

# JOHN E. DOLIBOIS

Miami University John E. Dolibois European Center (MUDEC) proudly adopted its name from John E. Dolibois (1918-2014). He served as the U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg and was the last American survivor of a team that interrogated top-ranking Nazis for the Nuremberg Trials. As it pertains to Miami's legacy, Dolibois was very instrumental in establishing the center. He was the first to suggest that it be built in his native country of Luxembourg.



His legacy lives on today as students learn of his life and the impact he has had on the university. We wouldn't be where we are today without his relentless dedication to Miami. He organized the university's first fundraising campaign, for \$14 million, from 1978-1981, which helped raise funds to build the university's Art Museum, Marcum Conference Center and Yager Football Stadium, as well as increasing the number of scholarships.

## HISTORY

Following the cultural upheaval that occurred after the experience of two world wars, many were convinced that world peace could best be advanced through study abroad. In 1968, through the efforts of Charles Ray Wilson, alongside several other administrators including Vice President John E. Dolibois, Vice President Robert F. Etheridge, Professors Warren L. Mason, Jacques Breitenbucher, Howell C. Lloyd, Marcy S. Powell, Dwight L. Smith and Del Snider, the Miami University European Center (MUEC) was established in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.



These men were committed to expanding the global outlook of Miami and offering the students the opportunity to experience the enrichment of living internationally. They set out on an endeavor to find a location that would foster the educational aspect of students' journeys as well as uphold Miami's code of Love & Honor, independent of other universities. Somewhere where Miami's reputation would be prominently recognized and relish in a high level of support from the local community.



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## FUTURE

For more than 55 years, MUDEC has represented the gold standard for study abroad programs. Committed to advancing scholarly enrichment and professional development, the Miami University Luxembourg Foundation (MULF) is dedicated to supporting high-quality education and study-abroad experiences. We aim to promote a greater sense of intellectual curiosity, tolerance, and independence through extensive exposure to European society and culture for MUDEC students, faculty, and staff.



MUDEC's longevity has been made possible by its adaptability. While we strengthen the elements of our program that have proven successful, we must also add components to allow us to effectively recruit and compete for top students. To secure the future of MUDEC, the MULF was established in 2023. The MULF allows international alumni and friends a tax-efficient vehicle to give to MUDEC and Miami University through a European Bank.

MUDEC has been fortunate to be housed in the 15th-century Chateau de Differdange for the past 25 years. With a goal of €3 million, facility and equipment improvements will enhance the learning environment and experience. In addition, the program is capacity-constrained. Current ideas to combat the age and size of the Chateau include:

- Renovating facility offices into classrooms.**
- Building façade enhancements.**
- Renovation of Cave and Mezzanine.**
- Bathroom renovations.**

**SCHOLARSHIPS** - Through the generous support of Miami alumni, each year, nearly 90 students benefit from private support. By more than doubling the amount of annual scholarship funds available, MUDEC will be able to:

- Provide accessibility to international study abroad to non-traditional, first-generation, and high-need students who have been unable to participate in the past due to cost.
- Offer scholarship support to participants of the summer program, where there is currently no scholarship support available.

**INTERNSHIPS** - We are seeking internship assistance so that students can gain international work experience. MUDEC currently offers students the ability to participate in micro-internships during the semester. The primary obstacle for students wishing to extend their global experience through an internship is cost, we seek to secure funding directed to supporting personnel costs.

**BANK INFORMATION** - If you wish to make a gift in support of MUDEC: (BY WIRE TRANSFER ONLY)

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- 1968** - Inauguration of MUEC in Luxembourg Ville, Centre Settegast at 24, rue du Curé.
- 1972** - MUEC moves to the 9, rue Goethe, in Luxembourg City. More than 550 students have been enrolled.
- 1978** - His Royal Highness Grand Duke Jean attends the convocation for the 10th anniversary of the Center.
- 1988** - MUEC becomes MUDEC to honor the dedication, donations and contributions of John E. Dolibois to the program.
- 1982** - MUDEC moves to the 45A, avenue Monterey in Luxembourg City.
- 1997** - MUDEC moves in the South of Luxembourg to the 15th century castle of Differdange. The Farmer School of Business establishes a summer program in Luxembourg.
- 2008** - MUDEC establishes a cooperative agreement with the University of Luxembourg.
- 2018** - 50th Anniversary of the center. The Luxembourg- American Chamber of Commerce awards Honorary Luxembourg-American Business Award.