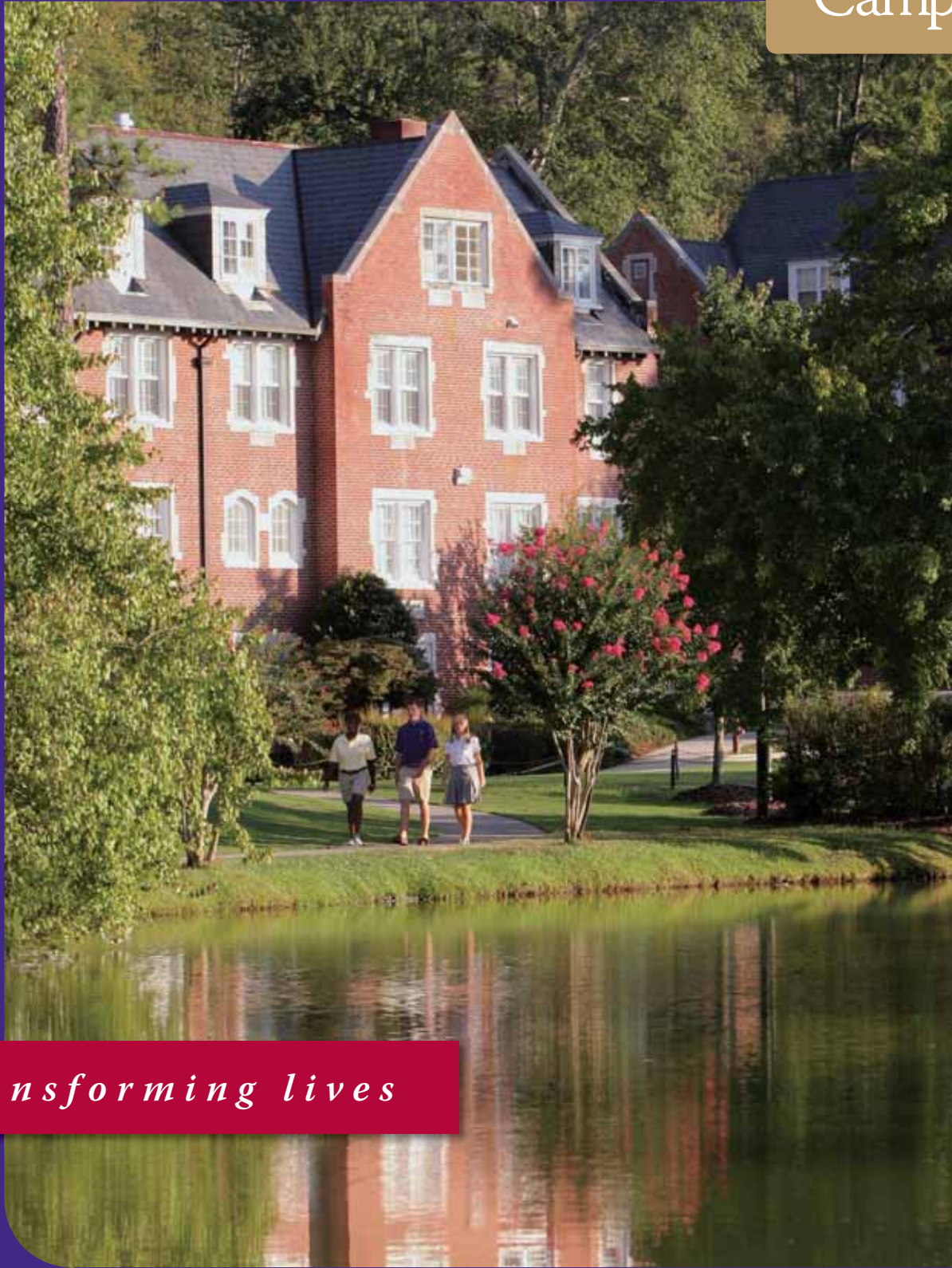


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Darlington 
SCHOOL



Wisdom more than Knowledge Service beyond Self Honor above Everything

Darlington School's Mission

At Darlington School ... Together

We *strive to become well-educated,
responsible human beings.*

We *teach to think critically, communicate
effectively, and develop strengths
and talents.*

