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Re: Providing funding for the development of the Duquesne University Tropical Field Station at Lower Dover, Belize.

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Hello:

Duquesne University has a deep tradition of looking forward, reaching out and giving back in support of the university's mission and the teacher-scholar model. We aspire to bring integrity, insight, and objectivity to everything we do, each and every day. Our graduates are charged with transforming today's complex and changing world into opportunities for current and future generations, as well as serving humankind through a deep commitment to life-long learning, and educating forward-thinking, responsible global citizens. The establishment of the Duquesne University Tropical Field Station at Lower Dover will provide outstanding opportunities for experiential learning, educational outreach, service learning, and community engagement, all of which are hallmarks of an education at Duquesne. Lower Dover can become a "headquarters" where 1) cross-disciplinary research projects bring together stakeholders from Duquesne University and Belize, 2) teaching and research allow the acquisition and dissemination of important bodies of knowledge, 3) student participation in fieldwork, data collection, analysis, dissemination and publication enhances their educational experience, 4) professional development and certification takes place for Belize's environmental professionals, and (5) educational outreach occurs wherein participants work with local educational institutions. Participation in this project will aid in establishing a legacy of educational, personal and professional development. The students learn the importance of completing the task at hand, how to work side by side with a diverse cross-section of their peers and the community, how to enhance their scientific skills through field and laboratory practice, and how to develop personal and leadership qualities.

Please see the full proposal for more details about this project.

If you are interested in finding out how to make a tax-deductible donation or gift to this project, please contact:

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