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05.17.2012 | Students The University of Dayton's board of trustees today approved a proposed \$10 million renovation of Founders Hall.

The initial phase of the renovation is expected to begin in May 2013, with the final phase wrapping up the following summer.

Constructed in 1954 in the heart of campus, Founders Hall is the University's oldest residence hall on the predominantly residential campus. It houses approximately 400 students.

"We are building a strong learning-living environment for students," said Daniel J. Curran, president. "We continue to make major investments in both residential and academic facilities. The library and science center are receiving multi-million-dollar renovations, starting this summer."

University officials expect to finance the Founders Hall renovation through bonds.

Over the past decade, the University of Dayton has invested in new and renovated residential facilities. The University constructed Marianist Hall, ArtStreet and the Caldwell Street Apartments. The nearly finished townhouse-style development along six acres of Brown and Caldwell streets will open its doors to 400 students in August.

In addition, the University modernized all of its large residence halls — Marycrest, Stuart, Virginia W. Kettering — and the Campus South apartments. The improvements are part of a long-range housing strategy.

The University of Dayton's enrollment remains strong. In August, the University expects to enroll one of the largest first-year classes in the school's history. In the past decade alone, first-year applications have doubled.