



*“The expansion plans give Duquesne University the ability to continue to grow, to contribute to the development of our Uptown neighborhood and to improve the appearance of our front door on Forbes Avenue.”*

*--Dr. Charles Dougherty, Duquesne University president*

## **Vision**

To appropriately serve an increasing number of students, and to enhance the Uptown neighborhood, Duquesne University has purchased two acres of property along Forbes Avenue. The land will be used for commercial and educational purposes, improving both the entrance to campus and the Forbes Avenue corridor.

Duquesne is collaborating with the City of Pittsburgh and community groups to design the expansion so that its components meet the needs of students, the Uptown neighborhood and those who visit Pittsburgh for business and entertainment.

## **Economic Impact**

The mixed-use nature of the expansion – commercial and educational – will increase the already significant economic impact the University has on the region, which is estimated at more than \$300 million annually. The University will collaborate with private partners to complete the development in phases.

- The full plan represents one of the largest construction project in nearly two decades for Duquesne University, the expansion has the potential to house between 500,000-700,000 square feet.
- Spaces that have already been determined include a bookstore, coffeehouse, new fitness and recreation center, offices for the athletics department, and a conference center/ballroom, as well as new classrooms and other academic uses.
- Additional preferred commercial possibilities for the development include retail shopping, a pharmacy and a restaurant. Commercial activities will contribute to the City's tax base.
- The development will transform a property that was dotted with abandoned and deteriorating structures, improving the appearance and vitality of the Uptown neighborhood.
- The project serves as an integral part of Duquesne University's 10-year Campus Master Plan, which was unanimously approved by the City Planning Commission in 2004.

## **Duquesne University**

Duquesne University educates nearly 10,000 students from around the world each year in ten schools of study. Recognized as one of the top 10 Catholic universities in the United States, Duquesne offers baccalaureate, graduate and doctoral programs, leading faculty and a flourishing campus in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. As part of its mission of educating the mind, heart and spirit, Duquesne promotes moral and spiritual values and maintains an environment that encourages services to others.

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