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DePaul College Prep Acquires New 17-Acre School Campus

CHICAGO (August 1, 2019) - The Board of Directors and Administration of DePaul College Prep, a co-ed Catholic college prep high school serving Chicago, today announced the acquisition of a new 17-acre school campus in Chicago's Roscoe Village neighborhood, less than a quarter-mile from DePaul Prep's current location.

DePaul Prep has purchased the academic buildings and campus at 3300 N. Campbell Avenue from Adtalem Global Education.

With a steady increase in student enrollment every year since its inception in 2014, DePaul Prep looks forward to opening the new campus for the 2020-2021 academic year with an expected student population of 600 students and room for a continued increase in enrollment. The 2019-2020 academic year operations will take place in DePaul Prep's current location at 3633 N. California Avenue.

"Our students and faculty deserve a 21st-century learning environment and this beautiful campus answers that need. With this acquisition, DePaul College Prep can give both current and future generations of students and faculty an academically rigorous, faith-based learning experience on our own spacious and modern campus," said DePaul Prep President Mary A. Dempsey. Since its founding in 2014, DePaul Prep has rented the school buildings of the former Gordon Tech High School from the Congregation of the Resurrection.

"We are grateful to the priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Resurrection for enabling us to begin operations in their buildings," said President Dempsey. "Their generosity to us as sponsors has been extraordinary. However, with our growing enrollment and need to offer our students and faculty modern classrooms, science labs and athletic facilities, the Board and Administration began looking in earnest in 2017 for a new campus to purchase within our current neighborhood. We found a willing partner in Adtalem Global Education. We look forward to establishing operations as DePaul College Prep on our own campus starting with the 2020-2021 academic year."

The buildings on DePaul Prep's new campus are ADA accessible and equipped with technology, spacious classrooms, modern science labs and air conditioning. After some internal renovations to meet DePaul Prep's needs, the west building and new turf athletic fields for football, soccer and lacrosse will be ready in August 2020 for the start of the school year. DePaul Prep also plans to construct an athletic complex featuring multiple gymnasiums, a pool and track facilities on the new 17-acre campus, and has enlisted the architectural firm Moody Nolan and contractor Bulley & Andrews to assist in these efforts.

“The modern classrooms and offices on the new campus are ideal for our students and faculty,” said Principal Dr. Megan Stanton-Anderson. “We will be adding a chapel, more science labs, STEM and art rooms, and a modern dining hall for the start of the 2020-2021 school year to enhance the DePaul Prep experience for our students and faculty.”

Said Rev. Gene Szarek, CR, Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Resurrection, “the priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Resurrection have appreciated how DePaul College Prep continued the CR’s historic mission of Catholic education in Chicago. We wish DePaul Prep well as they carry on the work of Catholic education on their new campus and through their partnership with DePaul University.” The Congregation of the Resurrection previously operated Archbishop Weber High School and Gordon Tech High School.

Joe Haugh, Chair of the Board of Directors, said, “the entire Board has been instrumental to the successful negotiation of this historic purchase. This Board and our School Leadership Team under the direction of President Mary Dempsey and Principal Dr. Megan Stanton Anderson are truly *All In For DePaul Prep*. I’m honored by their dedication and commitment to make DePaul Prep a success, and we are all grateful to the priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Resurrection for their assistance, support and commitment during our time on their campus.”

DePaul Prep operates in academic partnership with DePaul University, the nation’s largest Catholic university. Students take college prep, Honors, AP and International Baccalaureate classes at DePaul Prep and dual enrollment classes at DePaul University. DePaul Prep faculty receive professional development and curricular support from the University’s various colleges; student athletes and arts programs use facilities on the campus; and DePaul Prep students and faculty can utilize the University’s research libraries. “From the very first day students begin their DePaul Prep education, they are exposed to rich educational experiences through our partnership with DePaul University,” said President Dempsey. “The University lives its urban, Catholic and Vincentian mission through our extraordinary partnership and we are grateful for their continuing support of DePaul Prep’s mission and vision.”

As a Catholic high school, DePaul Prep’s mission of education is guided by four Core Values: Faith, Respect, Excellence and Service. DePaul Prep’s enrollment, now 500 students, has increased in each of its five years of operations. The student body is religiously, racially, socially and economically diverse, reflecting the city of Chicago which DePaul Prep serves. DePaul Prep’s vision is to create an educated, compassionate and just world, one student at a time. Learn more: www.depaulprep.org/about-us/at-a-glance

To see architectural renderings of the new campus, visit:

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