

# BUILDING ONE COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, PARTNERSHIP.

Community building is a field of practice directed toward the creation or enhancement of community among individuals within a regional area (such as a neighborhood) or with a common interest. It is sometimes encompassed under the field of community development. Building a strong sense of community helps to solidify educational components engaged in leadership strategies and partnerships developed through networking. For over 31 years, the annual CityLinks Neighborhood Leadership Conference has reflected on many aspects of community building through workshops, presentations and keynote speakers. Please join us to learn how you can make a difference in building one community.

**Friday, April 7, 2017**  
**8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
**1700 South Patterson Building**  
**University of Dayton**

## SCHEDULE

<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration/Welcome &amp; Continental Breakfast, Meyer Room N1650</b>
<b>8:45–9 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome, Eric Spina, President, University of Dayton</b>
<b>9:15–10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Workshop Session A</b>
<b>10:15–11:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Workshop Session B</b>
<b>11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Workshop Session C</b>
<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch, Community Builders Award Keynote Speaker</b>



To register for the CityLinks Neighborhood Leadership Conference, return the enclosed form along with a check or money order to the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community.

**Registration deadline is Friday, March 24, 2017.** Please note: The cost of the conference is \$25 per person (\$15 for University of Dayton students). Preregistration is required. No late registrations will be accepted after March 24.

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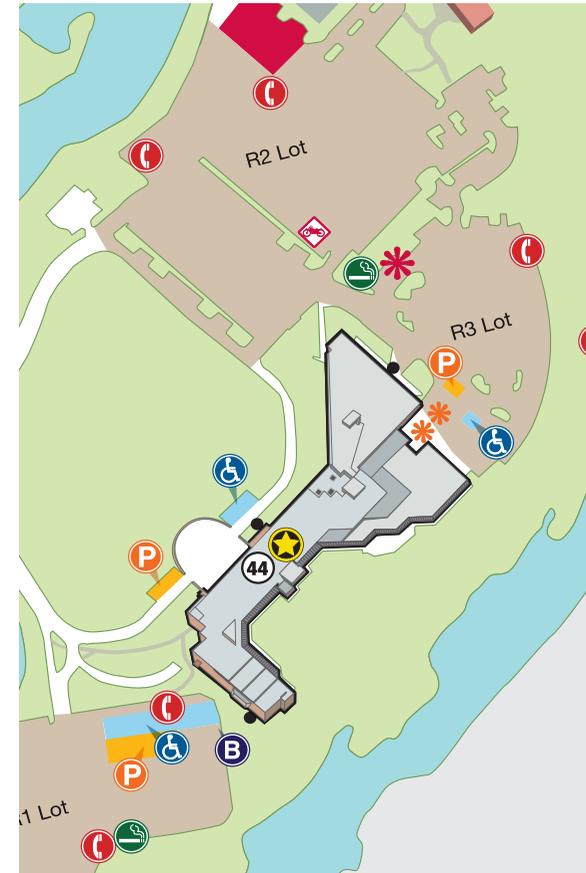
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## PARKING

CityLinks guests are permitted to park in the R3 Lot at the University of Dayton's River Campus, 1700 South Patterson Building, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017. No parking permits are necessary, and you will not be cited. However, if you do not have a handicap permit, please be respectful and do not park in those designated spaces.



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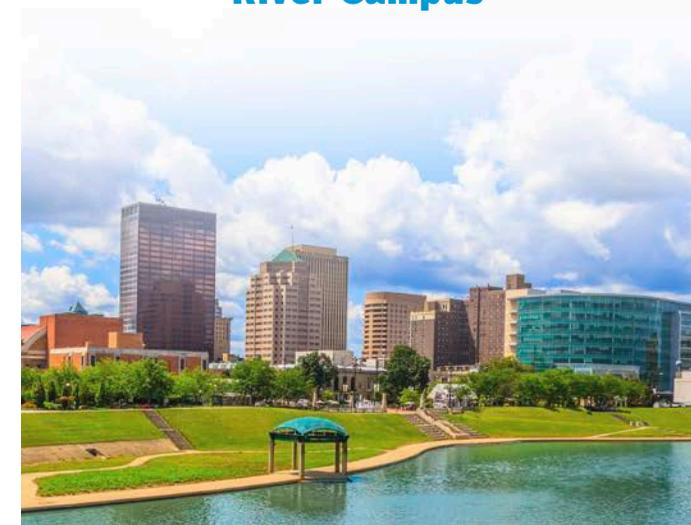


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## CONGRESSWOMAN JOYCE BEATTY

Congresswoman Joyce Beatty is a native Ohioan who has proudly represented Ohio's 3rd Congressional District in the United States Congress since 2013. She serves on the powerful Financial Services Committee.

As an active member of the influential Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), Beatty was selected to chair the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) 2014 Annual Legislative Conference. In 2016, she was named co-anchor of the weekly CBC "Hour of Power" addresses and was appointed Congressional Voting Rights Caucus deputy vice-chair. She also currently serves as a CBCF board member.

