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When Daniel J. Curran became president of the University of Dayton in 2002, he said he wanted to play a leadership role in economic development in the Dayton region.

This month, DaytonB2B magazine featured him in its 2009 Hot List of six community leaders "who we believe will be key to helping shape the region's growth and economy in the coming year."

Pictured on the expanse of lawn outside the College Park Center, Curran was selected because of UD's plan "to extend and reshape its presence from Brown Street to the shore of the Great Miami River" after the cleanup of 50 acres of land purchased from NCR in 2005.

Curran credited past president Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., for UD's historically strong financial stewardship, even in tough economic times. "When you look at UD over the years, we've always had solid financial management," he said.


"I think we're very good at reading the signs of the times," he said of UD.

The magazine looked to Bear Monita, a partner with architectural firm Lorenz Williams, for his view of Curran's leadership. "The implementation of the campus master plan, particularly in the area between Brown and Main streets, will result in a new landscape that benefits the university community as well as the entire region," he said. "Dan has been at the forefront of developing this vision and has embraced the university's role as both an academic and economic influence."

Besides Curran, the magazine profiled Michael Greitzer, partner and president of the Dayton market for Miller-Valentine Group; UD alumnus Jim Leftwich, president and CEO of the Dayton Development Coalition; former UD fundraiser Channon Lemon, director of the Minority Economic Development Council; Joe Morgan, acting chief executive officer of Standard Register; and Pam Morris, president and chief executive officer of CareSource Management Group.