PA STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES

Institutional Assistance Grants (IAG)

For more than three decades, the IAG program has played a critical role in supporting Duquesne’s ability to fulfill one of its core missions: serving students regardless of their ability to pay. Funds are allocated to individual colleges and universities based on the number of PHEAA grant recipients an institution enrolls.

According to the Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Pennsylvania, the state’s private colleges and universities enroll 42% of the students and award 49% of all degrees for only 11% of the state’s spending on higher education. The IAG program delivers significant benefit for a relatively small state investment. Duquesne receives close to $1 million in IAG funding each year. That is the second largest allocation of IAG funding in the state, helping us to enroll a significant number of low-income students.

KEY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Rockwell Hall Fourth Floor Renovation Project

For more than a century, the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business has pursued Duquesne’s distinct mission—serving God by serving students—while fueling Pittsburgh’s growth as a center of industry and commerce. To become a premier business school recognized for impactful scholarship and for transforming students, we created Centers of Excellence that build on our existing strengths and seize new opportunities. These Centers are important platforms for developing innovative educational programs, improving our facilities, supporting faculty research and building collaborative partnerships.

Duquesne was a recipient of a $500,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant (RACP) to help push this $1.9 million project over the finish line. The three Centers of Excellence house a unique “think tank” or incubator for exchanging and developing ideas focused on alternative, ethically responsible and sustainable business practices that address the need to think in terms of job creation rather than job elimination as a more intelligent, well-developed solution to economic challenges.

Duquesne Athletics Facility Renovation Project

Over the past 20 years, Duquesne has made significant investments to enhance the accessibility, safety and appearance of our Uptown neighborhood of Pittsburgh. As a key stakeholder and anchor institution, Duquesne has continued to build on those investments as part of the EcoInnovation District (EID) Initiative.

As the neighborhood begins to implement the dynamic EID plan, the time is right to bring the aging A.J. Palumbo Center in line with the other progressive facilities of comparable size and competitive level. The A.J. Palumbo Center has been home to Duquesne basketball since 1988. While the arena has served its intended purpose very well and remains in sound physical shape, it no longer meets the expectations of the athletes, students, fans and surrounding community.

In October 2018, Duquesne announced plans for a comprehensive renovation. The modernized and re-imagined facility will be named UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse in honor of NBA trailblazer and Duquesne alumnus Chuck Cooper.

The total project cost estimate for the renovation is $23.8 million. The $2 million RACP grant that Duquesne received will be used to improve economic development opportunities, enhance game-day excitement and engage the public with sustainable urban design features that knit the building into the fabric of the campus as well as the surrounding community. In conjunction with the city’s EcoInnovation District, the project also will help to support the dynamic vision for our neighborhood.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2019

AICUP STUDENT ADVOCACY DAY IN HARRISBURG
April 16, 2019

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY HARRISBURG ALUMNI EVENT
Date to be announced

Collaborating to Make a Difference

The exchange of resources between Duquesne and its surrounding communities has been central to our mission since the University’s founding in 1878. Look for us in pivotal city partnerships, neighborhood development groups, corporate and government collaborations, community health care services, local education initiatives and so much more.

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