Beatty is a sought-after public speaker and activist and the recipient of numerous awards. She was previously named one of *Ebony* magazine's 150 most powerful African-Americans in the United States.

Prior to Congress, Beatty served in the Ohio House of Representatives and rose to become the first female House Democratic leader in Ohio's history.

She has been a member of The Links, Incorporated for 38 years and has served on the national board under five national presidents. Additionally, Beatty is a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the NAACP, and is active in the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, the American Heart Association and numerous other organizations. She is also a mentor to many young people, empowering and positioning them for future success.

## MATTIE DAVIS AND JOE KANAK COMMUNITY BUILDERS AWARD



Dayton has been very fortunate to have a wealth of neighborhood and community leaders who have spent their lives organizing and advocating for their respective communities. Two of these leaders were Mattie Davis and Joe Kanak, whose determination and innovation helped Dayton become a better place to live, work and raise future generations.



**Mattie Davis** held a major role in the Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition of Dayton. In 1978, she invited the University of Dayton to join in an effort that began the award-winning Edgemont Neighborhood Solar Garden. Her demonstration of hard work and dedication continues to inspire volunteers throughout the community.

**Joe Kanak** was an inspiration to his community of Old North Dayton, where he was born and raised. Kanak was involved in virtually every initiative sponsored by the Northeast Priority Board and the Old North Dayton Development Corporation for more than 20 years.



## WORKSHOPS

### SESSION A: 9:15 - 10:10 A.M. (please select one)

#### Leadership, Civic Engagement, Justice, and Me: What Does My Work Really Mean?

As engaged community members, it is challenging to find the time to stop and reflect on our service and the nature of the difference we are actually making. This session will provide space for individuals to do just that. Utilizing a form of dialogue, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the values inherent in community engagement and public service activities.

#### Hearing Our Voices: Police Roundtable

In order to address gun violence and addiction, there needs to be an increase in participation from the community. However, the community must feel they can trust law enforcement before engaging in the public safety process. What are common issues that challenge community-police relations and strategies that are being used to improve the relationship?

#### 40 Developmental Assets

The Developmental Assets are 40 research-based, positive experiences and qualities that influence young people's development, helping them become caring, responsible and productive adults. The Search Institute works with schools, programs, families and communities to use the Developmental Assets framework to measure and increase the external supports and internal strengths they need to grow up successfully.

#### Resource Fair

The resource fair is a convenient opportunity for CityLinks participants to explore resources, visit and obtain information from the various organizational and agency booths. This resource fair will allow participants to learn about the services and programs that are available, as well as obtain contact information for future references.

### SESSION B: 10:15 – 11:10 A.M. (please select one)

#### Educating Our Future

Creating a promising future begins with the education of our future leaders and decision makers. We must provide opportunities to learn through practical experiences, to share and develop ideas amongst peers and to network with individuals across varying disciplines. By investing in our future through education, we will experience continuous improvement over time that is driven by the critical thinking and creativity of our next generations.

#### HUD Choice Grant

Greater Dayton Premier Management and the city of Dayton are recipients of the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant in the amount of \$1.5 million. When the city of Dayton lost thousands of jobs in the wake of the manufacturing sector's decline, the neighborhood in West Dayton around the DeSoto Bass neighborhood was hit particularly hard, losing 23 percent of its population. Learn about the neighborhood revitalization strategy that is now being developed.

#### What's Happening with the Dayton Public Schools?

Dayton Public Schools is an urban district with more than 13,000 students with a graduation rate that has climbed from 59.6 percent to 72 percent since 2010. Among our students are 800 English language learners from more than 30 countries. In this session with DPS Superintendent Rhonda Corr, you can learn about the DPS programs, community partnerships and more.

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### SESSION C: 11:15 – 12:15 P.M. (please select one)

#### The Longest Table

The Longest Table was introduced to the Dayton community last fall when hundreds of Daytonians gathered for a community meal and dialogue on the Third Street Bridge — Dayton's Peace Bridge. The goal of the event was to connect Daytonians from every corner of the city and region, to meet people we never would have met otherwise. Learn more about how the Longest Table began, what we've learned and what we hope to accomplish in the future.

#### Leading with Purpose

To lead with purpose, one must prioritize the common good above one's personal agenda. Consequently, understanding the relationship between mission and leadership is critical for any successful leader. During this session, participants will explore the role that mission plays in leadership development and learn about the Division of Student Development.

#### Ruskin School and East End Community Services — a Successful Partnership

Emily Gray, Ruskin's neighborhood school center Site coordinator, and Ellen Mays, director of the Miracle Makers after-school program at Ruskin, will describe the history of the partnership between the school and community nonprofit organization, and the student success that has been achieved. This will be an interactive session that will include a student-produced video documenting the impact of student enrichment activities at Ruskin.

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Each year, the University of Dayton presents the Mattie Davis and Joe Kanak Community Builders Award. This award honors an individual in the Dayton community who exemplifies vision and compassion toward neighborhood or community.