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NEWS TIPS

APRIL 6-8: COLLEGE STUDENT INVESTORS ENTRUSTED WITH REAL MONEY

Against the backdrop of a bear market, finance students from business schools around the nation are traveling to Dayton April 6-8 to compete in the first nationwide student portfolio management competition and learn from some of the nation's top investment strategists.

About 300 students from 41 schools and 25 states will be on hand to participate in the RISE (Redefining Investment Strategy Education) symposium, sponsored by the University of Dayton's School of Business Administration. A growing number of business schools allow students to manage portfolios of real money, with nine universities, including UD, now giving students at least \$1 million to manage.

"This is a tremendous time for learning because the markets are so volatile," said David Sauer, associate professor of finance at UD and symposium organizer. "From an educational perspective, this time is the best. Students learn the importance of managing risk and the need for adequate diversification. There's nothing better in terms of learning than when you have to make a decision and live with it."

Key sessions for media coverage include:

Friday, April 6 — Student Portfolio Competition at the Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St. Most sessions are closed to the media, but sessions from 1:30 to 2 p.m. in room 304 and 3:50 to 4:20 p.m. in room 302 will feature University of Dayton team presentations, and those session are open to the media.

6 to 7:30 p.m. — A reception for all participants will be held in the atrium lobby of Joseph E. Keller Hall on campus.

Saturday, April 7 — Top investment strategists will share their insights with participants. All sessions will be held in room 305-306 at the Dayton Convention Center.

9 a.m. — Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist of A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc., on "Outlook for the U.S. Equity Markets."

10:45 a.m. — Elizabeth J. Mackay, chief investment strategist of Bear Sterns, on "Growth and Value Investment Opportunities."

1 p.m. — Joseph V. Battipaglia, chief investment strategist of Gruntal & Co. LLC, on "Global Investment Opportunities."

2:15 p.m. — Edward (Ned) Riley Jr., chief investment strategist of State Street Global Advisors, on "Does Asset Allocation Still Matter? Stocks, Bonds or Cash."

4 p.m. — Robert J. Froehlich, vice chairman of Scudder Investment, on "Demographic Investment Opportunities."

7 to 8:30 p.m. — Awards banquet in the Kennedy Union Ballroom on campus. Winners of the growth, blend and value divisions of the student portfolio competition will be announced.