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HOUGHTON COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SIGNED CONTRACT FOR WEST SENECA CAMPUS

HOUGHTON, NY, December 7, 2009 – Houghton College is pleased to announce that a signed contract for the sale of their West Seneca campus has been received from Young Development. The contract includes a two-year arrangement allowing the college to utilize the main college building – Lambein Learning Center – to offer Houghton’s adult degree completion program, Program for Accelerated College Education (P.A.C.E.), which awards a B.S. in management to successful graduates. The college anticipates that the actual closing of the property will take place in spring/summer 2010.

The West Seneca campus of Houghton College is located in West Seneca, NY. The property consists of 36 acres, along with eight buildings totaling 57,000 square feet of residential and commercial space. The property was listed at \$2.5 million with J.R. Militello Realty Inc., a Corfac International member firm.

The campus was originally given to Houghton College by the Buffalo Bible Institute in the late 1960s and for forty years, it has enabled the college to extend their work of Christian higher education into Buffalo and Erie County in a range of ways. At various times, the college has conducted classes at the property via satellite link, housed education students who are observing or student teaching, housed students doing internships, and hosted outside groups.

The West Seneca campus is one of six sites to offer P.A.C.E., the college’s adult degree completion program that awards a B.S. in management to successful graduates. Other locations offering the P.A.C.E. program include Arcade, Dansville, Jamestown, Olean and Williamsville.

“The P.A.C.E. program of Houghton College is a vital component within the educational curriculum offered by the college,” remarked Dr. Ronald Mahurin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. “We look forward to developing and furthering strengthening P.A.C.E. in West Seneca and throughout Western New York in order to offer adult learners the opportunity to complete their degree with a nationally-recognized educational institution.”

Houghton College’s current commitment and work in the Buffalo area will remain, as will the offering of the P.A.C.E. program in West Seneca. The college’s mission in undergraduate education will continue at the main campus located in Houghton, NY, as well as in satellite locations offering the P.A.C.E. program.

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The college's ongoing work in the Buffalo area will strengthen as students involve themselves more deeply in tutoring, internships, refugee support, and a range of other education and service ventures in the city. Programs that include New Horizons (in conjunction with Journey's End Refugee Services), Hope Refugee Services, RUN (Renewing Urban Neighborhoods) – an initiative of Houghton's Office for Urban Connections (established in 2006 to serve as the liaison between Houghton College, with its resources of students, faculty and staff, and the City of Buffalo), various AmeriCorps projects, and student-teaching throughout the city remain priorities for Houghton College.

For more information on Houghton College, the P.A.C.E. program and other educational initiatives in the Buffalo area, please visit our website at www.houghton.edu.

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Houghton College, founded in 1883, provides an academically challenging, Christ-centered education in the liberal arts and sciences to students from diverse traditions and economic backgrounds and equips them to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world.

The college of 1,200 students is located in western New York, just 65 miles from Rochester and Buffalo. For more information, please visit www.houghton.edu