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The University of Dayton is still counting, but as the traditional deadline for students to submit enrollment deposits passed May 1, the University is preparing for another banner year of first-year enrollment.

The University has attracted nearly 2,000 enrollment confirmations — approximately 200 more than its goal and the second year in a row deposits have exceeded the goal.

"In an economy that remains uncertain, the value of the education and experiences offered by the University is of prime importance and at the heart of the decision to attend the University of Dayton," said Kathy McEuen Harmon, dean of admission and financial aid. "As the world undergoes increasingly rapid change, the University's Catholic, Marianist philosophy of preparing students to adapt in a changing world resonates with students and families."

With a record number of deposits coming from outside the state, Ohio's largest independent university is increasingly attractive to out-of-state and international students, Harmon said.

In just five years, out-of-state deposits have jumped nearly 10 percentage points to a record 48 percent this year. One of the University's strategic goals is to increase geographic diversity in its student body. The greatest percentages of growth came from families in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Illinois and Tennessee.

Commitments from international students reached a new university record, with about 221 confirmed deposits this year from graduate, doctoral and undergraduate students.

"The national — and international — reputation of the value of a University of Dayton education continues to attract high quality students," she said.

Entering test scores are on par with the last two years, making the incoming class among the best academically prepared classes in the University's history, as measured by college entrance test scores and high school GPAs. Harmon said sustaining last year's record levels for these indicators demonstrates the University is increasingly attractive to top students in the nation.

Harmon said the University had early indications deposits would be strong. The number of applications exceeded last year's total by more than 700. More than 7,000 students and families visited campus, a good predictor of enrollment interest.

"Students and families who visit the University of Dayton campus find a welcoming, academically challenging, supportive community of excellence," she said. "They meet current students, staff and faculty, and have a chance to experience for themselves the one-on-one attention that characterizes a University of Dayton education."

The University's strong science and engineering programs also continue to attract women, she said. Deposits from women numbered more than 100 in the School of Engineering, representing a 25 percent increase in just three years. In the College of Arts and Sciences, deposits from women in science programs increased 27 per cent in the last year.

The University of Dayton remains one of the most affordable private, Catholic universities in the nation and is ranked in the top 100 of U.S. News & World Report's listing of national universities. Kiplinger Personal Finance magazine ranks the University of Dayton 60th on its "Best Values in Private Universities 2010-11" list.

The Princeton Review's 2011 edition of The Best 373 Colleges calls the University of Dayton one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education. The University made five of The Princeton Review's top-20 lists including "Happiest Students" and "Best Quality of Life" categories.

Founded in 1850 by the Society of Mary (Marianists), the University of Dayton is a top-tier national research university and one of the 10 best Catholic universities in the nation.
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