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LIFESTYLE

Dallas Christian College by its very nature provides a two-fold environment. First, it is a Christian college where men and women prepare themselves to serve God as ambassadors. Second, it is a family composed of students, staff, faculty, and administration. Since Christianity demands development of the whole person, DCC provides opportunities in both academic and social development.

The central building on campus is the three-story administration building which houses the chapel, classrooms, library, computer labs, student lounge, and administration and faculty offices. These academic facilities provide outstanding opportunities in study and research vital for developing people of influence.

The remaining four buildings on DCC's 22-acre campus provide a nucleus for social development. Single men and women have separate residence halls: Newland Hall and Winslow Hall, respectively. The Redman Gymnasium includes a basketball court, volleyball courts, and dressing rooms. There are also a softball field, soccer fields, and other open fields for general athletic activities. The cafeteria provides some of the best meals served in any cafeteria; both food and atmosphere promote fellowship among students and faculty. "Wallace's," a student lounge and coffee bar located on the third floor of the administration building is a center for students and faculty to relax, fellowship, and experience opportunities for mentoring.

All the facilities, activities, and educational opportunities at DCC focus on the assumption that people preparing for service should "grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52). Therefore, in training the whole person, DCC emphasizes social, spiritual, and academic development.

A basic goal of education at DCC is the development and growth of the higher qualities of life in every student. As a foundation of this goal, DCC encourages students to exemplify Christ in all aspects of life—in attitudes, principles, and behavior.

The College aims to keep DCC as free as possible from any destructive elements that might hinder the best possible growth in Christian maturity and service. Students assume responsibility for abiding by the regulations of the College and for using discretion in relation to any activities which may be spiritually or morally destructive. Use of illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco is not permitted.

HOUSING

All single students under the age of 21 not staying with parents or guardian must live in one of the residence halls, sharing together in this phase of the DCC community. Students desiring to live off campus must apply to the Vice President for Community. Each air-conditioned room is designed for two students, with two-room suites sharing private bath and toilet facilities. The student furnishes linens, is responsible for the appearance and care of the room, and shares in the general housekeeping of the residence hall. Televisions, microwaves, and refrigerators are allowed. If available, private rooms require permission of the Resident Director and are provided at added expense.

A residence hall reservation and damage fee is required to reserve a room. This fee is used to defray the cost of extraordinary damage caused by improper care of the residence hall. Room reservations should be in by July 1. Should students leave the College or move out of the residence hall prior to the end of the semester, it is considered a "breach of the lease" and there will be no refund.

The residence halls at DCC foster a culture unique to young men and women. Accordingly, DCC does not permit students over 26 years of age to live in the residence halls. The Vice-President for Community and the Residence Director may make exceptions under certain circumstances. Generally, however, students older than 26 years of age should make alternative housing arrangements.

FOOD SERVICE

The College cafeteria serves three meals per day Monday through Friday and two meals on Saturday for residents, off-campus students, faculty, and guests. A continental breakfast is served during the breakfast hour. Lunch is served Monday through Friday. Dinner is served Monday through Saturday. Brunch is served on Saturdays. In addition, a late night breakfast is served Thursday nights. No meals are scheduled when classes have been dismissed for announced holidays. The last meal served before a holiday will be lunch. A student living in the residence hall is required to be on the meal plan.

CHAPEL AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

DCC is a place for growing in relationship with God. Believing that campus life outside the classroom plays just as important a role in the spiritual growth of the students as what happens in the classroom, DCC strives to provide an environment to enhance such growth. Weekly devotions are provided for campus residents. Chapel is conducted two days a week for daytime students, provided once each class term for the evening students, and the message of each chapel service is recorded and is available online at www.dallas.edu. In addition, traditional daytime students attend spiritual formation, mentoring, and life-skills sessions on Wednesdays called "Illuminate."

Christian service is central to a person living a life of influence, under God's influence. Dallas Christian College thus requires Christian service of all students on a regular basis as required by the Association for Biblical Higher Education and as described in the DCC Student Handbook, which is available online at www.dallas.edu. A record of each student's Christian service is kept. Such Christian service involvement is required for graduation as stated in the requirements for graduation. Students are required to receive a passing grade in Christian service for every semester in which they take six or more hours of classes.

The Christian service program consists of five parts. Requirements of each part vary depending on the students' program and the way they take the majority of their classes: e.g. daytime, evening, or online.

First, students are required to participate actively in their face-to-face community of faith. Traditional (daytime) students are required to attend church services and to attend DCC chapel service held on campus twice each week. Quest (evening) students are required to attend church services as well as the DCC chapel service offered in the evening during the first week of each Quest class start. Online students are required to attend church services and to reflect on how they are applying what they are learning at DCC to their faith community.

Second, students are required to complete at least six hours of service each month they are enrolled at DCC. Quest and Online students are required to complete at least six hours of service for each class term. Opportunities abound for involvement in community service (e.g., hospital visitation, working with underprivileged youth, rest homes, special programs) or church service (e.g., Bible study classes, surveys, visitations, youth groups, and student preaching).

