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01.08.2010 | President  The University of Dayton's board of trustees has extended President Daniel J. Curran's contract through June 30, 2015.

"By virtually every measure, the University of Dayton has grown in stature during his presidency," said Jack Proud, chair of the board of trustees. "He's a bold, energetic, approachable leader with a strong faith in the University's Catholic, Marianist mission and an ability to read the signs of the times and take calculated risks. The board recognizes those leadership traits and endorses his ability to continue the momentum and shape the University of Dayton's future."

Curran became the University of Dayton's 18th president and first lay leader on July 1, 2002. His second five-year contract ends in 2012, but the extension takes him through a major fund-raising campaign, whose goal has not been announced publicly. The new contract does not change Curran's salary and can be extended for successive one-year renewals beyond 2015.

"I'm committed to the University of Dayton," Curran said. "I believe in our mission and our work together in the Dayton region. I want to work with the campus community to continue the momentum we've enjoyed in all aspects of campus life from internationalization efforts to research achievements. This is a university with an extraordinary future, and I'm humbled and privileged to be the steward of a remarkable legacy."

During his tenure, first-year undergraduate applications have soared more than 60 percent, entering test scores are at a record high, and selectivity has increased by double digits. The University of Dayton has paved a reputation as an international Catholic research university, with an annual sponsored research volume approaching $100 million.

The Philadelphia native has led the University of Dayton on the largest campus expansion in its history. In 2005, the University acquired from NCR Corp. a 50-acre parcel of property that extended the core campus from Brown Street to the Great Miami River. At the end of 2009, the University announced it had purchased another 115 acres from the global technology company, including NCR's former world headquarters and Old River Park. Campus now spans 373 acres, a 75 percent growth in the past five years.

Marianists, faculty, alumni and students appreciate the way Curran is steering the University of Dayton while strongly promoting its distinctive religious heritage.

"Dan Curran has been an extremely dedicated and forward-thinking leader," said the Rev. Paul Marshall, S.M., rector. "He is truly a Marianist in reading the signs of the times, relying on providence and moving ahead with enthusiasm for the good of all. His positive spirit energizes other people. He respects community and brings that perspective to every enterprise in which he is engaged. That is the Marianist spirit. As a University community, we have been blessed to have a man of faith and vision leading UD."

David Darrow, president of the Academic Senate and director of the international studies program, praised Curran's purposeful approach. "President Curran has done much to keep us focused and forging ahead toward the fulfillment of our strategic plan in a way that keeps us grounded in our Marianist commitment to educate for social transformation."

Linda Berning, president of the University of Dayton's National Alumni Association and a trustee, called Curran "a great asset to the University. His friendship and support of the alumni are strong. I look forward to our future accomplishments with Dan at the helm."

Student Body President John Jewell said he believes students will welcome Curran's contract extension, viewing it as a commitment by the board to the students. "The students also see this move as a sure way to improve the reputation of UD nationally and globally," he said.

Founded in 1850 by the Society of Mary (Marianists), the University of Dayton is recognized as a top-tier national research university and one of the 10 best Catholic universities in the nation. It's the largest private university in Ohio.
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