DePaul University has surpassed the $20 million goal for its Campaign for Excellence in Science, bringing the two-year fundraising effort to a successful close on Dec. 31.

The majority of the money raised — $17.9 million — will finance the construction of the new Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building on the Lincoln Park Campus, which opened for classes on Jan. 5.

Some $1.5 million of the funds raised will support science programs and centers. An additional $950,000 will provide scholarships to science and math students.

“The success of this campaign is most tangibly reflected in our new state-of-the-art science building,” says the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul. “This is where our next generations of scientists, health care professionals, policy makers and science educators will receive the kind of innovative, collaborative education for which DePaul is known."

Holtschneider also notes that the Excellence in Science Campaign Committee’s leadership and the generosity of donors provide a strong model of the kind of philanthropic investment that will serve DePaul and the community well in the future.

“I am deeply grateful to the committee, chaired by Frank Clark, chairman and CEO of ComEd, and Sue Gin, chairman of Flying Food Group Inc., for their leadership and extensive work in making this campaign a success,” he says.

To support science at DePaul, contact Jennifer Keller, senior director of development of campaign fundraising, at (312) 362-7517.

Excellence in Science Campaign steering committee members at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building. From left: Mary A. Dempsey (JD ‘82), DePaul’s board of trustees chair; the Rev. Charles Shelby, C.M. (LAS ’71, LAS MS ’72), DePaul’s vice chancellor; the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., DePaul’s president; Sue Gin, campaign co-chair; Frank M. Clark (COM ’72, JD ’76), campaign co-chair; James A. Barnash (LAS ’77); Lynn Winikates (LAS ’68); and Richard J. Meister, DePaul faculty emeritus.
Science building furthers diversity and academic excellence

The 129,600 square-foot Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building is changing the way science is taught at DePaul.

“With better lab layouts and instrumentation, we are able to teach students a range of modern methods used in chemistry — the same techniques that are used at Eli Lilly and Abbott,” says chemistry department chair Richard Niedziela.

According to environmental science department chair James Montgomery, the new building’s green features make the building itself a laboratory. A planned weather station and systems-monitoring mechanism will enable students to compare energy consumption with older facilities on campus.

The building, which triples the amount of space at DePaul dedicated to teaching science, also allows the university to further its commitment to bringing more women and people of color into scientific fields.

Amy Sparrow, a senior and environmental science major, says that the building greatly expands opportunities for student research and teaching assistantships, volunteer work and networking events for students. “At another institution, being a woman and a first-generation college student, I may have felt left out or underrepresented,” she notes.

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McGowan Charitable Fund names science building

“A generous philanthropist,” “inspiring priest,” “influential leader” and “witty speaker” are some of the phrases that those who knew him use to describe the late Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan of the Diocese of Scranton, Pa., whose name graces DePaul’s new science building.

McGowan served as board member, chairman and director of community relations of Scranton’s Mercy Hospital for 25 years; director of Catholic Health Care Facilities for the Diocese of Scranton; and chairman of the boards of the University of Scranton, College Misericordia, and Mount St. Mary’s College, among other roles.

In 2007, DePaul received a $2 million gift from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund to name the facility. The Chicago-based family foundation was established by William McGowan, the monsignor’s late brother and founder of MCI Communications, for whom the William G. McGowan Biological and Environmental Sciences Center is named.

The new Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building is connected by a bridge to the older building, representing the two brothers’ closeness in life.

Under the leadership of Sue Gin, DePaul trustee, science campaign co-chair, chairman of Flying Food Group Inc. and widow of the late William McGowan, the McGowan Fund has been a great supporter of science at DePaul.
DePaul is working with two of the City Colleges of Chicago — Harold Washington College and Harry S Truman College — to increase the number of science and mathematics graduates at the three institutions and prepare them for a variety of career opportunities.

The Chicago Initiative for Recruitment and Research in Undergraduate Science (CIRRUS), which is funded through a $1.9 million award from the National Science Foundation, creates a supportive learning environment and exposes students early in their college careers to research and internship opportunities at the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Field Museum, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum and the Adler Planetarium.

DePaul also works with science teachers in Chicago’s schools. Most recently, the Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust gave $345,000 to DePaul to support an innovative partnership that seeks to improve math and science instruction through teacher professional development. Partners include DePaul’s School of Education and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and 11 CPS schools on Chicago’s Northside that have relatively underperforming rates of achievement in math and science.

