, Kansas City, Kan.

JOSEPH SIXTA '72 died April 29, 2012 in Littleton, Colorado. He is survived by his wife Mary Sixta, his father, four children, two grandchildren, four sisters, 14 nieces and nephews and 10 great-nieces and nephews.

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FIFTY FABULOUS YEARS

Class of '63 Reunion in 2013

Mark your calendars for the weekend of May 18-19, 2013! If you'd like to help plan the Class of '63 Reunion, please contact Roger Berg at rberg@donnelly.edu or 913.621.8744. We would love to work with you to create a fun and fabulous line up of events! Keep your eyes open for a mailing coming your way soon or contact the Alumni Office directly.

UPCOMING EVENTS



You're invited!

Drop by Donnelly.
Connect with our community.
Meet amazing students.

Join us the second Thursday of every
month at 8:30 a.m. in room 212.

RSVPs are welcome but not required.
Contact Emily Buckley at
913.621.8731 or
ebuckley@donnelly.edu.



Donnelly Dateline

Looking Ahead to 2013

Jan 14 Spring Semester Begins

Jan 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service // Contact ajulo@donnelly.edu to participate.

March 18 - 23 Spring Break

April Arts in the Heart // Visit Donnelly.edu/artsintheheart for more details.

April 19 Multicultural Festival, 4 – 10 p.m.

April 20 Pediatric Health Fair

May 9 Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony

May 10 Graduation Prayer Service

May 11 Commencement



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Let's start at the very beginning. Tell us about your childhood.

I grew up on a little farm in rural Ohio. We had sheep, chickens, dogs, cats and a pony named Pumpkin. I went to Catholic schools for several years.

How and when did you decide to teach?

Ever since I knew what a college professor was, I wanted to be one. I remember watching Indiana Jones movies and being more enthralled by his teaching and office scenes than any of his larger-than-life adventures.

The journey to earning a doctoral degree is a long one. Tell us about yours.

I started at the University of Akron (Ohio), but I wasn't ready for college when I graduated from high school. A lot of my students are surprised when I tell them I earned very poor grades the first time I went to college. I took some time off to make sure I was ready to commit to the hard work, then I enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh (Pa.) to try again. That's where I earned a bachelor's degree in English and Film Studies. It took me about six years because I was working full-time and going to school at night. I continued on at the University of Pittsburgh to earn a Master's degree and then took a year off before starting my doctoral studies at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. My doctoral degree is in Mass Media and Communication with a focus on Film History and Theory.

What do you most love about teaching at Donnelly? How long have you been here?

I came to Donnelly in August 2011 and it's absolutely my favorite of all the places I've taught. The best thing about DC is how engaged the students are – there's a very strong feeling of community here that's rare and wonderful.

If you weren't an English professor, what would you be/do?

While I'm able to do a lot of different things, there's nothing in the world I would rather do than teach at the college level. It's just a very specific way of living that I enjoy very much. I get to spend all day thinking and talking about things that I love and trying to get other people excited about them.

What book would you want to have with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

It would either be *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens or *Middlemarch* by George Eliot. I love sprawling Victorian novels and I re-read both of these every year.

You're an author. Tell us about your recently published book.

It's a textbook called *An Introduction to Film Analysis: Technique and Meaning in Narrative Film*. I started working on it when I was still in graduate school; my coauthor was one of the members of my dissertation committee. It will be mostly be used in introductory courses for film studies majors. I'll make sure there's a copy in the Donnelly library if you'd like to take a look!



You're also a traveler. What's on your short list of favorite and future destinations?

My husband and I love to travel and go to New York at least once a year. All-time favorite trips include Rome and Istanbul. As far as future trips, we're especially interested in going to Berlin and Tokyo, but I'll travel anywhere, really. I love visiting new places.

Tell us about the new course you're teaching next semester: Introduction to Popular Culture.

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Daniel Ontiveros, Jr. '63 in honor of Anthony P. Ontiveros
Lance Palmer in memory of Ronald Parker '72
Desmond '57 and Gretchen Powers in
memory of Sr. Virginia Minton
Barbara Ramirez '58 in memory of Ramon Ramirez '61
Craig M. Ratkey '70 in honor of Craig Ratkey
Steve Rees in honor of Henry Bloch
Sheila K. Rice in honor of Sally Rice and Vanita Nelson
Father John Riley in honor of Archbishop Joseph Naumann
Robert E. Risser in memory of Ronald Parker '72
Carmen Rodriguez '53 in memory of Bob Gutierrez
Dolores N. Rottinghaus in memory of Alice Jean McGurn
Rod Shriwise in honor of Dick and Laura Flanigan
Michael Smoots in honor of Flor Fierro and Alejandra Corona
Rusty Sowers in honor of Tiffany Spriggs
Lisa Stoothoff in honor of Leticia Piluso
Marian Stump in memory of Alice Jean McGurn
Dr. John J. Swanson in memory of Alice Jean McGurn
Dr. James R. Swanson in memory of Alice Jean McGurn
Uni-Guard Security in honor of Joan Horan
Victory Hills Senior Living Community in
memory of Alice Jean McGurn
Jack Waller in memory of Ronald Parker '72
Sue A. Waltemath in memory of Alice Jean McGurn
Ward Family Charitable Trust in memory
of Sr. Mary Faith Schuster
Jeffrey E. Whitney in honor of Henry Bloch
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Windholz in honor of Patricia Callaghan '59



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DC IS...

Engaging!

Donnelly is in the top 10* percent for 3* important benchmarks that indicate student engagement: STUDENT EFFORT, ACADEMIC CHALLENGE and SUPPORT FOR LEARNERS.

How do we measure the quality of Donnelly students' learning experiences? Research shows the more actively engaged students are, the more likely they are to learn, to persist with their studies, and to attain their academic goals. Student engagement is a valuable measure for assessing the quality of colleges' educational practices.

* 2012 Community College Survey of Student Engagement

DC IS...

Diverse!

89 percent of students describe their race, origin and/or ethnicity as follows*:

44% Hispanic/Latino
25% African-American
11% White
10% International
7% Asian
2% Multi-racial
1% Native American

*Fall 2012 enrollment data

DC IS...

Mission-driven!

83.5 percent of students are the first members of their family to attend college.

93.2 percent of non-international students receive financial assistance.*

With renewed vigor, we're living the College's enduring mission: to make the dream of attending college a reality for all students, regardless of their family's financial resources.

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