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Dear Friend,

Greetings and blessings for this new academic year.

The mission of the Association of Marianist Universities [AMU] is to support, promote and advance Marianist higher education. *AMU LINKS* seeks to serve this purpose as one means to facilitate cooperation and the exchange of experience and information among the

members. Please let us know if *AMU LINKS* is serving this aim for you or how we might do this better.

Do not hesitate to forward this e-newsletter to any of your colleagues. Also, check out our web site as it develops to serve our three universities communities:

[marianistuniversities.org](http://marianistuniversities.org)

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### **UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON INTRODUCES TRANSPARENT TUITION PLAN**

By David Fleming, SM

Blessed William Joseph Chaminade "read the signs of the times" and acted boldly.

In that same spirit, the University of Dayton answered a call for accountability in higher education with the introduction of a tuition plan that offers students a four-year guarantee. Their scholarships and grants will grow dollar for dollar each year as tuition increases. On top of that, all fees have been eliminated.

The result: families will know upfront the true cost of a four-year degree, and they'll have a guarantee from the University the net tuition cost students pay during their first year will be the same amount they pay during their senior year.

"We want families to understand exactly what they will be paying for, from day one through graduation. This initiative is about transparency and the value that provides to our families," said Daniel J. Curran, University of Dayton president.

Across the country a number of universities front-load financial aid, so students' financial aid packages typically don't increase significantly over four years and don't keep up with tuition increases. Some universities may offer tuition guarantees but make up for lost tuition by increasing fees, which can add thousands of dollars to the cost of a degree.



"We encourage families looking at colleges, whether it's the University of Dayton or a competitor, to ask some simple

questions," said Sundar Kumarasamy, vice president for enrollment management and marketing. "What are the fees? Are there special fees for majors like engineering? Is your pricing model different for different majors?"

Kumarasamy said the tuition plan is a step toward helping families plan and prepare for one of the biggest investments of a lifetime.

"We believe this transparent approach is long overdue in higher education," he said. "Father Chaminade often said that new times called for new methods. This pricing plan helps families know the true cost. We believe it should be adopted as a national model."

For more details, [click here](#).

### **A Rubric of Marianist Ideas in Education: A conversational backdrop for the Marianist community of educators**

By Savio Franco, Doctoral Student in Educational Leadership,  
University of Dayton

At the heart of each Marianist university is a community of educators who are the primary stewards and communicators of the Marianist charism, spirituality and educational approach.

When a new educator (faculty or administrator) begins one's employment at a Marianist university, it is responsibility of this "community of educators" to invite its new member into a conversation about the ideas that permeate the Marianist educational tradition.

Given below is a brief synthesis of Marianist ideas in education. It is intended to be a helpful tool for dialogue with new members of the Marianist family, which can serve as a backdrop for the discussion and a starting point for a lifetime of discovering and journeying in the Marianist way in education.

Within the rubric, the characteristics of Marianist education are listed, along with their underlying dynamics. These are connected to the manifestations of the Marianist charism, spirituality and apostolic approach, and followed by some key Marianist thoughts, metaphors and quotes which can stimulate conversation.

It is important to note that this synthesis is not intended to be rigidly structured; rather, it is an amalgamation of interconnected ideas which are bigger, deeper and wider than they initially appear. To access the rubric, please [click here](#).

Note for educators: At the Stander Symposium 2013 at the

University of Dayton, Sherry McAndrew, a fellow-doctoral student and I had presented a document on the Characteristics of Marianist Education, and listed the various opportunities that were available for faculty-community building at the University of Dayton. If you would like to view this listing of faculty-community building opportunities at the University of Dayton, please write to me at [atfrancos1@udayton.edu](mailto:atfrancos1@udayton.edu)

## **AMU News**

- Chaminade University has a new provost, Dr. Helen Whippy. [Click here](#) for more information.



- Richard Kimbrough is the new VP for Advancement at St. Mary's University. [Click here](#) for more information.



- AMU hosted a Campus Ministry Conference from May 20-23 at St. Mary's University, in San Antonio. [Click here](#) to read some reflections from the conference.

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