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The University of Dayton expects to welcome one of its largest, most diverse and academically gifted classes in school history this fall.

The University received more than 2,200 deposits for the class of 2021 — a new record and a 24 percent increase over last year.

“We look forward to welcoming these students to campus as we build our national reputation as the University for the Common Good,” said President Eric F. Spina. “A more diverse community improves learning and problem solving, enhances research and innovation, and strengthens organizational culture and teamwork.”

The incoming class sets a record for underrepresented students. About 16 percent of the class identifies as domestic students of color, an increase of 5 percentage points over last year.

There is also significant growth in enrollment of students from lower income families, including a 22 percent increase in Pell grant recipients.
Standard measures of academic quality, standardized test scores and high school GPAs are also on par with previous records.

“The strong enrollment indicates the University's reputation continues to resonate across the nation and around the world,” said Jason Reinoehl, vice president for strategic enrollment management. “Students are drawn to the quality education offered here, the sense of community among faculty, staff and students, and the Catholic, Marianist values that are at the heart of everything we do.”

The class of 2021 will be the latest to take advantage of the University's tuition guarantee, which was instrumental in helping the class of 2017 improve its graduation rate by 8 percentage points over the previous year and decrease student loan borrowing by $6 million.

The tuition plan promises students their financial aid will grow dollar for dollar to match any tuition increases, so what they pay their freshman year is what they'll pay their senior year. Students also have access to a four-year textbook scholarship worth up to $4,000 and study abroad opportunities at no extra cost.

The University of Dayton, founded in 1850 by the Society of Mary (Marianists), remains one of the best values among nationally ranked private, Catholic universities in the nation.

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