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The University of Dayton's R.I.S.E. XII Investment Forum has partnered with some of the biggest names in finance as sponsors for the March 29-31 event.

"Our sponsors represent some of the most influential companies and organizations in the investment industry," said David Kudla, CEO and chief investment strategist, Mainstay Capital Management LLC. "They support the forum as an important and invaluable learning experience.

"Many of our corporate partners will also have a presence at the forum to meet and network with students who are looking for internships and careers in this industry," said Kudla, who is spearheading the event and serves on the University's School of Business Advisory Council.

R.I.S.E. XII (Redefining Investment Strategy Education) will feature internationally renowned financial leaders to share outlooks and perspectives on the economy, stocks, alternative investments and international and emerging markets.

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Best-selling author Ben Mezrich, whose book about the founding of Facebook became the movie The Social Network, will keynote the opening day of the student investment conference on Thursday, March 29, at the University of Dayton Arena. Other highlights of the first day include keynote addresses and panel discussions with industry leaders.
March 1 is the early bird deadline for reduced registration. Early registration for professionals is $200 (includes lunch) before March 1, and $250 after that date.

Early registration for students and faculty for the two-and-one-half-day event is $225 for students and $300 for faculty until March 1, after that date registration is $250 for students and $350 for faculty.

Pre-registration is required and cannot be accepted on the day of the event. Online registration ends March 17. For more information and to register, visit http://rise.udayton.edu or email rise@udayton.edu or call 937-229-1444.

Now in its 12th year as the largest and longest-running student investment forum, R.I.S.E. brings together leading investment professionals with students and faculty in an interactive, informative setting. Since R.I.S.E. began in 2001, the forum has attracted nearly 13,000 participants from the financial industry and colleges and universities from around the globe.

The forum is presented in association with the United Nations Global Compact, a voluntary corporate responsibility initiative focused on the areas of human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption. The compact brings companies together with U.N. agencies, labor and civil society to advance universal social and environmental principles.

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