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A grand opening

Community and business leaders helped the University of Dayton celebrate the official grand opening of the new Courtyard by Marriott at the

University of Dayton April 10. It's the first new hotel development in Dayton in more than 20 years and UD's latest economic development initiative.

"The University of Dayton is committed to Dayton's future and its continued development. This beautiful new hotel is already serving sports teams, business travelers and University visitors and complements this important gateway to the city and to the University," said Daniel J. Curran, UD president.

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"The ambitious projects UD has in store for property along Brown and Stewart streets complement the development they are spearheading along the Edwin C. Moses corridor," said Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin. "The opening of the new Marriott Courtyard Hotel is just the latest enhancement to this part of the city."

Part of the UD Arena Sports Complex, the four-story, 101-room riverfront hotel on Edwin C. Moses Blvd. is co-owned by UD and Concord Hospitality Enterprises and opened its doors Feb. 14 during a major winter storm.

"We opened with an unusually strong amount of reservations and have already seen three sold-out weekends, along with good weekday walk-in traffic," said Mark G. Laport, president and CEO of Concord Hospitality Enterprises. "A large number of groups have booked the hotel during summer months, and we have strong support from our local corporate clients."

Guests at the grand opening toured meeting rooms and guest rooms. Many guest rooms have views of the Great Miami River and Carillon Park.

For more information on the hotel, click **here** or call the

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