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A house where love can dwell
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
The University will hold a series of free public events from September through March to celebrate Latino Americans: 500 Years of History, including a Hispanic Heritage Month film series co-sponsored by the Dayton Human Relations Council; scholarly panel discussions; and an exhibit of Midwestern Latino American art.

The September film series includes a documentary about the history and struggles of Latino baseball players; a fictional story of a mother and son crossing the border illegally into the U.S. years apart; and an episode of Latino Americans covering Latino history between 1980–2000.

The series has been made possible through a $10,000 grant to the University from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

Latinos: 500 Years of History is part of the NEH initiative The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square. For more information on the series and a full list of events, visit go.udayton.edu/LA500 or call x94274.

KELLY AMONG MOST INFLUENTIAL
A national testing firm has named Kevin R. Kelly, dean of the School of Education and Health Sciences, among the nation’s most influential education deans. Mometrix Test Preparation placed Kelly on its 2015 list of the “30 Most Influential Deans of Education in the United States.” Kelly, who has served as dean since 2010, was recognized for his research, professional work and the high rankings of programs in the school. The company said it created the list to show how deans have had “an invaluable impact not only on the field of education as a whole, but also on the lives of the future teachers of America who they have shepherded through their programs.”

FACULTY AND STAFF PICNIC
The annual faculty and staff picnic will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, in the Central Mall. Register by Sept. 11 to be automatically entered to win door prizes. Questions? Email picnic@udayton.edu or call x95387.

A SPECIAL GIFT
The author of the only authorized biography of humorist Erma Fiste Bombeck ’49 has donated her interview tapes to the University. Lynn Hutner Colwell, author of the 1992 book Erma Bombeck: Writer and Humorist, is donating interview recordings, her handwritten notes, photo releases and other materials to the University, which is building a repository of artifacts about the late humorist, one of the school’s most famous graduates. The donation of Colwell’s tapes comes at a time when Bombeck’s life is receiving renewed appreciation. The world premiere of a one-woman play, “Erma Bombeck: At Wit’s End,” is slated Oct. 9–Nov. 8 in Washington, D.C., as part of the Women’s Voices Theater Festival.

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETINGS
The Academic Senate is the representative body responsible for academic and educational policies of the University of Dayton having significant, universitywide impact. Its membership includes faculty, administrators and students. The senate meets from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Kennedy Union ballroom on the dates below. Visit udayton.co/CY7 for more information.

Fall 2015
■ Sept. 18
■ Oct. 16
■ Nov. 13
■ Dec. 11

Spring 2016
■ Jan. 22
■ Feb. 12 — joint faculty/staff meeting, Boll Theatre
■ Feb. 19
■ March 11
■ April 15
Take a break with

FATHER KIP STANDER, S.M.

Father Kip Stander, S.M., has served the UD community in many capacities since graduating with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics in 1973. He received his master’s in school counseling in 1988 from UD and returned briefly in 2001 to work with Campus Ministry and teach math. He returned this summer as the University’s new chaplain.

Why did you choose to join the Marianists?
I enjoyed the brothers at Covington Catholic, my high school in Kentucky. And then, I had some information from my uncle, Joe Stander, for whom the Stander Symposium is named. I knew him just a little, but we met a couple of times. I knew I wanted to work with others to educate.

You’ve lived with Marianists in Kenya and India. How has that been?
It’s been a blessing. Part of it is that I have traveled to Marianist communities, so I know there are people there that I can count on, so it’s a lot less stressful. If you’re just going on a tour, you don’t have this assurance that there’s a home for you or a community to greet you.

What did you do after Kenya?
I actually was here at UD for a year. I tried to relearn some of the culture and meet some students. Then I went to Texas. It had been below freezing for weeks in Dayton, and I had to walk a couple blocks every day. The provincial councilor asked, “How does San Antonio sound to you?” And I said, “Oh, it sounds pretty good right now!” So I went to St. Mary’s University in San Antonio and was a school chaplain there.

What are your duties as chaplain?
I make sure that there are sacramental services like Mass and Reconciliation and visiting with the sick. I do pastoral counseling and support programs. At St. Mary’s, I did a lot with the retreats and made sure that they had Mass. But I also supported the faculty and staff. I wanted to come here in the summer because it’s not as busy. I could take care of all the technology stuff before I met people and get settled before the great stuff happens in August.