With the support of a three-year $236,000 grant from the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, DePaul University’s Institute for Nature and Culture (INC) is working with science professionals through Chicago Wilderness, a regional biodiversity consortium with more than 230 institutional members, to evaluate the effectiveness of restoration efforts of key metropolitan Chicago forest preserves and other conservation districts in Illinois. The project will result in “100 Sites for 100 Years,” a system of research sites for evaluating conservation management efforts in the region. The Gutgsell Family Foundation also supports INC.

To explore partnering with DePaul, contact Abena Apea, senior director of Foundation Relations and Development Communications, at (312) 362-5788.

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Alumnus hopes to change lives through study abroad scholarship

Jason Bristow (COM ’95) and his wife, Heather, recently pledged $50,000 to create an endowed scholarship with preference given to students studying abroad for the first time in East or Central Europe.

“Through the scholarship, I hope that people can have the same life-changing experience I had when I studied in Budapest,” says Bristow, who is now treasurer for the Seattle-based online retailer Amazon.com. “It was incredible to leap into an unfamiliar culture and language and be able to travel throughout Europe, while having the support of DePaul and professors like Richard Farkas in political science.”

DePaul’s Study Abroad Program annually sends more than 500 students to destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas and Australia, including 19 students to Budapest in fall 2008. According to Bristow, the skills and confidence he gained in Hungary have served him well throughout his career. “I’ve lived in 12 different places for a significant period of time, including Holland for three years early in my career. My experiences in Budapest helped me learn how to navigate in new countries and how to interact with different cultures.”

To support the College of Commerce or DePaul’s Study Abroad Program, call T.J. Veneris, assistant director of development in the College of Commerce, at (312) 362-7428.

Lively appointed vice president

David Lively was recently promoted to DePaul University’s vice president for development from associate vice president. “I am humbled and excited by the opportunity to lead a team of very talented people under the direction of Mary Finger, the senior vice president of Advancement,” says Lively. Before joining DePaul in December 2002, he worked at the University of Denver, Northwestern University School of Law and the University of Colorado Foundation Inc. To contact Lively, call (312) 362-6940.

Holiday gathering celebrates donors

At the annual President’s Holiday Celebration in December 2008, more than 300 President’s Club members and friends enjoyed performances by School of Music students, a delectable dinner and the opportunity to meet the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University. Pictured are President’s Club Advisory Council member Dan Hayes (LAS MS ’91, MBA ’98) and Irene Hayes. Learn about the President’s Club by calling Lisa Riley, assistant director of Annual and Special Giving, at (312) 362-7108.

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The Bristow family. From left: Callum, Heather, Jason (COM ’95) and Lleyton.
Outdoor running track campaign reaches nearly $300,000

DePaul University’s campaign to fund the new outdoor track at Lane Stadium has raised more than $296,000 from nearly 100 DePaul track alumni and friends, including the Cherry Family Foundation. To complete the project, DePaul needs to raise an additional $104,000.

Pat Savage (EDU ’68, MED ’72), head coach for DePaul’s men’s and women’s cross country and track and field programs, and his wife, Melissa, are also among the donors, pledging $25,000 to the campaign over the next five years.

“This track is the best bargain in the world,” says Pat Savage. “Because we partnered with Lane Tech High School to build a track on its grounds, we now we have an accessible, all-weather track that benefits both DePaul’s and Lane Tech’s programs.”

According to Savage, the new track will help DePaul’s program recruit more and better scholar athletes and enable DePaul to hold home meets on a consistent basis. DePaul’s first home track and field meet in 50 years — the inaugural running of the DePaul Relays — was held in 2008. DePaul plans to hold additional home meets beginning in 2010.

“This track is not paid for yet,” says Savage. “But with additional support, our alumni and friends can help DePaul recruit even better teams.”

To support DePaul Athletics, call Thad Dohrn, senior director of development, Athletics, at (773) 325-1456.

Learn more at depaulbluedemons.com
Midge Wilson

Midge Wilson, psychology professor and associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, recently established a $100,000 bequest to support a scholarship for students committed to increasing the role of African American women in the social sciences. She is co-author of two groundbreaking books: “The Color Complex: The Politics of Skin Color Among African Americans” and “Divided Sisters: Bridging The Gap Between Black Women and White Women.”

How would you describe your experience at DePaul?

