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A national testing firm has named Kevin R. Kelly, dean of the University of Dayton's 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.”
Mometrix recognized Kelly, who has served as dean since 2010, for his research, professional work and the high rankings of programs in the school.

"Dean Kelly exhibits deep passion for effective, high-quality teaching in K-12 education and works hard to support the faculty and staff who invest so much talent and care to prepare our students well for the teaching profession," said Paul Benson, University of Dayton interim provost. “At the same time, Dean Kelly is an innovator in thinking about how the School of Education and Health Sciences can serve its diverse constituents across a broad range of academic fields. This national recognition of his leadership is well deserved."

Mometrix said it based its list on state and national awards and honors, education program rankings, pay earned by alumni who became teachers and other factors.

The company noted Kelly oversees an elementary education program ranked fourth in the nation by the National Council on Teacher Quality, and a middle childhood education program ranked in the top five by StartClass, a research engine for education information.

Mometrix also recognized Kelly’s published journal articles and an award from the National Career Development Association for the most Outstanding Research Article of 2009. Mometrix also noted his service to the American Counseling Association, the National Career Development Association and other groups.

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 whom they have shepherded through their programs.”

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