

**ANTIOCH COLLEGE**  
Office of the President

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To the Parent or Guardian of our Antioch Student:

We are writing to update you about what we see as an exciting new development at Antioch College. As you may have heard already, the Antioch University Board of Trustees has approved a resolution instructing the Chancellor to explore the possibility of establishing the College as a free-standing, independent liberal arts institution as of July 1, 2008.

A group of leading College alumni who are major donors, former trustees and emeritus faculty have formed the Antioch College Continuation Corporation, for the purpose of acquiring the College. If the University and the new corporation are able to reach an agreement, upon completion of the transfer, the College would be governed by a new Board of Trustees devoted exclusively to ensuring the academic innovation and excellence that has made Antioch a leader in higher education for more than 150 years. This is tremendous news for all members of the Antioch community.

The co-chairs of the new corporation are Frances Degen Horowitz, class of 1954 and president emerita of the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, and Eric Bates, class of 1983 and deputy managing editor of *Rolling Stone* magazine. Both are former presidents of the Antioch College Alumni Association and former members of the Antioch University Board of Trustees.

The nine directors of the new corporation have personally contributed \$7 million to ensure the stability of the College, which is being held in trust until a transfer is approved. In addition, they are mounting an immediate fundraising campaign to secure the resources to re-establish Antioch as an independent and self-sustaining College, and will meet with the entire community when students return to campus in mid-January. If an agreement is reached, any operations of the College beyond June 30, 2008 would be conducted under the auspices of the Antioch College Continuation Corporation. If an agreement is not reached, it is the intention of the University to suspend the operations of the College effective June 30, 2008.

There are a host of issues to be resolved before any agreement can be reached, and a decision on the transfer is expected no later than February 24, 2008. But whether or not a transfer is approved, we want to assure you of two things:

First, Antioch College will continue to operate with full accreditation and authorization from all appropriate agencies through June 30, 2008. All of us here at Antioch College are committed to providing instruction and services to our Antioch students through the end of this academic year.

Second, qualifying 3rd and 4th year students will be able to earn their degrees under the Degree Completion Plan approved by both the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and the Ohio Board of Regents. Copies of the degree completion plan have previously been provided. If you have any questions as to whether your student qualifies for the degree completion plan, please contact the office of Transition at the number shown below. All students unable to satisfy degree requirements under the degree completion plan will be assisted by the Office of Transition in planning for their academic future.

The past seven months have been a difficult and uncertain time for all of us who love Antioch. But this new development has energized the faculty, staff and alumni of the College, and all parties are working to give the endeavor every possible chance of success.

If you would like to discuss this or any other concerns, please contact Interim President Andrzej Bloch at (937) 769-1260. The President's office will be closed from December 24 through January 1; however, you can leave a message and President Bloch will return your call. For questions about degree completion or transition, please contact the Office of Transition at 937-681-5924. This phone will be answered throughout the break.

We look forward to seeing your student back on campus on January 12, 2008 when the dorms reopen for spring term.

Sincerely,

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