

Presidential Timeline

DANIEL J. CURRAN



JULY 1, 2002 — Daniel J. Curran becomes the 18th University of Dayton president.

MARCH 2003 — Men's basketball wins the A-10 tournament.

APRIL 2003 — The first Celebration of the Arts is held during Curran's installation as president.



AUGUST 2004 — The University opens Marianist Hall, a \$21 million facility to house 400 first- and second-year students, bookstore, post office, a credit union, the Emporium and a chapel.



MAY 2005 — The University of Dayton School of Law starts the nation's first five-semester Juris Doctor degree.



JAN. 4, 2006 — The University opens RecPlex, a \$25.3 million recreation center.



JAN. 24, 2007 — The Dayton Development Coalition names Curran the region's most outstanding leader for 2006. He would receive the award again in 2016.

OCT. 13, 2008 — Curran signs a national petition calling for U.S. President George W. Bush to reject cruelty and torture — the first president of a U.S. Catholic university to do so.

NOV. 25, 2008 — The University announces an anonymous donor's \$10 million gift to support student scholarships in the School of Education and Allied Professions, School of Business Administration and School of Engineering. It was the largest gift by an individual to date.

MARCH 22, 2009 — University of Dayton Arena secures its place in history as the most-used venue for NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship games. March Madness has kicked off at the Arena since 2001.



OCT. 12, 2009 — The University ranks No. 1 among Catholic universities and ties for second overall in the "Saviors of Our Cities" ranking. The University was singled out as the "most innovative of all engaged colleges and universities."

FEB. 25, 2010 — The University starts a string of four straight appearances on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service learning and civic engagement.



APRIL 1, 2010 — The University of Dayton wins its third men's National Invitational Tournament championship.



JULY 6, 2010 — State officials announce two more Ohio Centers of Excellence for the University, bringing the total to five.

APRIL 15, 2011 — GE Aviation breaks ground on the \$53 million EPISCenter — the first LEED-certified building on campus.

AUGUST 2011 — For the first time, the University enrolls more than 1,000 international students (undergraduate, graduate and Intensive English Program).

MARCH 13, 2012 — U.S. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron watch the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship First Four with UD students at University of Dayton Arena.



JAN. 22, 2013 — The University of Dayton announces a new tuition plan that discloses the true cost of a degree, abolishes fees and guarantees students no net-price increases from first year to graduation.

JULY 30, 2013 — Curran signs the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, committing the University to becoming carbon neutral.

MARCH 29, 2014 — Men's basketball reaches the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship.



MARCH 2014 — The Master of Physician Assistant Practice program is granted provisional accreditation. Students start classes in August.

JUNE 23, 2014 — Curran announces that the University is the first Catholic university in the nation to divest from fossil fuels.

AUG. 27, 2014 — The University enrolls the largest first-year class in its history: 2,205.

JAN. 7, 2015 — The Carnegie Foundation selects the University for its 2015 Community Engagement Classification, recognizing its long-standing commitment to community engagement through teaching, service, research and partnerships.

JAN. 9, 2015 — Fuyao Glass America donates \$7 million to support the China Institute and give it a permanent home.



2002

AUGUST 2002 — The University approves plans for the Dayton Early College Academy. DECA was the first early-college high school in Ohio, 10th in the nation, and one of the five most innovative high schools in the U.S., according to the Northwest Evaluation Association.



2003

DECEMBER 2003 — Volleyball reaches the NCAA tournament second round for the first time in University history. 2015 would mark its 11th tournament bid.

2004

NOVEMBER 2004 — Women's soccer wins the A-10 championship after leading the conference during the regular season. In 2014, it would win the program's ninth A-10 tournament championship title.

2005

JULY 12, 2005 — The University of Dayton finalizes the purchase of a 49-acre parcel of land and buildings from NCR Corp. The property is now home to Fitz Hall, the GE Aviation EPISCenter and The Helix, Emerson Climate Technologies' innovation center.



2006

MAY 18, 2006 — The Ohio Board of Regents approves a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program to prepare students for well-paying jobs in a growing health care field and help alleviate a shortage of physical therapists in the Dayton region. The program would welcome its first students in August.



SEPT. 15, 2006 — The University's entrepreneurship program starts a run of 10 straight years ranking in the top 20 of *Entrepreneur* magazine's annual list.

2007

OCT. 19, 2007 — The University becomes one of the first in the nation to create an undergraduate program in human rights studies. The University would open its Human Rights Center in 2015.



2008

NOV. 26, 2008 — The University announces the creation of the state's first master's program in renewable and clean energy. Ohio companies applaud the announcement.

NOVEMBER 2008 — Men's soccer wins the A-10 tournament. In 2015, it would advance to the second round of the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history.

2009

NOVEMBER 2009 — Women's basketball begins a season that will culminate in the team's first NCAA tournament appearance. The team would win bids each year through 2015, when it reached the Elite Eight.

DEC. 21, 2009 — The University purchases NCR World Headquarters and 115 acres of surrounding land, including Old River Park, bringing campus to 388 acres.

2010

SEPT. 17, 2010 — The *Dayton Business Journal* announces Curran as 2010 Regional Leadership Award winner for making a lasting impact on business and the economic health of the region. He would receive the award again in 2015.

NOV. 22, 2010 — GE Aviation announces it will locate its new Electrical Power Integrated Systems Center (EPISCenter) on the University of Dayton campus.

DEC. 3, 2010 — The University of Dayton becomes the first American university to sign a memorandum of understanding with Suzhou Industrial Park; the University of Dayton China Institute opened 20 months later.

2011

SEPT. 29, 2011 — The University unveils the Common Academic Program, an evolving, flexible undergraduate curriculum that is responsive to the changing times while remaining grounded in Catholic and Marianist intellectual traditions.



2012

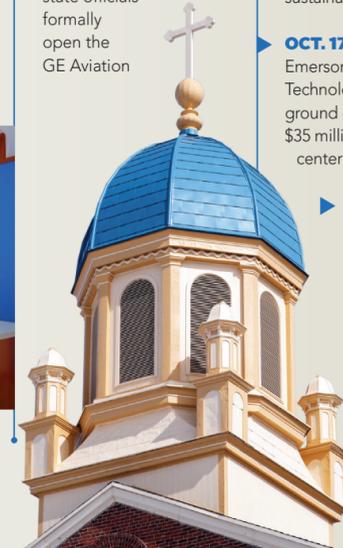
APRIL 17, 2012 — The Association for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities awards the University its 2012 Best Practices Award in the dean of students category.

AUG. 8, 2012 — Curran opens the University of Dayton China Institute in Suzhou Industrial Park.

2013

NOV. 27, 2013 — The University announces a renovation to the iconic Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

DEC. 13, 2013 — University, GE and state officials formally open the GE Aviation



2014

SEPT. 19, 2014 — The George and Amanda Hanley Foundation make a \$12.5 million gift to establish the University of Dayton as a national leader in sustainability education.

OCT. 17, 2014 — Emerson Climate Technologies breaks ground on The Helix, a \$35 million innovation center on campus.

DEC. 18, 2014 — The University announces a partnership with Concord Hospitality to purchase and upgrade the Dayton Marriott hotel.

2015

MARCH 2015 — University of Dayton Research Institute receives a \$99 million, five-year contract from the U.S. Air Force for technologies to improve the affordability, safety and efficiency of its fleet.

AUG. 16, 2015 — The Chapel of the Immaculate Conception is rededicated after a \$12 million, LEED-certified renovation.

