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NEWS TIPS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21: WITH SHORTAGE IN U.S., BLOOD DRIVE SLATED AT UD

With a national shortage of blood making the news, the University of Dayton's pre-med honor society is sponsoring a blood drive from noon to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom on campus. The goal for the blood drive is to collect 150 pints, and walk-in donors are welcome.

About 10 to 12 donation stations will be set up in the ballroom and staffed by the Community Blood Center, 349 S. Main St.

The shortage of blood of all types has caused surgeries to be postponed in some hard-hit cities, according to officials at Community Blood Center. The shortage is being attributed to a lack of donors as well as increased need for blood as technology changes the face of health care in the U.S.

While the national average shows that 5 percent of people eligible to give blood actually donate, the figure is lower in the Miami Valley. About 4 percent of eligible donors give blood locally, according to the blood center.

The next blood drive for students, faculty, staff and alumni at UD will be held Oct. 16 as part of Homecoming Weekend.