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When the Many Dreams, One Mission Campaign officially closed on June 30, it had surpassed all records as the largest, most successful comprehensive fundraising campaign in DePaul’s history. At press time, campaign gifts had well exceeded the $300-million goal, which was many times the magnitude of previous DePaul campaign goals—and gifts were still being counted.

But the real history lies not in the fundraising totals but in the investments made possible. Campaign gifts enhanced every area of the university, from facilities and academic programs to faculty and financial aid. These investments will benefit students for generations to come. Gifts have created scholarship funds that will support thousands of students, established new endowed faculty positions, and bolstered faculty and programs across the university.

The Campaign has transformed DePaul’s Lincoln Park Campus through the construction of major facilities in the sciences, performing arts, and humanities. Early gifts to the Campaign enabled the construction of the Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building, a state-of-the-art science education and research facility that houses DePaul’s new College of Science and Health. The acclaimed new home of The Theatre School at the corner of Fullerton and Racine avenues was supported by campaign gifts, and the School of Music is due to get a new home, thanks to the generosity of Campaign donors.

A momentous $30 million gift from Chicago investment pioneer Richard H. Driehaus (BUS ’65, MBA ’70, DHL ’02) supported faculty positions and research at the university’s business school, formally rededicated as the Richard H. Driehaus College of Business in the fall of 2012. Campaign efforts have also strengthened partnerships with P-12 educators and administrators in Chicago’s public and Catholic schools and continued to develop and enhance excellence in programs that have global impact.

The Campaign has led to the development and augmentation of new and existing programs that address the underserved, including programs in public service, international human rights, Vincentian studies, social science research, affordable housing, environmental science and law, and global Catholicism. Campaign gifts have helped to expand outreach efforts in adult education and community-based programming, and have supported environmental sustainability both through science programs and through campus facilities that meet or exceed LEED green standards.

“This campaign is building a stronger DePaul,” says the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University. “Donors understand DePaul’s commitment to providing an excellent education to our students. Thanks to them, DePaul will continue to be able to attract and educate talented students from a wide array of backgrounds.”

“My fellow alumni and friends of DePaul have responded to this campaign in record numbers,” says Jim Jenness (BUS ’69, MBA ’71, DHL ’06), former chair of the DePaul University Board of Trustees. “With such a diverse group, their reasons for giving vary, but they share a common thread: making the DePaul experience possible for the students of today and tomorrow, and making it even better for future generations.”