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The University of Dayton

News Release

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UD PRESIDENT HONORED BY CITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio -- Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president of the University of Dayton, has been awarded the city's prestigious Top Flight Outstanding Service Award for 1990.

The award is one of several different awards bestowed on outstanding Daytonians each year as part of the city's Top Flight Service Awards program.

"Brother Fitz has developed a master plan for the University of Dayton that will continue to enhance the University's standing and involvement in the Dayton community for many years to come. This investment into the local economy also shows that UD is serious about continuing to be a vital entity in Dayton," according to the award citation. "Brother Fitz's personal values as a community leader represent the ideal of outstanding community service that the City of Dayton wants to recognize."

During his tenure at UD, Fitz said he has tried to create a "partnership role" between the University's faculty, staff and students and the city to improve the "social, economic and cultural vitality of the Dayton region."

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Approximately 700 undergraduate students currently volunteer their time to the Dayton community through activities ranging from building houses for Habitat for Humanity to volunteering as Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Fitz is involved in such community and regional groups as the New Futures Collaborative; Community Affairs Committee; the First National Bank Board; the Miami Valley Research Foundation; the Ohio Aerospace Institute; and the Ohio Supercomputer Governing Board.

The University of Dayton, the largest independent university in the state and among the 10 largest Catholic universities in the nation, currently has an economic impact of approximately \$400 million on the Dayton-area economy. During the 1990s, UD plans a major investment of more than \$100 million in buildings and equipment as part of its Campus 2000 Plan.

This is the second community service award Fitz has received in the past year. In October 1990, he received a humanitarian award from the Dayton region of the National Conference of Christian and Jews for interfaith and community service.

Fitz, who was born in Akron, has been president of the University of Dayton since 1979.

This year's Top Flight Service Awards were presented May 28 at the Dayton Convention Center. Past recipients have included philanthropist Virginia W. Kettering, Sinclair Community College President David Ponitz, corporate executive Tom Danis and former state representative C.J. McLin.