We *discern right from wrong, act with
courage and conviction, practice
ethical leadership, and exhibit
honorable character.*

We *challenge everyone to learn with
passion, act with integrity, and
serve with respect.*

We *perpetuate these attributes throughout
our lives, both as individuals and as
members of the world community.*



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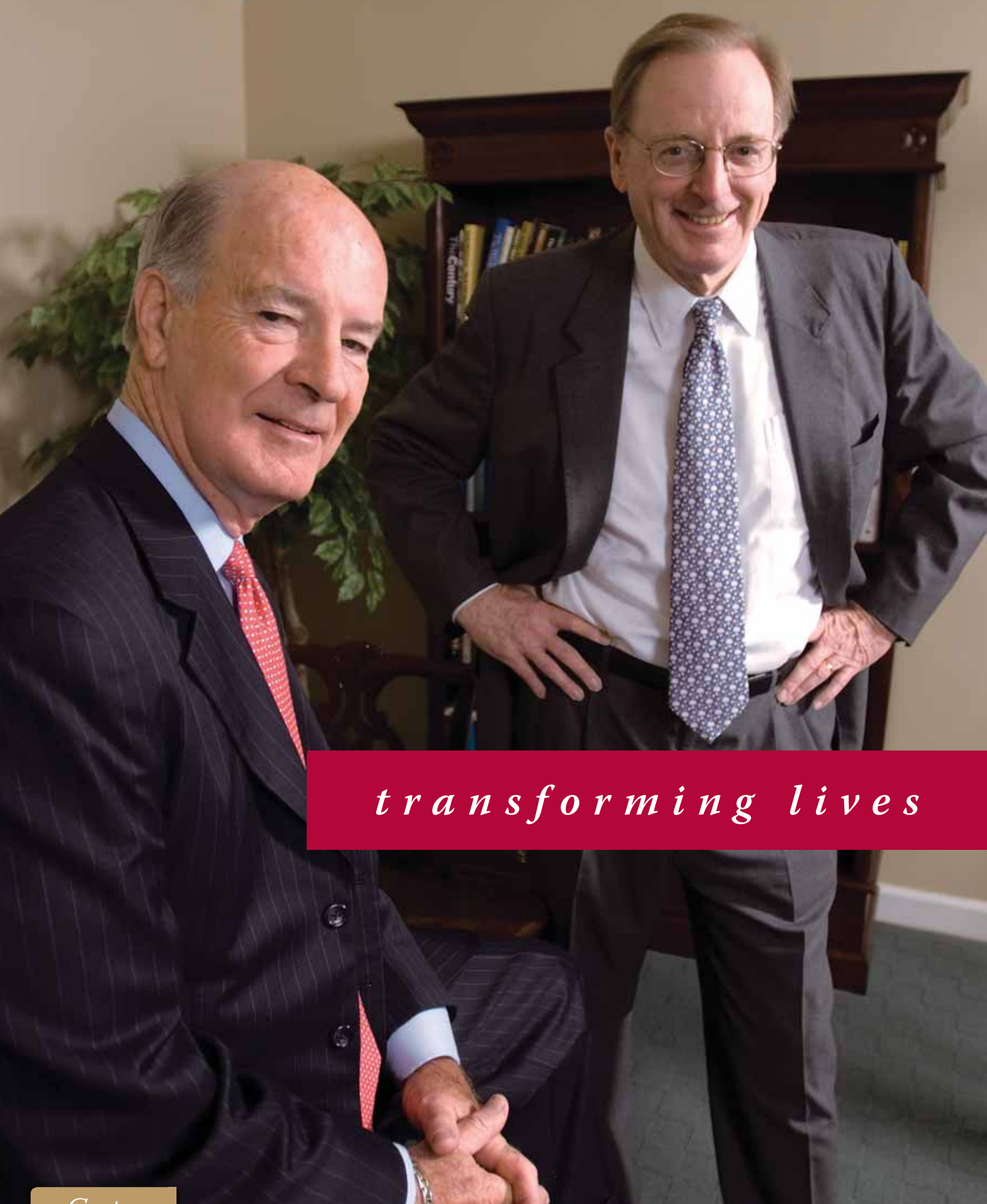
honor

At Darlington, high standards of personal conduct exist both in and out of the classroom.

