

DCC "RESETS" TUITION PRICES FOR ONLINE STUDENTS

DCC President Brian Smith and DCC trustees have "reset" prices for online students at Dallas Christian College. In a bold move, President Smith said, "DCC has always been about preparing ministers for the church, and we must make it affordable for them to graduate without massive debt. Therefore, **we are cutting the cost for online ministry majors from \$568 a credit hour to \$295 per credit hour**. In fact, **we are also cutting the cost for other online students from \$568 a credit hour to \$395 per credit hour**. We know this is a radical move – this is about the lowest tuition for any online program in the country – but we want to send out more and more workers into the harvest fields!"

For traditional students, DCC is offering "honor" scholarships for up to \$15,000 per year, which translates to \$60,000 for qualifying students. Vice President John Derry said, "If a church pastor or youth pastor from an Independent Christian Church says, 'Hey, I have an incredible student in my church who would love to go into ministry' (and if that students qualifies), we should give him or her a \$10,000 a year scholarship – that works out to a \$40,000 scholarship. We need to encourage students to go into ministry and help support them in getting there." President Smith agreed, and one of the most aggressive scholarship programs is now in place. If you know of a potential traditional or online student, please contact Anthony Brewer (abrewer@dallas.edu) for more DCC scholarship information.

FLEXCampus® to become Dallas Christian College Online

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FLEXCampus®, the distance education program at DCC, is becoming **Dallas**

Christian College Online. Starting with the Degree in 3 program in Summer 2020, distance education classes were offered as asynchronous-only. That is, students are not with the instructor "live" except in special circumstances. Instead, students are watching short, high-quality videos the DCC faculty produce to help students accomplish the objectives of each course. Reading assignments, online discussions, and written work complement the multimedia to create a rich learning experience for students. This asynchronous model is how all of DCC's online classes are now being offered.

Although the online program still provides flexibility for DCC students, it is no longer the flexible attendance model that inspired the name. The new name reflects what the distance education program at DCC has become.

Do you know someone who needs to complete his or her college degree and needs the convenience of online learning? Tell him or her about DCC|Online or contact Anthony Brewer at abrewer@dallas.edu with your friend's contact information. Incredible pricing is available (see above).





DCC CELEBRATES 70 YEARS!

Dallas Christian College officially turned 70 years old on September 12th! We marked the occasion on September 13th with a Sunday morning worship service on our campus at Cornerstone Christian Church. You can watch President Brian Smith's address to the Cornerstone family <u>HERE</u>. That Sunday evening, we had an on-campus celebration for our current students, faculty and staff.

On Monday, September 14th, the College hosted a Virtual Birthday Celebration for our alumni and former faculty and staff. It was a great evening of reconnecting with friends, classmates, professors, and staff members. You can find a portion of the virtual gathering as well as other 70th Birthday resources and memories at: <u>https://www.dallas.edu/dcc70/</u>

So many of our alums asked about doing more gatherings of this type, so we have scheduled our next **Virtual Alumni Gathering on Saturday, November 14th 10:00 am** – **12:00 Noon**. More information will be coming soon, so be sure to put this date on your calendar!



NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY 2020

We are so thankful for those of you who partnered with us by making a donation on Tuesday, September 17, North Texas Giving Day. We received a total of \$12,587 towards our goal of \$110,000. These funds will be used towards the purchase of two 15 passenger transport vans for DCC – each van is \$55,000.

These vans are important to DCC's ability to carry out our goal to educate and mentor students to be people of influence, engaging in their calling to the work of Christ in the Church and in the world. They will allow us to transport our students to:

- Participate in community mission projects to grow understanding and empathy for others.
- Provide worship support for churches while mentoring students to grow in their Christian leadership.
- Participate in athletic events to support all DCC athletic programs. These provide students with mentorship through our coaching staff and the ability to interact with other Christian student athletes.
- Implement programs, like SALTeens (Singing and Living Truth), that allow us to reach high school students to influence them and provide life changing experiences.

These two vans will allow us to replace older, high mileage vehicles. They will also provide the space we need to transport our students using safe social distancing during these challenging times.

