

12-14-2011

Champions and Scholars

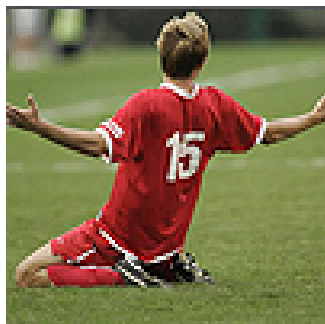
Follow this and additional works at: https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls

Recommended Citation

"Champions and Scholars" (2011). *News Releases*. 768.
https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls/768

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Marketing and Communications at eCommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in News Releases by an authorized administrator of eCommons. For more information, please contact frice1@udayton.edu, mschlangen1@udayton.edu.

University of Dayton, Ohio (url: <http://www.udayton.edu/index.php>)



Champions and Scholars

12.14.2011 | Athletics

An anonymous donor is helping the Dayton Flyers Champions & Scholars Fund blast off its second year with a \$100,000 gift and then some.

In addition to the \$100,000 gift, the donor has agreed to match all unrestricted Champions & Scholars Fund gifts of \$250 or greater made before March 1. For tax purposes, gift amounts are not doubled by the match.

"The passion and enthusiasm of our friends, alumni and staff has established the Dayton Flyers as one of the most-followed programs, at home and on the road, in the nation," said Tim Wabler, vice president and director of athletics. "But when an individual makes a commitment for additional financial support, it demonstrates their understanding of how critical it is to provide an opportunity for the Flyers to get better on a daily basis. This gift underlines the importance of private contributions in support of our student-athletes and coaches, and encourages others to join them in their generosity."

In its inaugural year, more than 2,600 members from 38 states helped the Champions & Scholars Fund get off to a strong start. This year, the goal is to increase Champions & Scholars Fund membership to more than 3,000 supporters.

"Last year, we had 2,600 supporters make an investment in our student-athletes, giving them the opportunity to receive a world-class education while competing for championships," said Brian Tracy, director of development for athletics. "With a cumulative GPA of 3.26 and a graduation rate of 95 percent, student-athletes continue to represent the University in both academics and athletics on the national stage."

Active membership begins with a minimum annual contribution of \$100 to University of Dayton athletics. Members of the Champions & Scholars Fund provide and enhance opportunities for more than 400 University of Dayton student-athletes on 17 teams. Gifts immediately impact the program by supporting scholarships, operational expenses and facility enhancements.

For more information about the Champions & Scholars Fund or supporting University of Dayton athletics, please call 937-229-2845 or visit the related link.