Character, leadership, responsibility, self-discipline, and obligation to others and to a greater society have long been embodied in the expectation of honor above everything.

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Will Thoms ('11) becomes part of Darlington's long-standing tradition which focuses on upstanding character as he signs the Honor Pledge during assembly, thereby promising to "put honor above everything."



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Trustees Jere Drummond ('57) and George Johnson ('54), co-chairmen, bring unique vision and strong leadership to an ambitious campaign that will benefit Darlington students for years to come.

Dear Friend of Darlington,

Darlington is embarking on the most ambitious campaign in its history. The Second Century Campaign will solidify our school's future for another 100 years and beyond through capital and endowment growth.

We feel privileged to have this opportunity to give back to Darlington. For us both, Darlington was a seminal life experience. We entered the gates of this campus in the 1950s, and we left transformed because of the investment of teachers, mentors and friends we encountered during our time as students. We graduated from Darlington with educations that prepared us well for college, values that have successfully guided us through our careers, and friendships that have lasted our lifetimes.

When you walk onto campus and see the buildings, you see the sacrifices of people who came before us. Darlington is fortunate to have a beautiful campus, world-class teachers, and bright students. Our rich heritage, coupled with a strong vision for the future, create an institution that is poised to become a leader in the independent school arena. The Second Century Campaign will make it possible for future young men and women to learn from the very best teachers in the very best possible learning environment.

It is our great honor to request your support for this campaign. We ask that you consider making a sacrificial gift to Darlington. We need you to participate, and to encourage others to do the same.

The Second Century Campaign will transform Darlington's campus. It has the potential to transform the lives of thousands of students who will enter the gates over the next 100 years. We need your help, and can think of few other investments so compelling.



JERE A. DRUMMOND '57
Campaign Co-Chairman



GEORGE H. JOHNSON '54
Campaign Co-Chairman

transforming lives through...

tradition

Mr. John Paul Cooper would be pleased to see how little Darlington has changed in spirit. The school's size perpetuates the family environment and the student-centered atmosphere that continues to transform young lives.



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Senior leaders Cole Phillips ('08) and Justin Rufen-Blanchette ('08) take part in Opening Convocation. This formal ceremony features the ringing of the school bell, a tradition dating back to Darlington's founding in 1905.

In 1905, John Paul Cooper founded Darlington School and named it for Joseph James Darlington, his beloved teacher and mentor. Mr. Darlington kindled a genuine love of learning in young Cooper, fueling his desire to establish this school as the finest possible tribute to a great man. As a teacher and as a human being, Mr. Darlington embodied wisdom, service and honor – ideals that have guided the school through many changes, including the addition of a boarding division in 1923 and the establishment of coeducation and elementary divisions in 1973.

Today, as Darlington's second century begins to unfold, the student-teacher relationship continues to be the foundation of our school. Every day across campus, faculty members encourage students to broaden their thinking, heighten their awareness of others, and deepen their understanding of the difference they can make in the world.

Because there are many dimensions to learning, what happens outside the classroom is often as important as what happens in it. Flashes of insight can occur anywhere at Darlington... on a bench by Silver Lake or in a corner of the Dodd Dining Room, on a grassy athletic field or in the quiet of Morris Chapel. Recognizing that we can all teach and enlighten each other, everyone here is encouraged to be open to learning in unexpected ways.

Every autumn at Darlington, new relationships form, and old friendships are renewed and enriched. Every spring, another graduating class prepares to face new challenges, empowered by the strength of the Darlington experience and the support of the school community. And throughout the years, alumni give back in a variety of ways, to honor their own mentors, families and friends... and to shine a light for subsequent generations.



The stories of academic legends like Doc Regester, Worth Moser and Gordon Neville ('55) are as alive today as they were 50 years ago, and new legends continue to emerge among Darlington's current faculty and staff.

