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UD STUDENTS TAKE A SHINE TO TRASH DUMPSTERS

A routine, boring job has been turned into a contest of creativity at the University of Dayton.

On Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. UD students will take to the alleys with paint brushes in hand to spruce up trash dumpsters in the campus area. Now in its third year, the Adopt-A-Dumpster contest will feature cash prizes for originality, aesthetics and effort. The Adopt-A-Dumpster program was recently recognized with an award from the Montgomery County Litter Control Office.

About 20 teams, with four to six students on each, will be painting Dayton-owned dumpsters with colorful logos, scenes and messages. "The city is behind this program," said Judy Raines, director of UD's McGinnis Center of Community Relations, which sponsors the contest. "The paint helps keep the dumpsters in good shape. The more paint, the less rust," she said.

Painting chores are usually finished by noon, and prizes will be awarded at 4 p.m. Rain date is Sept. 24. To locate teams of students on Sept. 17, check with Judy Raines at the McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes St., or call 229-2047.

PEER MENTORS HELP PAVE THE WAY FOR INCOMING MINORITY FRESHMEN

Sophomore Camille Wilson vividly remembers her first day on a college campus last fall. That's why she's freshman Trina Frazier's shadow these days. "I came in blind," Wilson said. "It was pretty tough adjusting to college."

Wilson is one of 65 "peer mentors," upperclassmen assigned to incoming minority freshmen to assist the newcomers with social, cultural and academic adjustment to the University of Dayton.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, the mentors and "mentees" will travel to Bergamo in Beavercreek (4400 Shakertown Rd.) for a morning workshop on time management and study skills and an afternoon picnic. The workshop runs from 10 a.m. until noon in the multi-purpose room. The picnic begins at noon on the grounds surrounding Bergamo.

For media interviews or more information, contact Debra Moore, director of UD's Office of Minority Student Affairs, at 229-3635.

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