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12.07.2009 | Faculty The University of Dayton has hired two new development officers to support fund-raising goals in the areas of arts and business.

Matt Luongo has been named director of development for the School of Business Administration, and Ed Valles has been named director of development for arts and libraries. Both new hires will fill previously vacant positions.

"The University of Dayton is excited to have two dynamic individuals who will represent the University with passion and energy," said James Brothers, associate vice president for development.

The University's development team of 16 major gift officers and support staff attracts private philanthropy in support of the University's highest strategic priorities. Last fiscal year, the University of Dayton, Ohio's largest private university and one of the nation's pre-eminent Catholic research universities, attracted approximately \$35.6 million in gifts and commitments.

Luongo comes to the University from the Dayton Development Coalition where he worked as director of communications and the director of business recruitment. He graduated from the University of Dayton in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in communications and a minor in psychology.

He is the former chair and a current member of the young professionals' organization Generation Dayton, he sits on the board of trustees for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Miami Valley, and he regularly presents the NCAA Life Skills Course to the University's first-year student athletes and speaks to first- and second-year business school majors.

Valles enters his new role after six years with ThinkTV as director of community support. Valles has worked in Dayton for more than 10 years, supporting marketing and development efforts for a number of institutions, including the Victoria Theatre, Dayton Opera and Arts Center Foundation. He graduated from New Jersey's Fairleigh Dickinson University with a bachelor's degree in business administration/marketing.

Valles is also the board president of the Miami Valley Literacy Council, a board member of the Dayton Visual Arts Center and a current member of the Leadership Dayton class of 2009.

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