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At this moment in time, Darlington School is embarking on its most ambitious fund-raising effort to date – our historic \$90 million Second Century Campaign. It will provide for the most important needs of our students and our faculty, today and tomorrow. It will upgrade our campus facilities, and it will ensure the health of our institution by increasing our endowment. It will usher in a new era for the school. And with the support of us all – Darlington's alumni, students, faculty, family, friends and extended community – it will transform the future of this venerable institution.

transforming lives through...

vision

As we plan for our second century, we do not rest on the laurels of our first, but rather recommit our institution to the goal of providing an exemplary educational experience. The demands that goal will place on the Darlington School of tomorrow are great, so we ask your support.



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Headmaster Tom Whitworth and Chairman of the Board John Irby ('81) congratulate Victoria Lott ('07) for "commencing" the next chapter of her life's journey.

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE OF DARLINGTON

In March 2006, the Board of Trustees approved a landmark strategic plan for Darlington's second century, with well-defined goals in 10 areas:

- *Educational environment*
- *Admissions*
- *Faculty and staff*
- *Information technology*
- *Character education*
- *Facilities*
- *Beyond the classroom / Co-curricular*
- *Advancement and finance*
- *Inclusivity*
- *Governance*

This strategic plan represents a bold new way of thinking for Darlington School. For the first time ever, we are looking beyond a traditional five-year planning cycle to create a 25-year vision for our school's campus. Under the leadership of Headmaster Tom Whitworth, we are focused on achieving measurable results within five years, while preparing to transform Darlington over the next quarter century.

To guide the facilities planning process, architects have developed a comprehensive campus master plan for Darlington, taking into account not only our immediate needs but also our long-term goals to maximize the school's functionality, safety and beauty. Our campus master plan ensures that any capital improvements made now will blend seamlessly with our history and into the Darlington School of the future.

The Strategic Planning Committee has worked long and hard to determine how we can build on Darlington's many strengths now and in the future – by invigorating our student body, investing in our talented faculty, engaging all members of our community and enhancing our institutional effectiveness.



The goals we have set are ambitious, yet we look forward to this opportunity to stretch ourselves, to demonstrate our dedication to Darlington, to make our vision a reality.

Our future is in sight. Our Second Century Campaign will take us there.

SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN

Transforming Lives Through Teaching

The Learning Center	\$4,700,000
Faculty Support	\$10,000,000

Transforming Lives Through Innovation

New Middle School	\$21,000,000
Technology and Equipment	\$800,000

Transforming Lives Through Stewardship

Improvements to Boys' Houses	\$3,000,000
Campus Buildings & Maintenance	\$1,000,000

Transforming Lives Through Opportunity

Financial Aid Endowment	\$10,000,000
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Transforming Lives Through Giving

Annual Giving	\$7,500,000
Planned Gifts	\$28,000,000

Campaign Contingencies	\$4,000,000
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Total	\$90,000,000
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transforming lives through...

innovation

The best learning environment occurs when a superior classroom experience intersects with innovative building design. Inspired by our teachers, the plans for the Middle School combine a comfortable environment to foster developmental growth with state-of-the-art facilities to challenge young minds.

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School years are full of discovery. Early adolescence is an important time to try new things, to cultivate leadership skills and to become confident learners. At this age, Darlington students open up to the world around them, explore a wide variety of extracurricular interests, and form close relationships with teachers and peers. They take every opportunity to challenge themselves academically so that they can go on to contribute as much as possible in the upper grades, strengthening all of Darlington School. As the bridge between the Lower and Upper Schools, Middle School is central to the Darlington experience.

We recognize that Middle School students have unique needs, and their learning environment must allow them to reach their full potential. Darlington's current Middle School facility, however, has been inadequate for some time. Built in 1962, it has never been significantly renovated. It was designed to accommodate 175 students in relatively small classrooms, connected by narrow hallways, with no area large enough for the entire student body to gather together. As Darlington's enrollment has grown, this facility has taken in as many as 200 students in grades 6-8, resulting in even greater space constraints. In order to remain competitive with our peer institutions, and to provide the best possible learning environment for our students, a new facility must be constructed.



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Darlington's fine arts department blends a hands-on approach to learning with innovative technology in South Hall's \$15,000 Keyboard Lab. This state-of-the-art, multi-channel recording lab is used daily by the Advanced Placement Music Theory class as well as by students in Upper and Middle School.