Describe your experience working so closely with students.
I’m quiet and shy, so I try to find some time when we can get together and talk. I’ve found that very inspiring and sometimes very challenging to hear what people are going through. Part of that involves establishing an atmosphere where people feel comfortable and safe to be able to work through problems and express their hopes and dreams. I like to join in with some of the retreats and activities, and that is where some of the individual relationships come from.

Is Kip your real name?
It’s Charles, but I go by Father Kip because I have the same name as my father. And my parents gave me the name Kip so I just kept it. They just said they liked it and that’s all. In Kenya, in one tribe “kip” means “son of,” and so sometimes when they heard that Father Kip was coming, they expected an African. And in Ireland, I was told that a “kip” was a dump. So that’s just what you get from different places.

—Sarah Spech ’16

University DNA

Faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in interactive, high-energy workshops that will help shape the future of the University.

The University has hired Dartlet, a reputation firm, to conduct two-hour workshops — eight for faculty and staff and one for students — the week of Sept. 14.

Paul Benson, interim provost, said the consultative research will help prepare the University for welcoming a new president, launching a long-term strategic planning process and beginning the Higher Learning Commission accreditation process.

“Through engaging activities and consensus building, the Dartlet team will help define and clarify the University’s ‘DNA’ — aspects of our identity that should be carried into the future,” Benson said. “This information will affirm who we are as a Catholic, Marianist university and provide powerful tools to define and advance our aspirations for the future, helping to unify our communications and enhance the University’s academic reputation for years to come.”

Campus community members are encouraged to register at udayton.co/CZL. Participants will be entered into drawings for bookstore gift cards and an iPad, and students will receive one PATH point.

CHANGES TO EMPLOYEE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

The University has made two improvements to educational benefits offered to employees, starting with the 2015–16 academic year.

Dependents of employees are now eligible to receive additional financial support, funded by the University, for additional expenses related to special programs and educational opportunities that fall outside tuition. This includes support for off-campus programs, on-campus programs and expenses related to research, University-sponsored service, and leadership activities such as the China Institute, Chaminade Scholars and Huff Fellowships.

Under the net-price tuition plan instituted in 2013, educational support for dependents was limited to tuition — they were not eligible for any additional University funding.

“... employees — the week of Sept. 14.

“The children and dependents of employees represent some of the University’s finest students, with strong academic, service and leadership involvement,” said Troy Washington, interim vice president for human resources. “This change will enable them to compete for support for activities that in so many ways enhance their University of Dayton education.”

Another change will align the employee educational benefit with the University’s net-price tuition plan.

Since the tuition plan was implemented in 2013, when employees reached the maximum benefit for dependents at 95 percent they were responsible for paying the remaining 5 percent. As tuition rose each year, their payment increased.

With the change, once employees reach the maximum benefit, the dollar amount of that payment will be fixed, consistent with the University’s overall tuition plan. Employees will be assured of their costs and can plan better, Washington said.

“The tuition plan has been so popular with families since it was instituted, we thought we should bring the same peace of mind to our employees,” he added.

Direct educational benefits for employees are unchanged. Employees who enroll in courses do not pay tuition and are not charged an assessment.

Educational benefits allow employees and their dependents to take advantage of a University of Dayton education at no cost or a significantly reduced cost. For the 2014–15 academic year, 239 employees and 267 dependents used the benefit.

For complete information on educational benefits, please check the online employee handbook at udayton.co/B0j. To discuss specific situations, contact Beth Schwartz at x92538 or Anita Harris at x92539.

—Cilla Shindell
Singing the words of Psalm 122, the congregation prepared to enter through the doors of the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, led by the Most Rev. Joseph R. Binzer, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The Aug. 16 rededication of the chapel — attended in part by donors who made the 14-month, $12-million privately funded renovation possible — echoed its first rites of dedication and consecration June 24, 1869, celebrated by the archbishop of Cincinnati at the time, John Baptist Purcell.

“This historic renovation of the chapel,” Bishop Binzer told the congregation during his homily, “goes beyond bricks and mortar to renew the heart of the University.”

He said he had gone to the University’s homepage, clicked on the link titled “Guided by Faith,” and come to the vision statement for the chapel renovation. From that vision, he shared these words:

Since it was built in 1869, the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception has been the focal point of the University of Dayton. In terms of mission, spirituality and campus geography, the chapel marks the central axis around which the University has grown: It is truly the heart of the University of Dayton community.

In 1869 Maltese crosses were put on the side walls of the chapel. They are still there. They signify that this consecrated space must remain one whose primary purpose is to celebrate the liturgical rites of the church.

That purpose has not varied.

