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Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) selected University of Dayton graduate student Drew Formentini to attend its annual conference April 16-18 at the University of Miami, Fla., in part for his work with Dayton Christian Center as a Graduate Community Fellow in the University's Fitz Center for Leadership in Community.

"This conference will allow me and others to come together and exchange ideas, exchange contact information and, really, hopefully share success stories on what has worked in certain situations and apply those things that I've learned and bring them back to Dayton," Formentini said. "I will also share insights I've learned at the University as an undergraduate student as well as working at Dayton Christian Center to help provide information and guidance to other people on working on some of their projects."

At Dayton Christian Center (DXC), Formentini has established himself as a leading part of the administrative team, working on developing a health and wellness program for the center and spearheading partnership collaborations on the east side of Dayton.

"I enjoy being able to work independently on some of the projects and especially, now, working on the east side and trying to rejuvenate our presence there and collaborate with different partners," he said. "I think it's a very talented group of people we're working with."

As a Graduate Community Fellow, Formentini began his two-year fellowship with DXC — an 88-year-old faith-based community action organization — in September. The University of Dayton program gives graduate students an opportunity to connect classroom learning to educational experiences within the Dayton community through meaningful and substantive roles within nonprofit agencies.

The fellows attend graduate classes full-time, work 20 hours a week with their partner agency and meet regularly with faculty mentor Bro. Raymond Fitz, S.M. The program provides each fellow with full tuition remission, a monthly stipend and the opportunity to become a community leader while pursuing any master's degree offered at the University of Dayton.

The Clinton Global Initiative was founded in 2005 by former president Bill Clinton as a direct result of his experiences in office. While president, Clinton found there was a need for cooperation between governments, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and other global leaders to confront and solve the major problems facing the world community today. President Clinton launched CGI U in 2007 to engage the next generation of leaders on college campuses around the world.

Formentini is a native of Glenview, Ill., and received his undergraduate degree in sports management from the University of Dayton, where he also served as an intern in the Fitz Center's Neighborhood Schools Center. He is now pursuing a master's degree in school counseling.

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