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The University of Dayton for the 10th straight year was named one of the best schools in the nation for students aspiring to launch their own businesses — with a special recognition as one of the five top schools that offer undergraduate entrepreneurs hands-on experience.

The Princeton Review and *Entrepreneur* magazine ranked the University 15th on the list of the “Top

25 Undergraduate Schools for Entrepreneurship Studies for 2016.” The list was published today at www.princetonreview.com/entrepreneur.

“Our decade of excellence speaks volumes about the work that has gone into building the entrepreneurship program at the University of Dayton,” said Vincent Lewis, director of the Crotty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. “The vision of former President Brother Raymond Fitz and alumnus Bill Crotty, the commitment from leadership at the University and within the School of Business, and the hard work of the entrepreneurship faculty has helped build and sustain the entrepreneurship program and its national ranking.”

The Princeton Review evaluated hundreds of schools based on the percentage of faculty, students and alumni actively and successfully involved in entrepreneurial endeavors, the number and reach of mentorship programs, funding for scholarships and grants for entrepreneurial studies and projects, and dozens of other areas.

Entrepreneur spotlights the University as one of the “Top Colleges for Entrepreneurship offering unique hands-on opportunities for undergraduates.” The magazine highlights Flyer Enterprises, one of the largest student-run businesses in the nation.

Students can also get experience outside of the classroom with the \$90,000 Business Plan Competition, as an investor in the \$1 million Flyer Angels fund, or by working with a nonprofit organization through Flyer Consulting.

“They are all student initiatives, student-led and student managed,” said Jay Janney, entrepreneurship faculty and chairman of the department of management and marketing. “We put our students out front and let them succeed or fail, and I think the rankings show that mostly they’ve been successful.”

Since the University first offered entrepreneurship classes in 1999, the program has seen steady growth and is one of the fastest-growing majors in the School of Business Administration.

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