



MENU OF POTENTIAL STRATEGIC ASPIRATIONS

A UNIVERSITY-WIDE INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED CREATIVITY, INNOVATION, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP that builds on our reputation for excellence in applied research and deep experiential learning ethos. With our Catholic, Marianist mission, UD will become known as a leading catalyst for innovation and entrepreneurship that fosters positive social transformation by leveraging certificate programs, internships, education abroad, and new signature cohort programs.

A NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADER IN INCLUSIVE AND INTERCULTURAL EXCELLENCE by providing a signature, high-impact experiential intercultural immersion for all students. Each student would have access to a semester long experiential learning immersion that develops global, intercultural competencies and deepens the student's vocational discernment. The immersion would be integrated fully into the student's degree program, at no additional cost, and could be completed within the standard time to graduation. The immersion would be distinguished from other universities' experiential learning requirements through a Marianist commitment to build community across diversity.

THE PREMIER CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING, AND SOCIAL INNOVATION focused on developing the leadership capacity of our students. True to our Marianist mission, special attention will be paid to public-servant leadership for community-building and community-engaged innovation and research. UD's role as an anchor institution will expand comprehensively, integrating the campus more fully in the City through reciprocal scholarly and educational partnerships and shared physical spaces that foster sustained collaborations with community partners.

A SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING that supports existing and new academic programs, community-based research, and educational outreach centers. This aspiration would entail creating new degree programs at multiple levels and new graduate programs related to community health. Faith-based dimensions of personal and communal well-being would be integral to the School's mission and work. Resources for physical space and equipment, the development and maintenance of programs and initiatives, along with faculty and staff hiring would be required.

THE PREMIER INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY SCHOLARSHIP IN MARIAN STUDIES that draws upon the unique and extensive resources of the world-renowned Marian Library, academic strengths in Catholic theology and pastoral ministry, and the reach of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, and the Center for Catholic Education. The Center's research will be conceived broadly, including Mary's role in faith traditions other than Roman Catholicism, and extending to multiple disciplines and scholarly methodologies.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN INTER- AND MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH in two or three critical areas such as: a) environmental sustainability and energy; b) human rights studies and advocacy; c) materials engineering and bioscience; d) selected areas of autonomous systems research