

The University of Dallas —
A university dedicated to the pursuit of
wisdom, of truth, and of virtue as the
proper and primary goals of education.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

Why do bright,
talented young
men and women
come from all
over to become
members of the
UD community?
We asked some
of our current
students to tell us
why they chose
the University
of Dallas:

"The Core Curriculum — with a requirement like that, you know it's a school where you come to be educated, rather than trained."

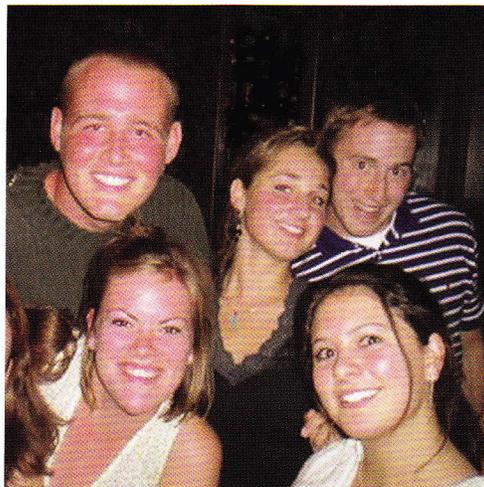
RANDY BUDDENBOHN, ARLINGTON, TEXAS

"I loved the family atmosphere of the campus and the idea of small classes, where you can get to know your professors well."

ELIZABETH HOELKINGER, WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

"This is a solid Catholic community with shared morals and shared expectations of behavior but where nonetheless people are very open to different points of view."

MONICA BOND, WARREN, OHIO



"I was looking at schools where students took their studies and their faith seriously."

ANDY KERNER, STEVENSVILLE, MARYLAND

"I liked the intellectual challenges it offered and the personal attention from faculty members. I attended a couple of classes when I visited campus, and they were the kicker. I knew this was the place for me."

STEPHANIE RAY, CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

"The Rome program — it's the only one of its kind. I can't wait to go!"

JOE BARVICK, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

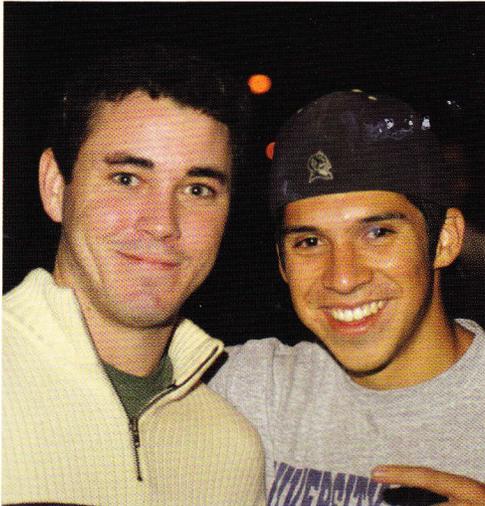
These students and
others have more to
tell you about their
UD experience —
read on to find more
food for thought.

“Rara avis in terris”

Literally “a rare bird upon the earth.”

Like Juvenal’s “rare bird,” the University of Dallas is a rare university upon this earth. Simply by staying true to our Catholic character and our central

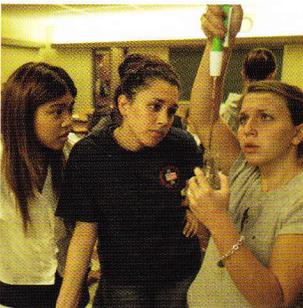
mission — the pursuit of wisdom, truth, and virtue — we’ve earned recognition from many different quarters for many different distinctions.



- The University of Dallas received its **Phi Beta Kappa charter** in 1988 when the school was just 32 years old — the youngest college or university in the 20th century to be so honored.
- In 1996, UD was the

first liberal arts college to be accredited by the American Academy of Liberal Education (AALE).

