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THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

A VISION OF EXCELLENCE

IDENTITY

The University of Dayton — Catholic, Marianist, innovative, and transformative — is a leader in higher education and one of the preeminent Catholic universities in the nation. As a Catholic university our commitment to rigorous intellectual inquiry and vigorous dialogue is shaped by the insights of Catholic intellectual traditions that form Catholics and enlighten people of all faiths. These insights ground our convictions that faith and reason illumine one another and that all are created in the image of God. The Marianist tradition of education includes the whole person — spirit, mind, and body — connecting liberal to professional education through integrating learning and living in community. These traditions form distinctive graduates who grow in their faith, pursue lifelong learning, and achieve professional success. Educated for adaptation and change, our graduates are particularly well prepared for leadership and service in the communities in which they live and work.

As a collaborative endeavor, a University of Dayton education engages and transforms students, faculty, and staff. It emphasizes practical reasoning, moral behavior, and thoughtful reflection within a diverse and inclusive community committed to the vocation of learning.

EXCELLENCE

We achieve excellence by expecting the very best from ourselves and from one another. In order to fulfill our expectations, and in keeping with the spirit of Marianist education, we enable all members of our community to flourish. Excellence calls us to be historically grounded even as we look toward the future, and to treasure great traditions even as we prepare for change. At the University of Dayton, excellence means thinking, speaking, and writing clearly; acting judiciously and responsibly; investing our work with reason, faith, and imagination; and dedicating ourselves to a lifelong pursuit of learning. We expect all members of our community to be receptive, discerning, and critical, and to strive to be selfless and wise in their respect for, service to, and leadership of others.

WE WILL FULFILL OUR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION THROUGH:

Strengthening Our Distinctive Catholic and Marianist Identity

Our contribution to the next generation of Catholic higher education will be a fresh, compelling articulation and an inspiring example of the Catholic and Marianist principles that give the University of Dayton its distinctive mission, identity, and approach to learning. We will continue to develop and refine a Marianist vision of education, and we will strengthen our distinctive identity throughout the University.

Enriching Undergraduate and Graduate Education

Undergraduate education at the University of Dayton develops informed, thoughtful, and responsible citizens, characterized by social awareness and personal integrity. It forges the habit of critical thinking, cultivates lifelong learning, and prepares students for success in life and work. Graduate education at the University of Dayton combines research, scholarship, and professional expertise with a commitment to ethical practices that contribute to the common good.

Emphasizing Scholarship, Research, and the Arts

Scholarship, research, and the arts are the foundation of academic life. They address significant issues, pose vital questions, provide insightful responses, and generate new understanding. In all fields, the University of Dayton emphasizes innovative, collaborative, and integrative thinking that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries and draws upon rich intellectual traditions, including those of the Church.

Supporting Our Campus Learning Environment

By fully integrating learning and living in an educational experience that nurtures the whole person, including intellectual, spiritual, religious, moral, physical, and social dimensions, we renew our Marianist traditions and fulfill our ambition to be a vigorous, diverse, and transformative learning community.

Developing Leadership in and beyond Our Community

Good citizens contribute to their communities and improve the lives of others. Those who enjoy the privilege of an excellent education have a particular responsibility to serve as good stewards and leaders. Through its Marianist traditions, the University of Dayton provides a solid foundation for students, faculty, and staff to develop the skills, resources, and compassion that are essential for effective leadership and conscientious service both within and beyond the University.

Promoting Multicultural and International Learning

Our Catholic identity calls us to embrace a universal perspective on life. This makes multicultural and international learning essential. We embrace and reflect a worldview that includes the full spectrum of cultures in our region, our nation, and the world. We are committed to the development of a rich multicultural environment at home and rigorous and rewarding programs of study beyond our campus.

Building Regional Relationships and Service to Society

Our University strives to become involved with all aspects of the diverse region to which we belong. Fruitful, reciprocal relationships between the University and the region create opportunities for the entire community. Service to our region and beyond in support of social justice, peace, and other aspects of the common good is among the most important manifestations of the Marianist spirit.