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AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENTS INVITED TO UD'S 'COLORS OF LEADERSHIP' CONFERENCE MARCH 23-24

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton's office of diverse student populations will host the fifth annual "Colors of Leadership" conference for African-American college students March 23-24 at Kennedy Union on campus.

Cost is $25 and participants can register the first day of the event or online at www.udayton.edu/~DSP/.

This year's theme is "Constructing the Toolbox for a New Generation of Leaders."

"The event was created to help develop leadership skills among African-American college students as future leaders of communities, corporations and the world at large," said Sakinah Patton, one of the organizers of the conference.

African-American students from UD, Miami University, Wright State University, Central State University, Wilberforce University and Sinclair Community College are encouraged to attend.

Key goals for the conference, organizers say, are to educate and empower students on leadership styles from a minority perspective, develop leaders who will help their communities beyond college and help students identify personal skills and talents that can create leadership opportunities.

Highlighting the conference on Friday, March 23, will be an "Apollo Night" talent contest in McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes St.

On Saturday, March 24, an all-day workshop will be held in Kennedy Union. Topics will include "From Clubhouse to Skyscrapers: Engineering the Future," "Laying the Foundation Between Minorities and Professors," "Assembling a Strong Financial Portfolio," "True Diversity in Our Community: The Black and Homosexual Agenda" and "Demolishing Ignorance."

Keynote speaker for Saturday's luncheon will be Steven Birdine, president and founder of Affirmations in Action, a diversity consulting firm for universities.

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