- Peterson’s Guide lists UD as one of the **top 200 colleges for Science and Mathematics**.
- UD is consistently recognized by the Templeton Foundation for **scholarly excellence and character building**.
- UD is ranked as one of the **top national liberal arts schools** by *The National Review*.
- **The Fiske Guide to Colleges 2007** praises the University of Dallas as “the best Roman Catholic college south of Washington, D.C.”
- “... the University of Dallas stands out for its combination of academic rigor and traditional Catholic sensibilities.” **The Insiders’ Guide to the Colleges 2007**



“Sometimes our students don’t realize how good they are and how much they know until they’re confronted by a real challenge.”

DR. DAVID DAVIES,
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

- UD is one of just 125 institutions of higher learning nationwide selected for inclusion in **Choosing the Right College: The Whole Truth About America’s Top Schools**, lauded by *The American Spectator* as “easily the best of the college guides.”

OTHER UD DISTINCTIONS:

- Approximately **80% of our alumni eventually continue their education** at graduate or professional schools; 40% do so immediately after graduating.
- Over **85% of our pre-medical students** are accepted by the top medical school of their choice.
- Over **90% of our pre-law students** are accepted by the top law school of their choice.
- **1% of all MBAs in the world** earned their degrees from the University of Dallas.
- An extraordinary number of UD students are linked to the campus community through family connections: parents, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. In fact, **about 40% of our students are related to other current students or alumni** — some have more than a dozen connections. (One recent graduate was related to 19 alumni and six current students!) It’s strong testimony to the value of the UD experience that attendance here becomes a tradition in many families.

The core of knowledge

The University of Dallas boasts a venerable intellectual heritage embodied in its Core Curriculum. Only a handful of schools in the country provide you with such a life-transforming opportunity to learn from the intellectual giants of Western civilization.

THINK

The Core encompasses the most significant thoughts, deeds, and creations of western civilization's greatest authors, leaders, and artists. And at the very core of the Core are the most important works of Catholic theology. You access this vast body of knowledge by reading books — original works, not second-hand commentaries or patchwork anthologies. You aren't told by some invisible third party what's important — you discover it for yourself. Our students are inspired by the best — Homer, Aristotle, St. Augustine, Michelangelo, Pope Leo XIII — to become the best.

EXPLORE

Tested by time, the Core today is very much the same as it was when it was first introduced at UD, nearly 40 years ago. You select Core courses in philosophy, English, mathematics, fine arts, science, classics, modern languages, American civilization, Western civilization, politics, economics and theology, all of which use as their "texts" only the books included on the Core reading list.

COMPREHEND

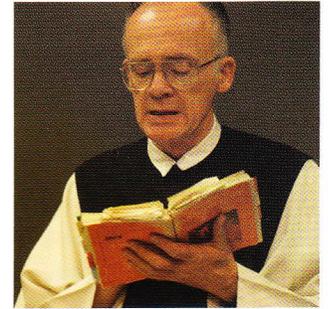
Through the Core, you not only explore many different fields of study, but you also come to understand the interconnected nature of all knowledge and that knowledge flourishes most when nurtured by both faith *and* reason. The Core Curriculum was intentionally designed to weave into a coherent whole the common threads that unite all learning. It culminates in what one UD student describes as a "moment of vision" when you suddenly comprehend the links that connect over two millennia of the western theological and intellectual traditions.

In essence, when you complete your Core studies by the end of your sophomore year, you're better educated than most college graduates.

CORE TOP 10

(A selection of some readings used in Core Curriculum classes)

1. St. Thomas Aquinas' *On Essence and Existence* and *Summa Theologica* (selections)
2. Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, *Nicomachean Ethics* (selections), *On the Soul* (selections), and *Poetics*
3. St. Augustine's *Confessions*
4. The Bible
5. Euripides' *The Bacchae*
6. Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*
7. John Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay, *The Federalist Papers* (selections)
8. John Milton's *Paradise Lost*
9. Frederick Nietzsche's *The Use and Abuse of History for Life and Genealogy of Morals*
10. Plato's *The Republic*, *Apology*, *Crito*, *Phaedo*, *Phaedrus*, and *Symposium*



"The Core is rigorous, but it is so rewarding. You discover as you do the reading that you are learning a lot about life."

DANNY TORREZ, BUSINESS LEADERSHIP MAJOR