Plans for Darlington's new Middle School were developed after talking with numerous focus groups of students, teachers and parents about current needs. After all, who better to guide us toward the "ideal classroom" than those who will make the best use of it?

This innovative building will show that we truly value our Middle School students. It will demonstrate that we place genuine importance on the arts, athletics, technology and every possible academic pursuit here at Darlington.

Our new Middle School will feature innovative classrooms and welcoming common areas. Middle School students will no longer have to walk across campus to use many of the Upper School's amenities – they will have their own wireless state-of-the-art library/media center, commons area, band room, music instruction area and spacious cafeteria for school-wide assemblies. The Middle School will benefit greatly from having everything under one roof.

SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN

Campaign Total \$90 million

Transforming Lives Through Innovation

New Middle School \$21 million

Technology and Equipment \$800,000

Total \$21,800,000



NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

As director of Middle School, it is Jim Van Es' goal to provide the best possible learning experience for each of his students. And he has done so for almost 40 years.



The new building will increase our Middle School capacity and will enable us to reorganize grades 5-8 into developmentally appropriate groups that can explore, inquire, and learn in child-centered and dynamic ways. Fifth- and sixth-grade classrooms will be grouped together in one wing of the

building, and seventh- and eighth-grade classrooms will be located in another wing.

It is our desire to design, construct and operate a Middle School facility that is highly energy efficient and in harmony with the natural environment, exhibiting Darlington's community-minded values and providing opportunities for experiential teaching. We will, therefore, seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for our new Middle School, incorporating strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, responsible materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

This innovative building will show that we truly value our Middle School students. It will demonstrate that we place genuine importance on the arts, athletics, technology and every possible academic pursuit here at Darlington. Our new Middle School will do much to elevate Darlington's intellectual atmosphere, improving the quality of students advancing to the Upper School, ultimately benefiting day and boarding students alike.

TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT

Twenty-first century students are growing up in a fast-paced, technology-driven world. Children learn more effectively when the tools of technology are incorporated into their lessons, and educational institutions now require robust systems to support every aspect of operations. Darlington's success in this century depends on our ability to harness and drive very powerful technology that will help us to stay competitive and better serve our school community.

Our goal is to develop a comprehensive technology program that enhances the

learning process and facilitates school-wide administrative functions. Keeping current with rapidly changing technologies is an ongoing challenge, and we must devote considerable resources to maintaining and upgrading our systems, as well as adding new technologies when appropriate.

Funding from the Second Century Campaign will provide for new mobile computer labs, Smart Boards in classrooms, laptops for faculty, wireless network enhancements and the development of a multimedia broadcasting curriculum.

transforming lives through...

stewardship

One of the hallmarks of the Darlington experience is the opportunity to study and learn on one of the most beautiful campuses of its kind. Stewarding this remarkable landscape is our promise to future students.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BOYS' HOUSES

For eight decades, boarding students have come to Darlington School to learn and grow. From first year onward, our campus becomes their home away from home, and their education extends beyond the classrooms into every aspect of daily life. Darlington's historic Boys' Houses have welcomed thousands of students over the years, and countless memories have been made in these hallowed halls.

Originally built in the late 1920s and updated periodically over the years, our Boys' Houses are now in critical need of renovation. In 1998, the Houses received new HVAC systems, improved life safety equipment and enhanced computer access, but the basic layout of the dormitory halls has not changed dramatically since the buildings were constructed.

As the hub of residential life for our male boarders, the Boys' Houses at Darlington are currently not on par with our competitors, nor are they comparable to what our female residents enjoy. By renovating these beloved buildings, we will ensure that all of our boarding students have a positive residential experience during their Darlington years. Capital improvements to the Boys' Houses require \$3,000,000.

SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN

Campaign Total **\$90 million**

Transforming Lives Through Innovation

Improvements to Boys' Houses \$3 million

Campus Buildings & Maintenance \$1 million

Total **\$4,000,000**

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Students gather on the front steps of Wilcox Hall before chapel, just as they often did when the building was constructed in the late 1920s.

transforming lives through...

wisdom

Our faculty members are sensitive to the strengths and needs of each student. Teachers believe in raising the academic bar but don't shy away from providing more than enough individual attention.



