



## Shared Challenges, Shared Solutions

# CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY: TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Finlandia University, the City of Hancock, and Hancock Public Schools are teaming up for an innovative collaboration called, "Campus and Community: Together for Good." We invite you to learn more about this initiative and its intended benefits.

### Core Convictions

- Challenges for growth are shared by the City of Hancock, the Hancock Public Schools, and Finlandia University.
- Shared challenges, where resources are not in abundance, urge shared solutions.
- The best solutions are often found close to home.
- Exchanges and shared usage encourages better stewardship of limited resources.

### Core Collaboration

A strategic and creative long-term exchange of resources: Finlandia University educational and recreational resources exchanged for two Hancock School District properties: Condon Athletic Complex and the Hancock Middle School.

### Background: The Properties

- Finlandia University's 2008-2013 strategic plan targets enrollment growth in its College of Health Sciences and NCAA Division III athletics programs. Finlandia requires buildings and properties to fuel and accommodate this growth.
- Hancock Public Schools strategic priorities invite similar collaboration that can provide their own program enhancements, enrollment stability, and a sustainable future.
- The Hancock Middle School program is scheduled for relocation in new construction at Hancock Central High School, leaving the historic middle school building unoccupied. Finlandia desires, in the near future, to turn the middle school into a collegiate educational space to house its College of Health Sciences.
- Finlandia University desires to fund, design, and begin developing a collegiate field complex at Condon capable of supporting the athletic programs of both the Finlandia Lions and the Hancock Bulldogs.

### Programs Offered by Finlandia: A Broad Outline

#### 1. The Hancock Award

- An initial 12-year tuition award program.
- Eligibility: Hancock Central High School graduates beginning with the Class of 2009.

#### 2. Community Educational Services Provided by Finlandia Faculty and Staff

- Annual short-courses, workshops, class lectures, and other programming in Hancock elementary, middle, and high schools on topics of school interest.
- Annual lectures, short-courses, and workshops delivered to adult learners on topics of community interest and need.
- Finlandia Speaker's Bureau offering faculty and staff expertise and experience to Hancock organizations and agencies.

#### 3. More Benefits and Shared Use

- Unique access and opportunity for public high school graduates to experience the value and benefits of a private education in the U.P.
- A public/private collaboration that positively builds on resource capacity in a rural context.
- A collegiate field complex in Hancock that can better serve the recreational interests and needs of its residents and those of neighboring communities.
- Community use of middle school facilities for performing arts, cultural, and educational programming.



*A learning community dedicated to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service.*



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