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NEWS RELEASE

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENTS INVITED TO
 UD'S 'COLORS OF LEADERSHIP' CONFERENCE FEB. 25-26**

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton's office of diverse student populations and the Black Action Through Unity club will host the fourth annual "Colors of Leadership" conference for African-American college students Feb. 25-26 at Kennedy Union on campus.

Cost is \$20 per person for on-site registration or \$15 for registration before Feb. 12. To register, call Renee Cooper at (937) 285-8428 or John Ralph at (937) 229-3634.

This year's theme is "Richer Shades of Color: Enhancing Minds, Bodies and Souls of Our People."

The conference was created to "inspire and motivate young African-American college students toward reaching their leadership potential," said Tya Darden, entertainment organizer for the event.

Darden said African-American students from UD, Miami University, Wright State University, Central State University, Wilberforce University and Sinclair Community College are encouraged to attend.

Key goals for the conference, organizers say, are to educate and empower students on leadership styles from a minority perspective; to develop leaders who will help their communities beyond college; and to help students identify their personal skills and talents, which can create leadership opportunities.

Highlighting the conference on Friday, Feb. 25, will be Apollo Night, a talent contest, which will be held in McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes St.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, an all-day workshop will be held in Kennedy Union. Topics will include ways to improve one's mind, body and soul. Titles of workshops include "Positive Affirmations," "Motivating the Black Collegian," "Spiritual Enhancement on the Soul," "Grad School: The Post-College Experience" and "Career Identifying."

Keynote speaker for Saturday's luncheon will be Ronita Hawes-Saunders, general manager of radio station WROU-FM in Dayton.

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