LEARNING CENTER

Children have a wide variety of learning styles, and one in five students has a learning difference that may affect his or her performance in a traditional classroom setting. Regardless of how a child learns, every child has a gift – we must recognize these gifts and help our children share them with the world. We are therefore committed to embracing different learning styles, encouraging smart work, and assisting our students as they mature into accomplished, life-long learners.

Today's cutting-edge research provides profound insight on how the brain works and how educators can relate to different types of thinkers. By putting these theories into practice, Darlington is better able to support all students. Our most exciting new academic enrichment program is the Learning Center, established in August 2006 to serve pre-K through twelfth-grade students by creating new opportunities for growth and success in the classroom.

The Learning Center directly helps students with diagnosed learning differences by teaching them to become independent thinkers and diligent workers. Lower and Middle School students benefit from the in-class assistance of learning specialists, while Upper School students meet in small groups to learn study techniques to plan their days, to prioritize their work, and to maintain positive lifestyles. The Learning Center is also responsible for providing professional development opportunities for faculty members to learn more about differentiated instruction, to create informational workshops for parents, and to coordinate programs that are available to all students.

While Darlington is already a strong school academically, the Learning Center ensures heightened excellence. Students are growing



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more self-confident and getting more involved in their coursework, and faculty members now have the opportunity to spend more time engaging students based on each individual's abilities. This enhanced approach is more challenging and rewarding to both teachers and students.

In a stunning show of support for the urgent need to establish a Learning Center, members of the School's Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors individually paid forward the first two years of the Learning Center's operation, enabling the program to be put to immediate use by Darlington students. The Second Century Campaign will endow the Learning Center so that it can continue providing valuable academic support throughout Darlington's second century.

SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN

Campaign Total **\$90 million**

Transforming Lives Through Teaching

The Learning Center	\$4,700,000
Faculty Support	\$10,000,000
Total	\$14,700,000

FACULTY SUPPORT ENDOWMENT

Mary Bailey Jones ('11) and her classmates learn from the best. It is engaging faculty mentors who grow the most successful student leaders.



Darlington's ability to provide students with the finest college preparatory experience available rests on the strength of our faculty. Like no other factor, outstanding teachers immeasurably advance the school's academic reputation.

To retain our top-notch teachers, and to continue to recruit faculty of the highest caliber, Darlington must offer more competitive compensation packages.

At Darlington, we are fortunate to have talented instructors who are committed to child-centered learning, interested in professional development and devoted to our school's mission. To retain our top-notch teachers, and to continue to recruit faculty of the highest caliber, Darlington must offer more competitive compensation packages.

We recently evaluated our salary structure and set as a goal to move Darlington's faculty salaries into the top third of peer schools over the next five years. By making this commitment to increasing compensation, we are demonstrating that our teachers deserve our respect and an income that reflects their dedication to students.

Because we expect the highest quality of instruction for all students, we will also support our faculty through opportunities for professional development and state-of-the-art classroom instructional resources. The Second Century Campaign will substantially increase endowment designated for faculty salaries and support.

transforming lives through...

opportunity

Darlington has made a difference in the lives of generations of men and women. Our goal is to offer this transformative experience to any academically qualified student. Increasing financial aid and Merit Scholarship opportunities is essential to Darlington's future.

FINANCIAL AID ENDOWMENT

Darlington's students are exceptional by almost every measure, and we are committed to continually strengthening our student body. We respect the diversity of our community and hope to foster an atmosphere of inclusivity on all levels within the school. We frequently hear our alumni say that Darlington made a great difference in their lives, and we want to ensure this transformative experience is within reach of any academically qualified student. Increasing financial aid opportunities is essential to Darlington's future.

Our goal is to admit students without regard to their ability to pay, and we will strive to meet the needs of accepted families who qualify for financial assistance.

In 2006, Darlington awarded more than \$1.5 million in financial aid, and we plan to increase this amount substantially in the coming years. Our goal is to admit students without regard to their ability to pay, and we will strive to meet the needs of accepted families who qualify for financial assistance. The Second Century Campaign will substantially increase endowment funding to provide greater financial aid opportunities to deserving students.

SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN

Campaign Total \$90 million

Transforming Lives Through Opportunity

Financial Aid Endowment \$10,000,000

Total \$10,000,000

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Constanza Ospina ('09) carries a flag representing her nationality during Opening Convocation. In 2007-08, the school community hails from 17 different states and 37 countries worldwide.



transforming lives through...

giving

The spirit of giving is exemplified through the first line of Darlington's motto, "Service Beyond Self." Those who serve Darlington do so with grateful hearts. And it is perhaps their appreciation of Darlington that most clearly defines the spirit of philanthropy. After all, giving is the greatest example of gratitude.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts are a lasting legacy, appreciated for their profoundly generous and far-reaching nature, sustaining Darlington's mission for generations to come. The Darlington School of tomorrow will be transformed by planned gifts made today.

The J. Daniel Hanks Sr. Heritage Society recognizes alumni, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and friends who have made provisions for Darlington's future through a planned gift to the school. Such gifts include bequests, gift annuities, charitable trusts, gifts of life insurance, retained life estates and other revocable or irrevocable gift agreements. A bequest intention or planned gift of any size qualifies a donor for membership in the Heritage Society. Named for distinguished alumnus J. Daniel Hanks Sr. ('27), the Heritage Society provides an important means of strengthening our endowment fund over time. It is our hope that, as a result of this campaign, every member of the Darlington family will join the Heritage Society.

As Darlington's first major fund-raising effort to include an emphasis on planned giving, the Second Century Campaign will create a solid financial foundation for Darlington's next 100 years. Donors may specify how they would like these gifts to be allocated; when no designation is made, planned gifts will be placed in the school's permanent endowment to help secure the institution's bright future. With a goal of raising \$28,000,000 in planned gifts, this campaign will enable future leaders to continue Darlington's pursuit of excellence.

ANNUAL FUND

Nothing is as important in ensuring year-to-year excellence at Darlington as the Annual Fund. Annual giving supports faculty salaries, student scholarships, and distinctive programs that make the Darlington experience exceptional. The five years of annual giving during the Second Century Campaign will bring another \$7.5 million in annual operating support to Darlington. An Annual Fund donation to Darlington is another important way to support this effort.

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Each year, Darlington graduates members of a world community who are ready to give back. Here, members of the Class of 2007 prepare to accept their next challenge.

SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN

Campaign Total **\$90 million**

Transforming Lives Through Giving

Annual Giving	\$7,500,000
Planned Gifts	\$28,000,000
Total	\$35,500,000





When Margo and I first visited Rome, it was Darlington's students who made the greatest impression on me. In my 35 years of working in education, I had never encountered a culture where students were so willing to share and so naturally endearing.

In my opinion, it is not mere coincidence that our students are open, warm, and engaging young people. That is a reflection of parents, teachers, and a school culture that is getting it right when it comes to influencing young people. For me, that is what makes Darlington special. Consider that every student who comes to Darlington has distinctive talents, skills and needs. To fulfill our mission, our daily charge is to meet each child's unique set of needs and recognize them as the wonderful individuals they are.

What is perhaps most exciting about this campaign is that it will drastically elevate our ability to be an even greater child-centered institution. Because of your commitments, we will have improved learning environments, be able to attract and retain the highest quality teachers, improve campus facilities, and better ensure that qualified students, regardless of need, are able to come and learn at Darlington.

I was drawn to Darlington, in part, because of its strong heritage, and that for over 100 years, this school has aspired to teach young men and women about wisdom, service and honor. Darlington has always been a place known for its demanding academic pursuit, rigorous athletics, enriching fine arts, moral student leadership, and deep commitment to community service. As headmaster, it is my responsibility to continue to foster an environment that seeks excellence and to pave a path for an even brighter Darlington. A successful campaign will guarantee us that future.

This campaign will be successful if you answer the call to support a mission and vision that has made a difference in your life. Darlington needs your leadership and commitment now more than ever.

My sincerest thanks,

THOMAS C. WHITWORTH III
Headmaster



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Service beyond Self
Honor above Everything**

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