

INTERNING AT THE TOP

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There's a decided University of Dayton presence at the TD Ameritrade Institutional National Conference Jan. 30 – Feb. 2 in San Diego, with four finance students participating and the executive director of RISE 13 speaking at the event.

Finance students and Davis Center for Portfolio Management team members Conor Flynn, Michael Hermes, Jacob Recker and Emilee Wood are serving as interns for the annual event, which draws nearly 3,000 independent registered investment advisors and industry leaders from across the country to hear speakers including former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell.

David Kudla, CEO and CIO of Mainstay Capital Management and RISE 13 executive director, spoke on a *Barron's* magazine panel on Thursday and appeared on CNBC during the conference. *Barron's* is a RISE sponsor and CNBC is a RISE media partner.

"This is an amazing opportunity to represent the University of Dayton at a national conference. We're really honored to be here," said Flynn. "We are so appreciative of Dave Kudla who has used his network and his connections to give us this opportunity and to promote the University and RISE."

Flynn said the emphasis of the TD Ameritrade program is on learning about the industry and networking.

"In the orientation session, they said that we are the future of the industry and they want us to go to the breakout sessions, learn as much as possible, meet as many people as possible, network and learn about their companies and job opportunities," Flynn said.

TD Ameritrade, a RISE 13 sponsor, said in a news release about 30 students from nine universities, representing the top financial planning undergraduate programs nationally, were selected to participate in the conference. Students attending the conference will have the opportunity to network and connect with investment firms for internships and potential job placements.

The University of Dayton students are team members of the University's Davis Center for Portfolio Management, which offers both an introduction to real world portfolio management tools and a leadership development program to more than 40 undergraduate students from all parts of the University. Through the Davis Center, students manage more than \$14.2 million of the University's endowment in equity markets.

Kudla and the students will also be sharing information about RISE 13, the largest and longest-running student investment conference in the world. Students attend sessions April 4-6, with professionals invited to join them for the April 4 keynote speakers' sessions. Registration and information are at <http://udrise.udayton.edu>.