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UD's Center for Leadership and Executive Development and The Dayton Foundation are offering for the first time a five-session management series for leaders of nonprofit organizations.

“This is world-class executive education delivered locally by some of the best minds in business — nationally and globally,” said Bob Smith, director of the center. “It’s also an opportunity to network with other area executives in an environment that encourages learning and growth.”

Dayton Foundation President Michael M. Parks said the course is particularly relevant in these difficult economic times, when top performance is essential.

“We would like to encourage local nonprofit executives to take advantage of this rare opportunity to learn from some of the most incisive people in executive education,” Parks said. "Exposure to these outstanding speakers and their ideas can make a significant difference to the viability and enrichment of the nonprofit organizations that daily improve greater Dayton’s quality of life."

The Dayton Foundation and UD are underwriting a portion of the cost of the series, so that the discounted fees are less than one-tenth of what corporate executives pay for similar training, Smith said. The cost is $49 per session to Legacy Partnership Program participants, leaders of nonprofit organizations who are Dayton Foundation grant recipients this past year, or nonprofit leaders affiliated with UD’s Fitz Center for Leadership in Community. The cost to leaders of nonaffiliated organizations is $97 per session.

Matthew Shank, dean of the UD School of Business Administration, said the program is part of an effort by the business school to help answer a need for advanced leadership and management training for the nonprofit sector in the Dayton area.

The series starts at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3 at the NCR Country Club, 4435 Dogwood Trail with a daylong seminar on organizational effectiveness featuring John G. Miller, author of QBQ: The Question Behind the Question and Flipping the Switch: Unleashing the Power of Personal Accountability.

All remaining sessions will be held at the National Composite Center, 2000 Composite Drive, Kettering, and begin at 8:30 a.m., except for the afternoon event March 19, which begins at 1 p.m.

Other sessions include:


**Thursday, May 7:** “Total Leadership: Be a Better Leader, Have a Richer Life,” featuring Stewart Friedman, founding director of the Wharton School's Leadership Program and Work/Life Integration Project; also, former leader of Ford Motor's Leadership Development Center.

**Wednesday, May 20:** “Executive Excellence: Key Strategies for Improving Emotional Intelligence and Organizational Performance," featuring Annie McKee of Wharton School of Business, co-author of Primal Leadership with Daniel Goleman and Richard Boyatzis and Resonant Leadership with Richard Boyatzis.

Seats are limited, and early registration is recommended. To register, call 937-229-4936 or see the Center for Leadership and Executive Development Web site. (url: http://leadership.udayton.edu/)