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The University of Dayton has named Vince Lewis, Logos@Work chairman, the new Fifth Third Bank Entrepreneur-in-Residence and director of the L. William Crotty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership in the University's nationally ranked entrepreneurship program.

Lewis, a Dayton native and Oakwood resident who has served in the program as a mentor and since 2012 as an instructor, will replace the retiring Bob Chelle. Lewis currently serves on the advisory boards of Afidence Technologies in Mason, Ohio; Kerber Sheet Metal in Troy, Ohio; Prime Controls in Kettering, Ohio; and PrsPx in Dublin, Ohio. Lewis also is a trustee with the Humane Society of Greater Dayton.

"We desired someone familiar with the program and the community who could build on the program's strengths and on local community ties. Vince fits that very well," said Jay Janney, chair of the University of Dayton's management and marketing department, which houses the entrepreneurship program. "He has worked with and taught in the program for years. As an executive and business owner in Dayton for more than 20 years, he has extensive connections in the Miami Valley."

The Princeton Review and *Entrepreneur* magazine has ranked the University of Dayton entrepreneurship program among the top 25 programs in the U.S. for the last nine years.

The program, along with the Crotty Center, offers hands-on learning opportunities like Flyer Enterprises, the nation's fourth-largest student-run business; the Sophomore Experience where the University loans student groups \$5,000 to start a business and Flyer Angels where students make venture capital-type investments in companies. The entrepreneurship program also sponsors one of the nation's largest collegiate business plan competitions that awards nearly \$200,000 in cash and

prizes annually.

The University launched the Crotty Center 16 years ago with a gift from retired Van-Dyne Crotty owner Bill Crotty who believed there were many young people who had talent, character and great ideas but were not sure how to get over the hump and start a company.

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