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Best-selling management and leadership author Dan Heath comes to the University of Dayton Center for Leadership to teach executives, but it's usually the other way around because of the quality of the area's executives and the University of Dayton environment.

"I have been working with UD and the Center for Leadership since 2006. My experience in Dayton has been fantastic," said Heath, author of Decisive, which reached No. 3 on Amazon's list of management and leadership books. "We always have a great, diverse group of senior executives from places like Cintas, Emerson, CareSource, P&G, J&J and others. Working with a group like that in UD's intimate environment means I end up learning as much as I teach."

Heath even thought enough of area business executives that he enlisted their feedback on Decisive, although he already had a bestseller under his belt with Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard. Switch debuted at No. 1 on The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal lists.

"My brother Chip and I value our friends here in the Dayton region so much that we had Dayton-area executives provide us with early feedback on our new book, Decisive," said Heath, who presented two executive development sessions at the center in April.

Heath isn't the only best-selling author on the Center's docket this year. David Allen, who Fast Company called "one of the world's most influential thinkers on personal productivity," will present "Getting Things Done: Mastering Your Workflow to Success" on Wednesday, May 8. TIME magazine called the book this program is based on the defining self-help business book of its time.

Allen's presentation is part of the Center's executive development program, which provides customized lessons to address challenges business executives face. The cost per session is $995 for the general public, $945 for University of Dayton alumni and $870 for center partners.

"The UD Center for Leadership is one of a kind," Heath said. "I'm always blown away by the caliber of the other speakers on its calendar. The Center's leaders have cultivated great relationships with both local executives and with national thought leaders."

In addition to the Center's executive development programs, there are programs tailored to supervisor and professional development for leaders looking to make an impact or an organization looking to train and retain key talent. The cost is $395 per session for the general public, $345 for University of Dayton alumni and $290 for center partners.

There are two upcoming sessions accepting registrations — "Effective Conflict Management Tools, Process and Skills Practice" on May 7, and "Communication Skills for Leaders" on May 14.

All of the Center's sessions are in the 1700 South Patterson Building on the University of Dayton campus.

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