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NEWS TIPS

SATURDAY, DEC. 16: 395 WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS IN UD COMMENCEMENT

On **Saturday, Dec. 16**, the University will graduate 395 students, including four who will receive doctoral degrees and 168 who will receive master's degrees. Commencement exercises will be at **10 a.m.** at UD Arena.

TRIPLETS WRAP UP COLLEGE CAREERS AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

When Kelly, Kendra and Kristy Kremer reported for college at the University of Dayton in 1996, the triplets from Maria Stein, Ohio, decided to go their separate ways. They shared a residence hall, but not a room, during their freshman and sophomore years, and then lived in three different houses in the student neighborhood as juniors and seniors.

It was only this past May that two of them roomed together again. Kelly and Kendra, because of co-op experiences, needed another semester to finish up their degrees and so moved into an apartment. Kristy, who graduated in May, started work as a third grade teacher at Clinton-Massie Elementary School and got married in November.

Kelly will receive her degree in management information systems and Kendra will receive her degree in marketing at UD's graduation ceremony at **10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16**, at UD Arena. Kristy, now with the last name Eifert, plans to walk through the ceremony again, wearing her cap and gown, so the sisters can all experience graduation together.

"It's different. I don't have to go to class anymore," said Kendra, who took her last final Dec. 13 and spent the intervening days catching up on her sleep. "The University of Dayton was a great experience, though, and the co-op experience was terrific. You get a real feel for the real world and know what to expect when you get a job."

Kendra's co-op position with Evenflo Co. in Vandalia turned into a full-time offer that she accepted. She'll be associate product manager for the company's high chairs and sippy cups. "I'll get a feel for what consumers want — besides no leaks in sippy cups. I'll get to help introduce new products and design new packaging for existing products."

Kelly will be working as an analyst for Andersen Consulting in Cincinnati.

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HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE PREPARES SENIOR FOR CAREER IN HIGH FINANCE

If anyone had asked Adam Molina four years ago to picture himself in the world of high finance, he'd have said "No. No Way."

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On Saturday, Dec. 16, Molina will receive his bachelor of arts degree in finance from the University of Dayton, a step he is looking forward to even though it will mean leaving his roles as inaugural manager of the University's year-old Center for Portfolio Management and Security

Analysis and as a portfolio management intern with Fifth Third Bank — where he routinely makes "buy" and "sell" recommendations and executes equity trades for \$40 million in bank assets.

"The good Lord truly does work in mysterious way," the gregarious youth says with a grin. "He can change your path when you least expect it."

Molina attributes his career choice to his education in the University's CORE humanities program, whose faculty became a supportive second family, he said. "Success in business and success in life rest in the fundamentals. It's about communication and the ability to relate to people, the ability to analyze your thoughts and the ability to develop a plan and execute it. When you have those fundamental skills you can apply them to any discipline — and those are the skills I got here."

At the end of his sophomore year, Molina was asked to serve as manager of the Center for Portfolio Management — a comprehensive, state-of-the-art, hands-on finance facility featuring a student-managed investment portfolio of nearly \$750,000 in University endowment funds. He said the experience proved invaluable in his job search.

A 1996 graduate of Molar High School in Cincinnati, Molina said he is about to accept a position as junior research equity analyst with a financial firm in New York City. "A good friend out there who has also been a mentor to me said New York needs more UD graduates. I want to bring our story out there."

For media interviews, call **Adam Molina** at his cell phone number (513) 253-8707.