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- Beth Keyes, executive director of facilities management, made the presentation "Facilities Owners: Regional Expansions and Upgrades" at the Dayton Region Construction Summit on Aug. 28. The summit, sponsored by the South Central Minority Business Council and the Minority Economic Development Council, featured architectural and engineering firms, facility owners and construction companies. Keyes presented with facility managers from Sinclair Community College, Premier Health Partners and CityWide Development Corp.

Publication

- Thomas C. Hunt, a part-time faculty member in teacher education, is publishing his 12th book in the 12 years since he came to UD. The two-volume Praeger Handbook of Religion and Education in the United States, which Hunt co-wrote with James C. Carper of the University of South Carolina, will be published in early 2009 by Praeger Publishing. It's the ninth collaborative work by Hunt and Carper. Hunt said he hopes it will help enlighten current debates and discussions about the role of religion in American education.

Awards

- Peter S. Cajka, who graduated from UD in May with a degree in history, received the 2008 Richard Scharzburg Student Paper Award in Automotive History from the Society of Automotive Historians for "Consumers, Cadillacs, and Civil Rights: The Social and Cultural Impact of the Automobile in Ebony, 1945-1965." Cajka is now a graduate student in the history department at Marquette University. He writes, "My thanks go to Dr. John Heitmann, a great teacher, professor, and adviser, for his dedication to the paper and my development. I owe a large thank you to the UD history department and my peers at UD."
- Civil engineering major Kendra DiPietro of North Canton, Ohio, and biology major Jessica Immonen of Solon, Ohio, have been awarded $2,500 scholarships from the Ohio EPA's environmental education fund. They were among 17 honorees statewide at four-year institutions. The Ohio EPA also presented $1,250 scholarships to five students at two-year colleges.

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