We hope you were able to tune in to our Facebook Live event on Tuesday, September 17. What a fun morning we had highlighting our Fall Serve Day, interviewing students and faculty, and reviewing our North Texas Giving Day goals. While we did not meet our North Texas Giving Day goal for 2020, we were very encouraged by the improvement over 2019:

- Increase of 196% in donations
- Increase of 115% in number of participants



DCC SERVE DAY

As was announced in last month's E-News, DCC held its Serve Day for current students, faculty and staff on Thursday, September 17th. The College partnered with Children's Hunger Fund and Compass Christian Church to prepare 91,392 meals for the under-resourced children of Cuba. A Facebook Live broadcast added to the excitement of the day, which you can check out on DCC's Facebook page (<u>HERE</u>). Take a look at this short overview as well: (<u>HERE</u>).



DR. LYNDSEY NEAL ON COMPASS DAILY

Dr. Lyndsey Neal, chair of the psychology department at DCC, was featured on Compass Daily (a program presented each weekday by Compass Christian Church). She shared an amazing overview on the topic of The Psychology of Love. To view her message, go to (https://vimeo.com/467827864).

NEW RESIDENT DIRECTOR FOR NEWLAND HALL

Patrick Neal, and his wife, Dr. Lyndsey Neal, have accepted the position of Resident Director for Newland Hall. Patrick has been a community group leader, a small group facilitator, a mentor, and a leader for youth programs, especially in the South Dallas area. He was the project manager for The Humanity Project, working with fundraising, advertising and communications. Patrick states, "I am passionate about God's work, mentoring and servant-leadership. I have been instrumental in non-profit startups and development. I have worked in diverse populations and exhibit adaptive interpersonal, leadership and communication skills." Dr. Lyndsey Neal, Patrick's wife, said, "Patrick and I have prayed that God would expand our ministry opportunities, and we feel that this leadership in the men's dormitory is an answer to that prayer." DCC welcomes the Neals in this new role.

DCC SERVES THE CHURCHES

A part of the core values of Dallas Christian College is partnership with the Church. Recently, Vice President Mark Worley offered his Acts Class for not only traditional students taking the course for credit but also members of Compass Christian Church in Colleyville, TX. Mr. Worley stated, "It's an opportunity for people of the church to get an in-depth look at the Book of Acts. Christians, a lot of the time, look at Acts only as a history of the church, but it's so much more. It's filled with theology and apologetics – and history. It's an incredible book! And it makes it so much better when a diverse group – racially, denominationally, and socioeconomically – come together and study. It simply adds to the dynamic when a 20-year old student is able to be in a discussion group with an 80-year old retired FBI agent." Each year in September, Mr. Worley chooses to teach this class in two weekends, changing lives and expanding minds in the church.

DCC's Ministry Teams are back! Each year, DCC students band together in Ministry Teams to serve the Church. Students gain experience and the church gains excitement. The students teach classes, lead corporate worship, give communion meditations, perform music and/or sketches, and sometimes preach. Faculty and staff often travel with the students and teach and preach as well. Due to COVID-19, the Ministry Team has not been able to travel, but with safety precautions and the live meeting of churches, the team is back! Traveling to churches within three hours of DCC, they are able to serve without staying overnight. A Ministry Team is scheduled to travel to Tulsa, OK and Richardson, TX in October. Scheduling will continue throughout the school year. DCC is grateful to the Annie May Leppard Foundation for helping fund the Ministry Teams' service to churches.

DCC faculty, staff, and students are continuing to provide preachers for churches. Ministry is at the center of DCC – the official College seal states, "Preach the Word." The College provides "fillin" and interim preaching throughout the Southwest. Recently, DCC served churches in Wichita Falls, TX, Granbury, TX, Yukon, OK, Oklahoma City, OK, Taylor, TX, and Rockdale, TX.



DCC ATHLETICS

Women's Volleyball and Men's Soccer teams are in full season and are doing very well! To see more on the teams, their schedules, and game information, go to (<u>https://dccsports.com</u>). To purchase tickets to games, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Virtual Alumni Gathering November 14, 2020
- Christmas Dinner Theater December 5, 2020
- Center for Christian Leadership Seminar with Jud Wilhite and Barry Cameron – March 5, 2021

WE CARE

You are part of the DCC Family and we are praying for you during this unprecedented time, that you will be safe and healthy. The DCC family chooses faith over fear because we know God has a plan and a purpose in all of this. We encourage you to look to God's Word and seek His face in prayer to find peace and comfort.

Please know that if you are in need, we are here for you. Don't hesitate to reach out so that we can connect.

<u>wecare@dallas.edu</u> goes directly to the President's Office. If you have an issue that you have not been able to resolve or if you want to acknowledge someone in the DCC family that has gone the extra mile serving you, please let us know.

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