KEEN Mindset

University of Dayton
The Kern Family Foundation honored Eddy Rojas, dean of the University of Dayton School of Engineering, with its 2015 Outstanding Dean Award for his exemplary work within the Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network (KEEN). KEEN is a network of U.S. universities that strive to instill an entrepreneurial mindset in undergraduate engineering and technology students. Rojas received the award at the 2016 KEEN Winter Conference on Jan. 5 in Tempe, Arizona.

"We want to publicly acknowledge Dean Rojas' exceptional leadership, both at the University of Dayton and within KEEN. We hope others will be inspired by his successes and his commitment to building a strong network dedicated to instilling the entrepreneurial mindset in engineering students," said Thor S. Misko, program director and team leader of KEEN.

As a member of the KEEN since 2008, the University of Dayton and its Innovation Center have long been considered "best in class" in graduating engineers who are equipped with an entrepreneurial mindset and will transform the U.S. workforce. The foundation presented the School of Engineering with the Best in Class Award at the 2013 KEEN Winter Conference.

In 2014, KEEN awarded the School of Engineering a $1.2 million grant to initiate the largest faculty and curriculum development program in the history of the University of Dayton School of Engineering. Much of the funding is going toward developing activity-based, project-based and entrepreneurially minded classes to enhance the student experience.

In 2012, the University was part of a three-year, $2.4 million award with Baylor University, the University of Detroit Mercy and Villanova University to develop ways to educate engineers to
contribute to the entrepreneurial cultures of their companies.

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