Third, in accordance with DCC's mission to educate and mentor, students are required to participate in the required aspects of DCC's mentoring program designed for each type of program delivery (daytime, evening, or online). Traditional students have a day each week dedicated to mentoring, life skills, and spiritual formation (Illuminate). Students will reflect on these sessions along with other activities in an online e-portfolio called "LiveText." Online students actively integrate each of these growth areas into their courses.

Fourth, students may participate in special service projects. The Vice-President for Community and/or the Chair of the Practical Ministries Department organizes these experiences for those interested in supplementing their normal Christian service activities. The opportunities for this experience include mission trips (Kingdom Week), inner-city work, local church work, and work in children's homes. Quest and Online students are welcome to participate in these activities, but must make arrangements to be on-campus for these events.

Fifth, students required to complete field mentoring (Mentored Ministry or Internship) must do so satisfactorily as specified in their degree program. Mentored Ministry and Internship are described in the course description section of this catalog. It is to be approved by the Vice-President for Community.

The Christian-service program is described more fully in the DCC Student Handbook. While these requirements appear at first to be above and beyond the necessary academic work, they are at the heart of preparing for a life of service and influence. There is no better way to apply material learned in the classroom than to serve regularly while at DCC.

ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

GUIDANCE

Students may view the DCC Student Handbook online at www.dallas.edu/studentlife outlining the expectations of the College and are counseled individually and in small groups by qualified personnel. This guidance staff provides direction for students in personal difficulties, spiritual problems, vocational choice, academic weakness, and interpersonal relationships. Students must adhere to the regulations described in the student handbook.

Students are encouraged to become involved in a wide range of activities through the DCC community. Through service to others, academic enrichment, and social relationships, students progress toward the goal of developing their maximum potential.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Students sponsor many activities and projects during the school year. Socials, intramural competitions, assemblies, and other events are planned and carried out by the student body under the student government. The student government provides valuable assistance in the operation of campus-hosted social and ministry events. The student government also serves as a sounding board and advisory panel for the College. Officers and representatives elected by the students help make DCC a community of involved, committed, and joyful Christians.

MUSIC

Because music is invaluable in life, worship, evangelism, and growth, the development of musical ability is encouraged at DCC. The Worship Arts program is designed to teach students to worship God and to communicate the Gospel effectively.

The concert choir, open to all students, presents a message in song while increasing musical skills. The choir takes a tour each school year.

ATHLETICS

Development of the whole person involves the body as well as the mind. Therefore, DCC offers both indoor and outdoor physical activities. Athletic facilities on campus include soccer fields, a softball field, and a gymnasium which includes weight-lifting equipment. Through intramurals, campus tournaments, and social activities, DCC students have many opportunities to stay physically active.

Dallas Christian College is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA). DCC competes in intercollegiate men's basketball, women's basketball, men's soccer, women's soccer, men's baseball, and women's volleyball. Through such avenues, students have the opportunity to use their athletic skills to minister to each other and to their opponents.

Students participating in varsity sports must enroll for PHED-1111 or PHED-1121.

OUTREACH

Dallas Christian College is committed to serving the church. Many opportunities for practical experience are available to give the student the opportunity to preach, teach, lead in worship, and gain valuable leadership experience. Summer outreach teams travel throughout the summer. Many students also participate in summer, semester-long, year-long, or extended field mentoring (Mentored Ministry or Internship) and ministry experiences (non-credit). The College experiences a campus-wide day of service each semester, which gives students, faculty, staff, and administration the opportunity to serve the community together.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dallas Christian College is proud of her graduates and former students and their support of their alma mater. Although the highest concentration of DCC alumni is found in the Southwestern United States, many alumni also serve in other states and throughout the world. DCC alumni continue support of their alma mater each year by recruiting new students, providing field mentoring (Mentored Ministry, Internships, or non-credit ministry experiences) for students, and supporting the many outreach activities of the College.

WALLACE'S

"Wallace's" is a student lounge, coffee bar, and campus store located on the third floor of the administration building. It also provides a center for students and faculty to fellowship and enhances the mentoring opportunities. Wallace's offers a coffee bar that also sells other beverages and snacks and carries a selection of Dallas Christian College insignia items such as pens, coffee mugs, shirts, and hats. The student lounge includes a home theatre system, internet-capable computers, games and entertainment, and an area to relax from the rigors of study.

VIRTUAL BOOKSTORE

The Dallas Christian College Virtual Bookstore is available to meet student's texts and study material needs. Visit the DCC website at www.dallas.edu/bookstore. Full instructions are listed on the Virtual Bookstore home page.

Students should plan to spend between \$300-500 per semester for books and supplies. If a student is receiving financial aid, purchases can be made at the DCC Virtual Bookstore using a \$400 book allowance. If the student does not spend this entire amount, the balance will be refunded to their account. Students who do not receive financial aid can make their purchases using a credit card or check.

Students may also sell books back to Virtual Bookstore. While at DCC, students are encouraged to take every opportunity to develop a personal library for use in future Christian service. Therefore, in addition to course-related books and supplies, the DCC Virtual Bookstore sells books recommended by professors for additional study.