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NEWS

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'Prayers of the Heart,' business leadership, Standing Rock, sumo-bots, holiday giving, graduation among upcoming University of Dayton events.

PRAYERS OF THE HEART: MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE, PEOPLE IMPACTED BY DISCRIMINATION, VIOLENCE

Several University of Dayton departments, offices, faculty, staff and students have organized a regular monthly prayer service for peace and people impacted by discrimination and violence. The prayer service will be held on the third Thursday of every month at 12:15 p.m. around the peace pole in the courtyard between St. Mary's Hall and the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The prayer service is open to the public. "As brothers and sisters in solidarity with those affected by discrimination and violence, we believe our prayers for peace and the common good can stimulate change. We also want to create a space for anyone affected by discrimination and violence to embrace and express their emotions," said Mike Bennett, campus minister for retreats and faith communities. "It is our hope for the future these prayer services will help bring healing, empathy, awareness, reconciliation and transformation on our campus, in our city and country, and beyond." For interviews, contact Shawn Robinson, associate director of media relations, at srobinson1@udayton.edu or 937-229-3391.

STANDING ROCK SLEEP OUT PLANNED AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON DEC. 5

University of Dayton students will hold a Standing Rock Sleep Out event overnight Monday, Dec. 5, to send a peaceful message of solidarity with those affected by the Dakota Access Pipeline. Camp set-up will begin at 4:30 p.m. Monday on the Kennedy Union field near the Marycrest Complex. The official start of the event is at 7:30 p.m. in Science Center room 146. Participants will begin packing up camp at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6. "We hope to act as a symbol of support to all of those who are silenced and spark the conversation regarding the sacrifices and hardships the water protectors in North Dakota bare each and every day not only for their own inalienable rights but the livelihood of all," said Sarah Richard, an event organizer and member of the River Stewards program. Fellow Steward Celia Montemurri added, "This issue is much bigger than a pipeline, and we need to push our government officials to uphold the rights of the Native peoples and do what is best for the health and well-being of all Americans." The event will also kick off the fundraiser and supplies drive to help the Defenders of the Water School

at the Standing Rock Reservation. Parking is available in Lot C. For more information, contact Meagan Pant at mpant1@udayton.edu or 937-229-3256.

SUMO-BOT COMPETITION AMONG ENGINEERING STUDENTS DEC. 6

Tim Reissman's mechanical engineering students will pit their "sumo bots" against each other at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in Kettering Labs 321. "The project is a riff on the popular driverless cars as the robots must operate autonomously without a remote control or other direct input," Reissman said. "Each team starts with the same battery power, the same size vehicle and the same weight limit. It is up to them to customize their sumo bots with strategy and innovation." The bots will "sumo-wrestle" with the goal of pushing their competitors out of a 1-meter ring during the three-minute bout. For interviews, contact Shawn Robinson, associate director of media relations, at srobinson1@udayton.edu or 937-229-3391.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON STUDENT ART SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE DAYTON FOODBANK DEC. 9

University of Dayton students will be selling and auctioning their artwork during a fundraiser for The Dayton Foodbank from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the Front Street Warehouse, 1001 E. Second St. in Dayton. Anyone donating a nonperishable food item will receive a gift while supplies last. Refreshments will be available. The Desert Kitchen Collective, a growing group of local artists who seek to eradicate food deserts and build awareness of food-related issues, is an exhibit organizer along with the University of Dayton department of art and design. "Our students are illustrating food insecurity in Dayton, recently ranked the ninth-hungriest metropolis in America, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture," said Glenna Jennins, assistant professor of art and design. "By placing the social and the spectacular — the students' artwork — side-by-side, we ponder the state of the arts in a polarized America and imagine a better, more equitable future for Dayton." For more information, contact Glenna Jennings at gjennings1@udayton.edu. For interviews, contact Meagan Pant at mpant1@udayton.edu or 937-229-3256.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON PUBLIC SAFETY "SHOP WITH A COP" EVENT DEC. 10

University of Dayton Public Safety will sponsor a "Shop with a Cop" event at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. University public safety officers will sponsor selected children and take them shopping for Christmas gifts for themselves or their families, and then treat the children to lunch. "We will identify families and children who may benefit from a little financial assistance, and hopefully we can make a difference for them," said Rodney Chatman, executive director of public safety and chief of police. "I believe the ideal model for modern police agencies should include a strong commitment to community engagement. In that light, police outreach to children plays a role in the type of relationship a community has with its police." For additional information and interviews, contact Shawn Robinson, associate director of media relations, at srobinson1@udayton.edu or 937-229-3391.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON FALL COMMENCEMENT DEC. 17

Approximately 680 students will receive their degrees during the University of Dayton's fall commencement exercises at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, in University of Dayton Arena. A live stream of the event can be found at the related link. The University will hold a baccalaureate Mass at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. Complete information about the University of Dayton's 167th commencement exercises can be found at the related link. For more information, contact Cilla Shindell at 937-229-3257 or pshindell1@udayton.edu.