Wilson: DePaul has been a perfect fit for me. I love the little “c” aspects of Catholicism, including trying to instill in students a sense of social justice, social responsibility and community service, and making them mindful of the privilege of getting a college education. Plus, I appreciate the great diversity of the students.

Why did you decide to make a bequest to DePaul?

Wilson: Well, I’m reaching that certain age where you have to have a will. While trying to decide what to do, I saw that my five nieces and nephews are already well taken care of. I realized that DePaul students are like my kids, and I am very appreciative of all that DePaul has given me during my career. I am happy to give back.

For more information on making a planned gift to DePaul, visit giving.depaul.edu or call (312) 362-5319.

Alumnus creates scholarship honoring professor’s 50-year career

Barry Epstein (COM ’67) established a $50,000 endowed accounting scholarship in honor of his former accounting professor Ed Cohen (COM ’50), who has taught at DePaul for more than 50 years.

“I want to help DePaul do for the next generation what it did for the students of my generation,” says Epstein, a partner at Russell Novak & Co. LLP, a Chicago-based public accounting and financial litigation advisory firm. “Without the scholarship I received from DePaul, I never could have attended the university and earned an education that enabled me to be successful from day one.”

In 1967, Epstein was the youngest-ever CPA in Illinois. Since then, he has served as an expert witness and consultant on more than 120 commercial disputes and accountant malpractice cases for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S. Department of Justice, state agencies and the private sector. He also has written several accounting and auditing texts.

“When a professor is recognized like this by one of his students, it’s something special,” says Ed Cohen, who joined DePaul’s faculty in 1956. “I’m honored that the scholarship in my name will benefit students, the university and the accounting profession.”

Epstein hopes the scholarship will encourage other accountants to support DePaul’s mission and students. “Nearly everyone in the accounting profession in Chicago either had Ed in class or knows Ed. This is a chance to honor him and give back,” he says.

To support the scholarship or DePaul’s School of Accountancy and Management Information Systems, call Amanda Van Zee, associate director of development, at (312) 362-5563.

Learn more at accountancy.depaul.edu
Edward Mayes and Colleen Ward Mayes recently agreed to create an endowed scholarship at DePaul University in honor of the late social justice activist Monsignor John J. Egan. The significant scholarship will be funded through a bequest.

The Mayes’ scholarship will support DePaul’s Egan Hope Scholars initiative, which Egan founded in 1992. The initiative has provided more than 60 four-year scholarships to academically promising students from Chicago’s urban and inner-city communities who have an exceptional record of community service and civic activity. In addition to financial aid, Egan Hope scholars also receive comprehensive support services, including educational skills training, until they graduate.

“We’d like to be a part of perpetuating Monsignor Egan’s great contributions by endowing the Egan Hope Scholars program with this donation,” says Colleen. “We only knew him for a short time, but we were thoroughly impressed by his humanism, warmth and no-nonsense approach.”

The Mayes, who are not DePaul graduates, met Egan and forged a link to DePaul when Egan agreed to celebrate their wedding in 2000. After Egan’s May 2001 death, his assistant and fellow activist Peggy Roach invited the Mayes to an Egan Hope Scholars graduation ceremony to see the students’ accomplishments firsthand.

“We could see the bubbling enthusiasm in the scholars and the difference the program had made,” says Ed, who along with Colleen owns and manages EDCO Partners, an industrial development and management real estate firm. “Our education opened many doors and allowed us to create and pursue diverse opportunities. We want to help students have the same opportunity to create better lives.”

To learn more about making a planned gift to DePaul University, call Joel Schaffer, assistant vice president, Planned Giving, at (312) 362-5319.

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People over the age of 70½ can make tax-free distributions to DePaul through their individual retirement accounts (IRA). To learn more, contact Joel Schaffer, assistant vice president of Planned Giving, at (312) 362-5319.
# Events at DePaul

## April

2. Alumni reception in Naperville, Ill., featuring the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University

17. Campaign for Excellence in Science Celebration

21. All-University Scholarship Luncheon

28. The Theatre School Gala at Four Seasons Hotel, Chicago

## May

2. Vincentian Service Day

5. Cortelyou Heritage Society Luncheon

18-21. Philanthropy Week at DePaul University

18. Faculty and Staff Donor Reception

19. Nonprofit Job and Internship Fair

20. School of Music Gala at Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, Chicago

21. Vincentian Identity and Philanthropy Panel

For more information, contact the Office of Advancement at (312) 362-8666.

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