“Nearly every week during the past two years, the chapel renovation committee met to consider every detail behind the building’s first complete renovation since it was constructed in 1869,” President Daniel J. Curran said. “They were guided by faith, vision and unwavering principles.”

Original windows have been restored; new stained glass windows, added. A real baptismal font. A reconciliation room. Wooden pews. Universal accessibility.

But the chapel is more than a place.

At the rededication, Bishop Binzer drew the congregation’s attention to that fact by again quoting from a document on the renovation:

The history of the chapel’s refreshment, renewal and renovation reverberates in every corner, but its true power extends beyond its four walls. It appears in the lives of all who come here to worship the Triune God, receive the sacraments, pray in times of quiet hope and desperation, and share joys and sorrows. We leave this sacred space with a fervent desire, buoyed by God’s grace, to carry out the mission of Mary — the Marianist mission of bringing Christ’s life into a world always in need of refreshment, renewal and renovation.

The congregation left the chapel Aug. 16 having seen it blessed, having felt the holy water and smelled the incense, having watched the anointing of the altar and walls where hang the Maltese crosses, having rejoiced in the lighting of the candle, having celebrated the Eucharist and having seen lit the sanctuary lamp of the reservation Chapel — Christ eternally present, with his mother nearby, arms outstretched, welcoming all to the salvation earned by Jesus Christ, her son, our Lord.

—Thomas M. Columbus
FROM SKETCHBOOK TO CHAPEL

When the Immaculate Conception Chapel committee needed an individual to design pieces for the chapel, it knew exactly whom to ask.

“Brother Gary just made sense,” said Crystal Sullivan, director of Campus Ministry. “He is an outstanding member of the community and an incredible artist.”

Brother Gary Marcinowski, S.M., has crafted and designed liturgical pieces from Dayton to Waterloo, Canada, including for the chapels in Stuart and Marycrest residence halls. He is also a longtime faculty member and is teaching Foundation 3-D design this fall.

Marcinowski said it took about a year to design and build the altar, ambo, presider’s chair, tables, candlesticks, tabernacle and vigil light.

Marcinowski’s sketchbook is full of the drawings, but most of the pages are of the altar. Because the altar is at the center of the Eucharist, he wanted to make sure it was the focal point, bringing the eyes and the spirit to Christ’s mystery.

The ambo, the podium where readers stand, provided Marcinowski with a challenge. It needed to be accessible to people of all abilities — meaning it needed to be able to be raised and lowered as well as match the other pieces he was designing.

“I had to design it at the lowest position, and have it also be aesthetically pleasing regardless of the height,” he said.

The six red candlesticks are made of steel and have a square design to coincide with the squares in the altar. The processional cross, however, is made from aluminum so it can be easily carried.

The tabernacle contains elements from the old pulpit and is designed in the shape of a house to represent the presence of Christ in homes and communities.

All of the pieces are constructed of wenge, Australian lacewood and cardinal wood. Marcinowski said the red cardinal wood and dark wenge create contrast against the light lacewood in order to keep the eye intrigued.

“The main thing as a designer — even if people critique your idea — is you need to hold onto your concepts and let your style be represented,” he said.

—Erin Frey ’18
Experience UD with the swipe of a finger

The University of Dayton Experience, a new app available for download, offers a different kind of window on campus with more than just a glimpse of the University.

With a swipe of a finger, the app takes users from classrooms to the chapel, from service to sustainability, from research to residence halls, from basketball to Brown Street.

“We wanted to give students, alumni, parents and friends a dynamic, creative overview of the University of Dayton today,” said Molly Wilson, associate vice president for University marketing and strategies.

“With the app, they can learn about new approaches to academics and then seamlessly see a photo gallery of all the ways students are learning and living on campus.

“With videos, users can experience lively 90-second lectures from esteemed faculty, be transported into the howling, spirited heart of a Flyers’ basketball game, get an up-close tour of the popular rare books exhibit and travel thousands of miles to the China Institute.”

Tap icons to learn more about sustainability initiatives, student programs for faith and leadership, research and arts on campus. Test your knowledge with a Flyer basketball quiz.

Photo galleries show off campus scenes, study abroad programs and student life.

Included in the app are interactive sections on research, education, service and social justice, sustainability, athletics and campus life, along with a campus map and links to other resources.

Wilson said the University of Dayton Experience will be updated several times during the year.

“We want to keep it fresh with content that encourages people to come back and see what’s new at the University,” she said.

