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DAYTON, Ohio, April 24, 1972 --- Valedictorians from Bellbrook, Alter, and Fairmont East and West high schools as well as three other students from these schools and a student from Centerville, will attend the University of Dayton next year on Dayton Area scholarships financed by the University.

The 1972 valedictorian recipients include Sara Blackford from Fairmont West High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayborn Blackford, 1215 Ridgeview Avenue, Kettering; Patricia Pendergast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pendergast of 4066 Eckworth Drive, Bellbrook, from Bellbrook High School; Julie Van Leeuwen, who attended Alter High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Van Leeuwen, 1053 Yorkshire Place, Kettering; and Shelley Staddon from Fairmont East High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Staddon, 3626 Blocker Drive, Kettering.

Other recipients include Dirk Bierman, from Bellbrook High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bierman, 139 Upper Hillside Drive, Bellbrook; Susan Bowsher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Spade, 2424 Danube Court, Kettering, from Fairmont East High School; Annette Martin, from Centerville High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin, 6074 Mad River Road, Centerville; and Gwen Williamitis, from Fairmont West High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Williamitis, 3017 Allendale Drive, Kettering.

These scholarships are offered to top ranking students from schools in the Greater Dayton area. To be eligible, students must rank in the top 10% of their high school class. Students in all curricula may apply for these scholarships which range in monetary value from $400 per year to full tuition which will be $1,680 in 1972-73 school year. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic achievement; stipends are adjusted in accordance with financial need.

Applicants receive consideration for these scholarships on the basis of (1) high school academic performance; (2) SAT or ACT scores; (3) demonstrated service to school, community, and church; (4) evidenced leadership ability, and (5) citizenship. The scholarship is renewable for eight consecutive undergraduate terms providing the recipient maintains at least a 3.0 (B) cumulative grade point average and participates in University sponsored extra-curricular activities (other than social).

The entering students intend to study such academic subjects as elementary education, education, pre-law, languages, art, chemical engineering, and accounting. These recipients are part of the 54% of the student body who receive more than $4,000,000 in aid over the school year at the University of Dayton.