

**DAVIS & ELKINS COLLEGE**  
**Benfield-Vick Chaplain Position Description**

**POSITION OVERVIEW**

Davis & Elkins College invites applications for the position of Benfield-Vick Chaplain with a starting date prior to the beginning of the Fall 2017 semester. S/he will report directly to the President and will serve on the College Management Team. The successful candidate will serve in a highly collaborative role across academic affairs, enrollment management, and student life to provide vision and leadership for spiritual development on campus. In addition, this person must be qualified to teach at least one course per semester in the academic study of religion and philosophy. This position requires passion, excellent campus ministry skills, diligent management of budgets, and some weekend/evening work. Requirements for the position include a master's degree and affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

**ATTRIBUTES**

- Good listener
- Well organized
- High energy
- Self-starter
- Personable
- Positive, can-do spirit
- Able to work collaboratively

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

Provide pastoral care for the campus community, regardless of faith affiliation/diversity.

Oversee 1001 New Worshipping Community. Guide the Chapel Leadership Team providing spiritual and leadership development opportunities; implement NWC grant; facilitate religious services and assemblies (including weekly chapel service).

Provide leadership to vocational initiative on campus.

Organize community service and sustainability projects.

Engage with students considering and preparing for ministry.

Teach at least one course per semester on religion or philosophy.

Interface with campus organizations and serve on campus committees.

Develop strong relationships with community churches, especially with Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church. Maintain and encourage relationships with local congregations, facilitating connections with students of faith traditions other than Presbyterian. Nurture the historic and strong partnership between the College and DMPC. Work closely with the Coordinator of Church Relations for outreach beyond the local community and building relationships with the larger church.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Master's degree, affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**COMPENSATION**

Salary will be commensurate with experience.

**Housing:** Housing will be provided through agreement with Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church in one of their manses. This is a two-story brick, four-bedroom home with a den or play room, all appliances including washer and dryer, hardwood floors on the first floor, carpeted second floor, basement, full attic, garage, and fenced yard. The property is a block from campus.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

All applications must include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information (including phone numbers and email addresses) of four professional references. Original transcripts and background check will be required before an appointment is made.

Please submit materials electronically via email to Jane Corey, Director of Human Resources, at [coreym@dewv.edu](mailto:coreym@dewv.edu). Please type "Chaplain" in the subject line. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

## **About Davis & Elkins College**

Davis & Elkins College is a Presbyterian-related liberal arts college established in 1904 by Senators Henry Gassaway Davis and Stephen Benton Elkins. Nestled in the mountains of Elkins, West Virginia, the College was established with land and funding by the Senators, donations from the citizens of Randolph County, and the Presbyteries of Lexington and Winchester, Virginia. Our campus boasts multiple historic properties that serve as learning centers, offices, and community gathering places.

In the pursuit of our mission statement, *to prepare and inspire students for success and for thoughtful engagement in the world*, we offer over 30 majors to approximately 750 residential and commuter students. We value the richness of place, the beauty of the natural world, and the importance of other countries, cultures and regions. We particularly strive to help our students find that which brings them purpose in life, where passion and career intersect for the good of all. D&E challenges students to participate in a vibrant and diverse campus while cultivating the intellectual, creative, ethical, physical and leadership skills the real world requires. The College affirms as special values: human dignity, social responsibility, participatory governance, and the unity of the intellectual, social, and spiritual dimensions of life.

The Morrison-Novakovic Center for Faith and Public Policy was dedicated this spring as a residential facility for students with "Big Ideas". This new program seeks to foster discussion and engagement concerning the role of faith, public policy, ethics and sustainability in our increasingly interdependent world. The Center will host annual conferences, provide a residential-theme house and offer service to the campus and community through faith-based engagement with the world.

As the recipient of both the Seed Grant and the Investment Grant through the PCUSA 1001 New Worshipping Communities program, D&E is focused on spiritual and leadership development of our campus community, and in particular, the student leaders of this ministry.

Our 15<sup>th</sup> president, Rev. Chris Wood, was inaugurated in March 2017, and is leading the College into an exciting future. As a small institution of higher education, we are particularly grateful for our debt free status and are looking forward to the culmination of a \$100 million endowment *Secure the Future* campaign in June 2018.

## **Objectives of Campus Ministry at D&E**

- *Serve as a witness to the transforming and reconciling gospel of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the campus community of Davis & Elkins College and the Elkins community.*

- *Nurture* students' faith development by their engagement in Christian worship, discipleship, and service, with the aim of loving God with their hearts, strength, soul, and mind, and their neighbors as themselves.
- *Inspire and empower* students to find meaningful purpose for their lives through thoughtful engagement in the world.
- *Foster* the theological identity of the D&E community, both in resourcing co-curricular activities and encouraging a holistic faith within the academic life of the College.
- *Strengthen* the College presence in the region through service with and to the community.