WINTER SOLSTICE SUNRISE CELEBRATION, PRAYER FOR PEACE AT MOUNT ST. JOHN DEC. 21

The Marianist Environmental Education Center will hold a winter solstice sunrise celebration and prayer for peace 6:30 to 8 a.m. Wednesday Dec. 21, in Sieben Hall at Mount St. John, 4435 East Patterson Rd., Dayton, OH 45430. "We will share Pope Francis' World Day of Peace and environmental messages, go on a candlelight procession through the woods and welcome the Son of Peace at a bonfire in the prairie," said Sister Leanne Jablonski, F.M.I., University of Dayton Hanley Sustainability Institute scholar for faith and environment, and coordinator of the University's sustainability, energy and environment learning-living community. Warm beverages and breakfast foods provided. Open to the public. Donations accepted. Register by Dec 19th. For more information and registration, e-mail meec@udayton.edu or call 937-429-3582. For interviews, contact Jablonski at 937-429-3582 or ljablonski1@udayton.edu. For interviews, contact Jablonski at 937-429-3582 or ljablonski1@udayton.edu.

UPCOMING UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Professional Development Programs

Dec. 6-7: "Project Management Essentials I & II." This two-day program focuses on the practical skills, tools and techniques to manage all phases of a project. Participants will work on a practical case study project where they clarify the project's goal and objectives, identify deliverables, create a work breakdown structure, build a schedule and determine the project's path.

Dec. 6: "Leadership is Everyone's Business." Participants will discover how they have shown leadership to meet business and personal challenges, allowing them to gain the confidence and skills to increase their use of the Five Practices of Exemplary Leaders.

Dec. 13: "Time Management & Personal Productivity." As leaders advance in the organization, one of the things they quickly realize is how they manage their time determines their success and the team's success. This program will give participants time management tactics to improve your company's performance.

Dec. 14: "Professional Communications & Presence." First impressions, non-verbal communication and proper dining skills are key elements of being a business professional. Many professionals lack an awareness of or appreciation for the importance of the image they convey because they have not learned or appreciate these skills. Participants will learn how image influences perception, the skills to make a positive first impression, techniques on how to manage non-verbal communication effectively and business technology etiquette.

Jan. 12: "Navigating Difficult Conversations." This program will help attendees understand the casualties of unresolved conflict — productivity loss and employee turnover, among others. Participants also will identify their preferred conflict resolution styles and techniques to increase their personal effectiveness.

Jan. 26: "Coaching and Evaluating Performance," This session is designed to enhance management skills and prepare them for the changing demands of today's workforce. Participants will discuss the shift from a directive or "telling" style to a coaching approach and introduce concepts and skills for staff development and critiques.

The cost for a professional development program is \$395 for the general public, \$345 for University of Dayton alumni, and \$299 for center partners. For a complete schedule, list of speakers and session topics or to register, call

937-229-3115 or visit or visit the related link.

All sessions for every program run all day, unless otherwise noted, and will be on the University of Dayton River Campus at the 1700 South Patterson Building.

Emerging Leader Program

Employers can help develop future executive leaders with training on the finer points of leadership and business skills during the 2017 Emerging Leader program at the University of Dayton Center for Leadership. Registration is now open for the next 12-month, 20-session program that begins Jan. 18, and is geared toward helping employees chart a path to executive leadership. Presenters include faculty from the University of Dayton's School of Business Administration along with consultants to Fortune 500 companies. The Emerging Leader Program is open to the public and costs \$13,000; \$12,000 for partner organizations. Participants receive a certificate in leadership and admission to two of the Center's future executive development programs.

Supervisory Leadership Certificate Program

The Center for Leadership is accepting applications for this program running Jan. 19 through June 20. The Supervisory Leadership Certificate Program is a 10-day leadership development program spanning six months for leaders in public, private and not-for-profit organizations. This program will assist front-line leaders in developing skills to help them maximize individual and team performance. This program is ideal for front-line leaders and supervisors or individuals preparing for a leadership role. Upon completion of the program, they also receive two additional days of Supervisor and Professional Development programs. The cost is \$4,300; \$4,000 for partner organizations.

For more information about the Supervisory Leadership Certificate and Emerging Leader programs, contact the University of Dayton Center for Leadership at 937-229-3115 or visit the related link.