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## Dayton 2021

The University of Dayton will welcome its largest and most diverse class in school history this fall.

More than 2,250 first-year students from 41 states and 16 countries begin classes Aug. 23.

“We are excited for this record-breaking class to join our Flyer family,” said Jason Reinoehl, vice president for strategic enrollment management. “They chose the University for its strong national reputation as a top-tier Catholic research institution and we look forward to helping them use their education and experience at UD to make a positive impact on the world.”

The class of 2021 set a new record for students from underrepresented populations. About 16 percent of the class identifies as students from underrepresented racial and ethnic populations, 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.

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A national publication covering the wind power engineering industry and several local outlets featured the University of Dayton Research Institute's new wind turbine to boost alternative-energy research and

Standard measures of academic quality, standardized test scores and high school GPAs are also on par with previous records.

“The incoming class will help the University build on its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion,” said Lawrence Burnley, vice president for diversity and inclusion. “The more we commit ourselves to making UD accessible to students from all backgrounds, and inclusive of the rich cultural gifts they bring, the more we are following our Catholic, Marianist educational philosophy and tradition.”

A number of additional records were set, and worth noting are those in the School of Engineering. Students from underrepresented racial and ethnic populations represent 18 percent of the incoming class, an increase of 5 percentage points over the previous record. The class also has the highest percentage of female students ever at 28 percent, which is above the national enrollment rate for women in engineering of 22 percent reported by the American Society for Engineering Education. Additionally, for the first time at the University, more women than men will be enrolled as first-year chemical engineering majors, 54 percent to 46 percent, respectively.

“These are important milestones for the School of Engineering,” said Dean Eddy Rojas. “These results also reflect our efforts to connect with students individually to show them the strength of our faculty, the rigor of our programs and opportunities for them to become involved in our research.”

Overall, the class of 2021 will be the latest to take advantage of the University’s fixed net-price tuition guarantee, which was instrumental in helping the graduating class of 2017 establish a record 4-year graduation rate and in driving decreases in student loan borrowing by more than \$6 million.

The tuition plan promises students their scholarships and grants will grow dollar for dollar to match any tuition increases, so what they pay for tuition 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 a study abroad scholarship of \$3,000.

Also, for the first time, students enrolled in the UD Sinclair Academy will transition from Sinclair to UD to continue their education. The

educational opportunities. Also, Caroline Waldron Merithew was the subject of a American Historical Association member spotlight and Law.com blog Ahead of the Curve and an op-ed in Inside Higher Ed discussed the School of Law’s entry into online education.

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academy eases the transition between Sinclair College and UD and helps remove financial hurdles that might exist for some students.

The incoming class will move in on Aug. 18. The University will welcome them at convocation Aug. 22 in the RecPlex.

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