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D&E: Offerings Increase, Price Stays the Same Scholarships Available for PCUSA Students in West Virginia

Elkins – In keeping its commitment to provide a high-quality education at an affordable price and remaining attentive to economic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Davis & Elkins College will freeze student tuition and fees for the 2021-2022 academic year. In addition, more choices for academic fields of study will be available to students this fall.

Scholarships specifically available to Presbyterian students from West Virginia include the Highlands Scholars Program (for all qualified WV students), the Presbyterian Scholars Program (for student members of PCUSA congregations), and the Covenant Scholarship (for children of PCUSA clergy).

College administrators and members of the Board of Trustees agreed on the decision, recognizing the financial realities many families may face and responding in a way that affirms and supports a decision to further their children’s education.

“As we emerge from the challenges of the past 16 months and regain our social and economic stride, the value of a college degree – particularly a liberal arts degree – is undiminished,” stated Mark Barber, Chair of the D&E Board of Trustees. “Earned in a safe on-campus and in-class setting, that degree can be a total game-changer in preparing and inspiring students for their career journey. The entire D&E team ... faculty, administrators and trustees ... is committed to delivering an exceptional and affordable college experience for any qualified student.”

To prepare students for their future careers, new academic offerings this fall will include a major in product design and minors in art therapy, instructional technology and media production. Last fall, the College added a major in special education and a minor in digital media.

In the 2020-2021 academic year, Davis & Elkins rose to challenges of the pandemic by remaining fully open with in-person and hybrid classes while following state and national safety guidelines and regularly scheduled testing of all members of the campus community. In response to student needs, the Health and Wellness Program was bolstered with more opportunities for counseling and support. The Office of Career Services also increased programming to prepare students for internships and job searches.

Senior Allyson Green is thankful campus was open to students and met their needs in a safe environment. While she was already looking forward to returning in the fall, news of the tuition freeze added another layer of gratitude she feels toward the College.

“The pandemic has impacted me, as well as my peers, financially in many ways,” Green said. “I am very thankful that D&E has decided to freeze student tuition and fees for the 2021-2022 academic year. I am relieved to not have to worry about a tuition increase, and instead I am able to focus on my education.”

Applications for enrollment in the fall 2021 semester are still open. For information or to schedule a private campus tour, visit www.dewv.edu/visit/ or call 304-637-1230.

Related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Davis & Elkins College is located in Elkins, 2 hours east of Charleston, 3 hours south of Pittsburgh and 4 hours west of Washington, D.C. For more information, please visit the College website at www.dewv.edu or call 304-637-1243.