Currently, the free app for iPad is available at the App Store. Versions for Android and iPhone will be coming soon.

Spotlight on HUMAN RIGHTS

Participants from 15 countries will convene at the University of Dayton for The Social Practice of Human Rights Oct. 1-3 to examine how researchers and human rights workers on the frontlines can work better together; and how social movements, organizations and coalitions advocating working for human rights can promote, communicate and implement their ideas.

The conference takes place just days after a U.N. development summit and Pope Francis’ U.S. trip will shine a spotlight on many of these same topics.

Faculty, staff and students have a variety of ways to attend the conference at the 1700 South Patterson Building.

They can attend the research panels and roundtables addressing topics such as human rights funding, poverty and human development, violence, human trafficking and exploitation, religion and human rights, business and human rights, media advocacy and digital freedom, and climate justice, among others, plus the keynote address Friday, Oct. 2. The keynote speaker is César Rodríguez-Garavito, associate professor and founding director of the Program on Global Justice and Human Rights at the University of the Andes (Colombia), and a founding member of the Center for Law, Justice and Society (Dejusticia).

Students can also attend the Saturday, Oct. 3, plenary dialogues focused on the 2015 U.N. global sustainable development goals discussed at the U.N. summit. The plenary sessions are:

- Poverty and Human Development with J. Mark Brinkmoeller (USAID), Ejimi Dike (US Human Rights Network), Kate Donald (Center for Economic and Social Rights) and Jane Sloane (Global Fund for Women)
- Corporate Social Responsibility with David Schilling (Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility), Katherine Gallagher (Center for Constitutional Rights) and Arvind Ganesan (Human Rights Watch)
- Climate Justice with Tariq Banuri (Member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), Richard Hiskes (Grand Valley State University) and Jacqui Patterson (NAACP)

Register at go.udayton.edu/hrc.

Free registration must email hrc@udayton.edu.

Faculty are encouraged to bring their students. Please contact hrc@udayton.edu to make arrangements to bring your class.

A free shuttle also will run to and from River Campus.

Faculty/staff/students (no meals) Free
Faculty/staff (meals) 60 percent discount off full and partial conference rates using code UDFACSTAFF
Students (meals) $25/day
THINKING BIG
UNIVERSITY HITS NEW RECORD IN PRIVATE SUPPORT

It’s officially a new school record. Buoyed by a number of multimillion-dollar gifts, the University attracted $66 million in new commitments, including $29 million in cash, last fiscal year.

“The University of Dayton is thinking more broadly and boldly — and that leads to bigger gifts,” said Dave Harper, vice president for advancement. “We have great aspirations, great plans and a great faculty and staff to implement them.”

THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- $12.5 million commitment from the George (Class of 1977) and Amanda Hanley Foundation — the single largest gift in University history — to establish the Hanley Sustainability Institute, a multidisciplinary center for educating students to address sustainability and social justice challenges. “The Hanleys are working with our faculty to build a national model for sustainability education,” Harper said. “They’re partners as much as they are donors. They really pushed us to dream big.”
- $8 million planned gift that will be used to establish an endowed scholarship fund for student-athletes who are first-generation college students.
- $7 million in cash from Fuyao Glass America Inc. that has allowed the University to purchase the five-story, 68,000-square-foot facility housing the China Institute in Suzhou Industrial Park. “It’s an amazing gift, undoubtedly one of the largest gifts a Chinese company has given to an American entity. The company’s philanthropy aligns with its strategy of educating more Chinese engineers,” Harper said.
- $6.7 million in cash gifts to athletics, allowing the University to complete the Olsen Athletics Performance Center and start major renovations to the Donoher Basketball Center and Frericks Center.
- $4.8 million in endowed scholarship gifts.
- $2.5 million bequest from Norman and Lucille Schaefer to establish an endowed chair in marketing in the School of Business Administration.
- $2.3 million from Reunion Weekend classes.
- 817 gifts from alumni and friends to construct an “I Love UD” house, a five-bedroom “green” home on Stonemill that welcomed its first residents this fall.
- Four multimillion-dollar gifts. “We received more gifts of $3 million and above than in the past 10 years combined,” said Chris Morrison, associate vice president for advancement.
- 424 first-time alumni donors.

“After seeing the alumni participation rate increase in 2013, the rate has remained flat the past two years,” Harper said. “However, this measurement is simply a percentage and not the total number of donors. Increasing the number of donors is a methodical and purposeful strategy. We are focused on acquiring donors at the right time and life stage so that their giving is more consistent and purposeful.”

