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MEADOWDALE STUDENT RECEIVES
MCINTOSH MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

DAYTON, Ohio, July 10, 1987--LeShea Smith, a 1987 graduate of Meadowdale High School, has been named the first recipient of the W.S. McIntosh Memorial Leadership award, established this year by the University of Dayton and the City of Dayton in memory of the slain civil rights leader W.S. McIntosh.

Smith, of 1933 Litchfield Avenue, Dayton, will enter UD this August, specializing in political science and pre-law. She was chosen from ten award candidates, based on her scholastic and extracurricular achievements.

The McIntosh Memorial will be awarded annually to an exemplary black high school senior from Dayton. The award includes costs of tuition, fees, books and supplies, room, board, and allowances for personal expenditures and transportation. Also included in the memorial is an internship position with the City of Dayton in the professional area of the winner's choice.

"There is a commitment, both on the part of the university and the city, to keep talented black leaders in the Dayton area," said Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president of UD. "The McIntosh Memorial is an illustration of that commitment and also serves as a wonderful opportunity to recognize outstanding students, such as LeShea, and to encourage their educational and professional development."

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"LeShea is the first in what will be a long line of black students to enjoy the advantages of this truly unique and truly exceptional scholarship award," said Mayor Richard Clay Dixon. "The quality education and the excellent work experience that the McIntosh Memorial provides will bring immeasurable benefits to the students as well as the university and City of Dayton. Through a cooperative fashion, the city and UD are making sure that high quality young people continue to put their energies and skills to work for their home communities."

W.S. McIntosh was instrumental in bringing the civil rights movement to Dayton. On March 4, 1974, he was shot and killed while trying to prevent the robbery of a jewelry store.

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