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Maria Loyd is registered for classes. She has her textbooks. And she already knows a few friends in her major.

When she steps foot on campus this fall, she’ll mark an important chapter for the University of Dayton — as one of the first students to enroll as part of the UD Sinclair Academy.

The UD Sinclair Academy launched last year to allow students to begin their studies at Sinclair College and earn a bachelor’s degree from the University of Dayton. It eases the transition between Sinclair and UD and helps remove financial hurdles that might exist for some students, making a four-year education more accessible and affordable.

“We are so proud of this innovative partnership with Sinclair and the opportunity it provides to students and families,” said Jason Reinoehl, vice president for strategic enrollment management. “The community has really embraced the Academy, and we continue to focus on offering students the most seamless transition so they are set up for success from day one.”

The Academy now has pathways in 25 in-demand majors. Twenty-one Academy students will be enrolled at Sinclair this fall. Loyd and two other students are the first to transition in their pathways to the University of Dayton.

For Loyd, “It just all worked out perfectly,” she says.

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After graduating from Kettering Fairmont High School, she enrolled at Sinclair to explore what field she wanted to study.

“I was paying for my college so it was affordable and I was able to figure out what I wanted to do,” she said.

She soon decided she wanted to be a teacher, and it was in an education class that she learned about the Academy. She worked with advisors on both campuses to determine all her classes from Sinclair would count toward a degree in the University’s middle childhood education bachelor’s program.

“It was fantastic,” she said.

As a member of the Academy, Loyd also had access to University facilities and amenities, including athletic events, peer mentoring and the opportunity to join student clubs while she was taking classes at Sinclair. The financial benefits were most important to her, she says.

Academy students lock in tuition for their junior and senior years at the rate in effect when they enter the Academy. They’re eligible for merit scholarships worth up to $17,000, additional grants funded by the University, federal government or state government, as well as a textbook scholarship of up to $2,000 and a $3,000 study-abroad scholarship.

She says she never thought she’d be able to call herself a UD graduate. But now she’s looking forward to “going to a great school with a great education.”

“The Academy made it possible,” she said.

The deadline to apply for the fall semester is Sept. 1. A UD Sinclair Academy informational event will be held at the University of Dayton on Oct. 26. More information is available at udayton.edu/academy.

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