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**06.16.2008 | International, Business, Engineering, Students** The University of Dayton — one of the top 10 Catholic universities in the U.S. — has signed agreements with two colleges in India recognized for their business and engineering programs, adding to the University's growing reputation on the international stage.

UD Vice President for Enrollment Management Sundar Kumarasamy and UD Interim Provost Joseph Saliba are in Chennai, India, where they signed an agreement with Sri Ramasamy Memorial University (SRM) to encourage joint programs and teaching opportunities.

The agreement also enables the exchange of faculty, students, research and information between SRM University and UD with a focus on the fields of nanotechnology, materials engineering, fuel combustion, remote sensing and energy assessment.

Representatives from Loyola Institute of Business Administration in Chennai visited the University of Dayton May 2 to sign a similar agreement with a focus on business ethics, entrepreneurship, leadership and doing business in India's emerging market.

"Our partnerships allow us to extend the classroom experience beyond the walls of our campuses, prepare us to think and act globally, provide us with extensive research opportunities and grant us possibilities to promote change," Kumarasamy said. "They are essential to our Catholic and Marianist mission of creating an inclusive and diverse community."

The agreements with LIBA and SRM are the University of Dayton's first partnerships in India. UD now has partnerships with nearly 30 universities and colleges around the world in countries including China, France, Lebanon, Morocco, South Korea, Spain and Thailand.

The new partnerships follow an April 21 profile of the University in India's national newspaper, *The Hindu*, which called UD a "model" for developing sensitive leaders. UD President Daniel J. Curran told the paper that mere academic competencies are not enough for today's students who must also focus on cultural competencies.

"If students in the U.S. don't know what's happening globally, the country will be challenged in the next 20 years," Curran said.

The University's international partnerships are yielding results, as more international students choose UD. Applications from international students are up 76 percent to almost 500 for the 2008-09 school year, according to Tricia Penno, communications coordinator for UD's Center for International Programs.

UD has accepted 84 international students, exceeding its admission goal by 65 percent.

Approximately 300 international students and visiting scholars currently attend and conduct research at UD, accounting for 3 percent of the overall student population, according to UD's Center for International Programs. The most highly represented countries are India, China, Saudi Arabia and Germany.

These students report positive experiences at UD as well. The University ranks number one in international student satisfaction among more than 80 universities and colleges worldwide, according to student surveys conducted by the International Student Barometer in 2007.

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