

# DEAR POTENTIAL ANTIOCHIAN:

Antioch College provides a unique and powerful educational experience under normal circumstances. It's not normal right now. In fact, it's kind of exciting. Nothing has demonstrated the power of an Antioch education like the events of the last several months:

- Years of poor administrative decisions created a financial crisis which, in June, caused the Board of Trustees to announce that it was suspending operations of Antioch College after the next year. (the decisions which led to this point have been documented by the student-run community newspaper, The Record - [recordonline.org](http://recordonline.org))
- Ten days later, the Alumni Association met on-campus for its annual Reunion, and organized to revive the college. The administration expected them to give up after a couple of days
- The alumni raised \$7.8 million from scratch over the next two months
- The Antioch College faculty sued Antioch University to keep the college open
- The Board of Trustees met, listened to the alumni and students and staff and faculty and Yellow Springs residents ask for the chance to keep the college open. These speeches - many of them from first-years who had been on campus just two days - can be found at [testify.antiochians.org](http://testify.antiochians.org)
- The alumni and faculty developed a business plan and raised money for a dramatic Board of Trustees meeting on-campus in late October. Alumni and friends of Antioch pledged \$18 million. The entire community gave their support. Hundreds of alumni came just for these meetings. And we all had to wait for an extra week as negotiations dragged on.
- An Agreement in Principle was reached on November 3rd, which lifted the suspension. Antioch College lives!

Just because Antioch is alive doesn't mean the struggle is over, however. Negotiations are continuing regarding the autonomy of the college within the Antioch University structure. The budget problems, low enrollment, and necessary campus repairs haven't gone away despite the Agreement in Principle. The next months and years will be filled with difficult decisions, intense arguments, occasional disappointment, and grand victories. Hard, yes, but no other undergraduate education in America will provide the opportunity to rebuild a historically unique college. It will be exciting, invigorating, and exhausting, all at once.

You can keep track of the Revival online. Facebook has two "Save Antioch" groups with hundreds of members. A student-run Myspace page is being put together. The alumni website, [www.antiochians.org](http://www.antiochians.org), is updated with the current news, and, under the Resources tab, includes historical information as well as the chance to join forums and mailing lists. And [antiochflashpoint.org](http://antiochflashpoint.org) is the student recruitment site.

Most importantly, the status of first-year and transfer applications and recruitment is constantly changing. Check [www.antioch-college.edu/Admissions/index.html](http://www.antioch-college.edu/Admissions/index.html) regularly to find out what that status is - it's being constantly updated. Or call the Antioch Hotline at (937) 681-5924.

You won't just be watching, though. You'll be part of this combination of academics, activism, and community. The current students and recent graduates in Community Government facilitated a Board of Trustees meeting. A 19-year-old second-year sits on the Alumni Admissions Committee. A graduating senior plays a rock opera with full orchestral backing for his senior project. And every weekend, the Dance Space fills up with partying students, playing pool and showing off their costumes. This place is alive now, and will be thriving soon. With you here.