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Community and campus leaders comment on University of Dayton President Eric F. Spina:

"After spending time with Dr. Spina in both Washington and on the campus of the University of Dayton, I can tell you that he is an accomplished engineer and dedicated educator who understands what it takes to prepare students for the 21st century job market. I am confident that he will continue to do an outstanding job of leading the unique Dayton community – working to balance its tight-knit atmosphere while expanding the university's national and global footprint. I am looking forward to continuing to work with him on issues important to the University of Dayton." — U.S. Senator Rob Portman

"Dr. Eric Spina's installation in the presidency of the University of Dayton pairs an extraordinary leader in higher education with a world-class university. As I have come to know Eric, I have been struck that his values of student-focused learning and an emphasis on the greater Dayton community are a natural fit for the University of Dayton. I look forward to working with Eric and his team to make more opportunities for students of both UD and Sinclair and to work with them in making a difference in the community we share." — Sinclair Community College President Steve Johnson

“The contributions of the University of Dayton to this community have been extraordinary. After meeting the new president, Eric Spina, I feel confident that the University will continue to do bigger and even better things with him at the helm.” — Ohio House Minority Leader Fred Strahorn

“I have appreciated Dr. Spina's quick and broad engagement with community stakeholders like Chaminade Julianne, and his keen interest in aligning the interests of the University with all those who are working to make the greater Dayton region stronger and who see a growing leadership role for the University of Dayton. I am particularly grateful for his leadership of the University's efforts to make a UD education more attainable for outstanding CJ graduates. Because we share a common Marianist heritage, I know there are many of our graduating seniors who are excited to become Flyers in August because of new outreach from UD.” — Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School President Daniel J. Meixner

“There is very little Dr. Spina isn't doing to show his commitment to UD students, save perhaps mopping floors (however, I am unable to keep tabs on the man around the clock, so I can neither confirm nor deny this). He wants to be an active member of the community, not just the guy who makes all the big decisions.” — University of Dayton senior Corey Kuminecz

“I'm grateful for Dr. Spina's dedication to forging partnerships between the University and regional economic assets. Collaboration has been key in rejuvenating our workforce and bringing jobs back to the region. I look forward to working with President Spina and our legislative delegation as we continue addressing workforce needs and creating opportunities that make Montgomery County a safer, healthier place for Ohioans to live, work and raise their families.” — Ohio Sen. Peggy Lehner