A case in point: young alumni. In an unusual move, the University will not solicit alumni during their first four years after graduation.

“As far as we know, we’re the only university doing this,” Morrison said. “During this time, we want to focus on engagement around networking, mentorship, service, continuing education and social activities. They gave UD four years. Now, it’s UD’s turn to give them four years back.”

Harper said the University is in the beginning stages of implementing a comprehensive engagement strategy. “We are focused on adding value for alumni and friends as they move through life stages,” he said. “Concepts under way include a nationwide mentorship program, customized communications, free educational and professional development opportunities, and other value-added programming.

“The first time an alum hears from us should not be an ask for money. We want to provide value to our alumni. We want them to feel connected to their alma mater — for life.”

—Tori Rizvi

RITES RIGHTS WRITES

“It’s Your Nature.”

The theme this year for Rites. Rights. Writes. is open to interpretation.

“We felt that it would allow faculty and students a number of ways to express the nature of what they do and why they do it, while learning more about the core principles of other disciplines,” Chenoweth said.

“By learning about Nature (with a capital N) and the nature of (fill in the blank), we hope to engage students and faculty in a thoughtful dialogue about another aspect of what it means to be human,” he said.

The campus community will be able to interact through concerts, performances, art installations and other opportunities. A major component will be a Dayton Ballet performance April 3, 2016, of Prokofiev’s Romeo and Juliet. It is open to all first-year students.

“It’s Your Nature” also includes new partnerships with local artists and venues. Students will have free admission to the Dayton Art Institute, and faculty and staff accompanying students are also admitted at no cost to exhibitions, lectures and panels.

Local sculptor and musician Michael Bashaw is partnering with faculty and staff throughout the year as the first sustainability artist-in-residence.

Chenoweth said faculty and staff can also still get involved and receive assistance developing new events.

“It’s Your Nature” marks the third year for Rites. Rights. Writes. A campuswide initiative to examine complex issues through a variety of academic disciplines.

“Rites. Rights. Writes. belongs to the university and exists to break down barriers and emphasize the nature of our Marianist heritage, one of community, inclusion and sharing,” Chenoweth said.

A complete list of events and more information on program partners is available online at go.udayton.edu/rrw.

Harper named Duquesne AD

David Harper, vice president for advancement, has been named director of athletics for Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He previously served as associate vice president for athletics.

Harper will start his new position later this fall. Christopher Morrison, associate vice president, will serve as interim vice president.
To-do list

TO VIEW

- Wednesday, Sept. 16: Film Screening: ¡Viva Baseball!, 6:30 p.m., Roesch Library Collab. Tom Nichols, Dayton Dragons director of media relations and broadcasting, hosts ¡Viva Baseball!, a documentary about the history and struggles of Latino baseball players. Popcorn and soft drinks provided. Part of UD’s Latino Americans: 500 Years of History series. For more information, visit udayton.co/CYr.


TO WORSHIP

- Monday, Sept. 14: Celebration of Marie Thérèse de Lamourous, 12:30 p.m., Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Celebrate the life of one of the Marist founders at Mass with the Office for Mission and Rector and Campus Ministry.

TO TASTE

- Wednesday, Sept. 16: Culture Fest, 5 p.m., Central Mall. Experience UD’s diversity with free food, music and dance from many cultures.

TO LEARN

- Thursday, Sept. 17: STARS: Spotlight on Technology, Arts, Research and Scholarship, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Science Center auditorium. STARS is a campus-wide event that gives UD faculty the opportunity to present their research and scholarship in the social sciences, arts and humanities, natural sciences, engineering, law, and business. The brief presentations are geared toward all audiences from across campus. For more information, visit udayton.edu/research/STARS.

TO EXPERIENCE

- Sept. 18–20: Family Weekend 2015. Families of current students can register by Sept. 15 for a weekend of events that include a UD football game, 5K run, cornhole tournament, murder mystery dinner, casino night, cooking classes and more.

TO ATTEND

- Friday, Sept. 11: Faculty meeting, 3:30 p.m., Kennedy Union Boll Theatre.

- Monday, Sept. 14: Staff meeting, 3:30 p.m., Kennedy Union Boll Theatre.

- Friday, Sept. 18: Academic Senate meeting, 3:30 p.m., Kennedy Union ballroom.

- Tuesday, Sept. 22: Friends of Latin America reception, 3:30 p.m., Kennedy Union Torch Lounge.

TO REMEMBER


For more events, visit udayton.edu/calendar.