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BACKGROUND – UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

Located in West Virginia's capital city, the University of Charleston (UC) is an independent, coeducational, comprehensive university serving approximately 1,500 students from 34 states and 35 countries. The University offers 22 academic undergraduate majors, three master's degrees, and a doctoral degree in pharmacy. The University's mission is to educate each student for a life of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement.

In 1995, the University successfully developed an outcomes-based curriculum known as [Learning Your Way](#), which has received national recognition. This unique curriculum allows students to create an individualized educational plan, with the guidance of their academic advisors, to meet their ultimate career goals. As a result, approximately one fourth of UC students graduate in less than four years.

[U.S. News & World Report ranked UC the #11 regional college in the South](#), and first among all regional colleges in West Virginia in 2011. In addition, UC is one of the [Princeton Review's "Best 371 Colleges,"](#) which features the country's best institutions for undergraduate education.

UC's growth and momentum is evident across campus. Seven of the 11 buildings on the UC campus have been built since 1998. Four new residence halls house 700 students in an attractive, modern campus community. The School of Pharmacy opened in 2006, the Morrison Fitness Center in 2007, the Graduate School of Business located in downtown Charleston in 2008, and East Hall and parking garage in 2010. The second class of UC pharmacists and MBAL (Master of Business Administration and Leadership) professionals graduated in May 2011, and a new physician assistant master's program will open in 2013.

The University of Charleston is committed to the local community and the state. The University employs roughly 300 people and has an estimated \$75 million annual impact on the local economy. The University has partnered with the Kanawha County School Board and the City of Charleston on projects benefiting the institution, as well as the community. In addition, the University routinely hosts community events such as Symphony Sunday, Wine and All That Jazz, and Blues, Brews, and BBQs.

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