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The University of Dayton for the 11th straight year was named one of the best schools in the nation for students aspiring to launch their own businesses.

The Princeton Review and *Entrepreneur* magazine ranked the University 15th on the list of the Top 25 Undergraduate Schools for Entrepreneurship Studies for 2017. The School of Business Administration's
entrepreneurship program also was the highest ranked in Ohio and among Catholic institutions nationwide.

“This is a testament to our faculty and staff who have built UD’s entrepreneurship program, and a strong sign of how committed UD’s leadership team has been to driving the spirit of entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial mindset across campus,” said Vincent Lewis, director of the University’s L. William Crotty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

“It is also a tremendous honor for UD to be one of only four universities nationwide to be ranked in the top 20 for the 11 years of the Princeton Review rankings,” Lewis said.

The Princeton Review evaluated hundreds of schools based on the percentage of faculty, students and alumni actively and successfully involved in entrepreneurial endeavors, the number and reach of mentorship programs, funding for scholarships and grants for entrepreneurial studies and projects, and dozens of other areas. Its top 25 list was published at www.princetonreview.com/entrepreneur and will be featured in the December issue of Entrepreneur, available on newsstands Nov. 21.

“These colleges and business schools have superb entrepreneurship programs,” said Robert Franek, senior vice president and publisher at the Princeton Review, an education services company. “We highly recommend them to any applicant aspiring to launch a business. Their faculties are truly engaged in entrepreneurism. Their courses are rich with in-class and out-of-class experiential components, and the financial and networking support their students and programs receive via donors and alumni is extraordinary.”

Among the highlights for the University is the success of its alumni: During the last 10 years, graduates have started 57 companies and have collectively raised more than $13 million in funding.

The University also offers one of the largest new-venture competitions in the country at the collegiate level with more than $150,000 in cash prizes and $150,000 of in-kind support through rounds in Dayton, Vietnam and China. And, its Flyer Enterprises is the fourth largest student-run business in the country with nine divisions and eight retail locations.

More information on the Bachelor of Science degree in entrepreneurship is available online.

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