

# REGULA CENTER

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



# MISSION

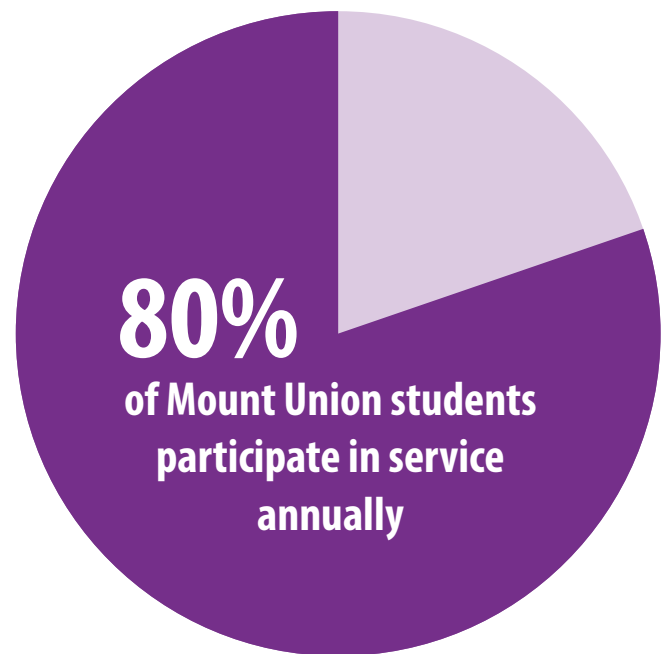
The mission of the Regula Center for Public Service is to promote civic engagement, community outreach, and experiential learning with an emphasis on ethical decision-making, high standards of inclusivity, ingenuity, and long lasting partnerships to make positive change.

## PILLARS OF THE REGULA CENTER

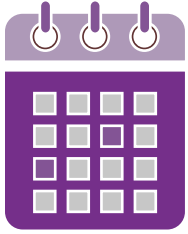
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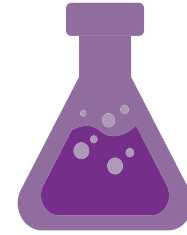
# 2016-2017 BY THE NUMBERS



36 Events Facilitated



75+ Partner Organizations & Agencies



15 Academic Courses Supported



\$30,000 Awarded to Regula Scholars



2,200+ Participants in Center Events



9 Board & Committee Seats Held Representing UMU

# PAY IT FORWARD PROGRAM

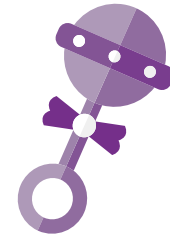
Funded by the annual Trash to Treasure Sale, the Pay it Forward program allows students learning about community programming to award mini grants to local agencies. This year, \$3000 in grants were awarded through the program. Check out where part of this year's grants were allocated:



\$100  
Green Alliance



\$400  
Habitat for Humanity  
Young Professionals



\$500  
Alliance Family  
Health Center

## RECORD SETTING SERVICE

MLK Day Volunteers spent their day off working in the community on local organizations by cleaning the facilities, making care packages, and assisting with daily operations. Some of the organizations helped were the Stark County Humane Society, the Alliance Parks Department, and the Domestic Violence Shelter.



535+  
Volunteers



\$2,200+  
Secured in Grant  
Funding



30+  
Organizations  
Served

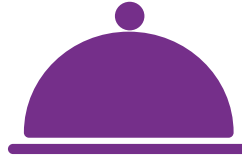
# MONTHLY PROJECTS

The Regula Center coordinated at least one large service project each month. In addition to those highlighted, the Center also organized a community Thanksgiving meal, trick-or-treat for canned goods and service in honor of Women's History month among other things.



3,967

Pounds of food collected  
for the Alliance  
Community Pantry



300+

Meals Served for  
Thanksgiving at the  
Salvation Army



64

People adopted  
for Christmas



50

New Mother Kits made  
and donated



100

Women's Hygiene Kits  
made and donated

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In collaboration with the Department of Political Science and International Studies and the Women's History Month Committee, the Center hosted an event featuring former Representative and Ambassador, Constance Morella. During her talk, Morella shared about the challenges and triumphs of being a woman in her position. She encouraged students to always acknowledge those around them and make them feel recognized in efforts to make connections. Her advice to everyone is to always try for what you want, using the example of running for office, "If you run and lose, no big deal. You will gain more from the opportunity than you know. It is better than thinking, I wish I had run."



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Center strives to provide learning opportunities to people of all ages. Through a program hosted by State Representative Christina Hagan, the Center assisted with leadership training for middle and high school girls interested in public service this fall. The program will be expanded in the coming years. The Center also facilitated the Continued Learning Program that focuses on lifelong learning for community members and brings speakers to campus 12 times a year. Adventures in Learning at Copeland Oaks was organized by the Center again this year, with faculty led mini courses taking place once a semester.

# STUDENTS ATTEND CONVENTIONS

This past election season, five Mount Union students had the opportunity to intern at the national conventions during a two week program through the Washington Center. Students interested in the program were required to apply and interview in order to be sponsored through the Regula Scholar Program. Sophie Ramsey and Bridget Dennis attended the 2016 Democratic National Convention while Alex Mills, Corbin Hershberger, and Nicolas Hendryx attended the 2016 Republican National Convention. Each student spent one week in seminars and then a week interning at the Convention through the Washington Center.



## AWARDS

Annually the Center nominates students for two awards through Ohio Campus Compact. This year, Rosie Gleason, a junior of Mineral Ridge, OH received the Charles J. Ping Legacy Award for her leadership and contributions to the Mount Union community. Sophie Ramsey, a sophomore from Crafton, Pennsylvania was selected as a 2017 Newman Civic Fellows Award for her dedication to social justice and civic change.

# CONSTITUTION DAY

Mount Union welcomed Dr. William Cunion as the guest speaker for the 2016 Constitution Day. A former faculty member at Mount Union, Cunion is the associate dean of the liberal arts at Cuyahoga Community College. Cunion's talk was titled "Election 2016: Don't Blame the Constitution." He addressed the political tension which surrounded the 2016 presidential election and how he believed the Constitution of the United States is not at fault for the tension.



## WAR COLLEGE

The Department of Political Science and International Studies and the Regula Center for Public Service and Civic Engagement hosted a panel discussing "Security Challenges in the 21st Century." The panel consisted of four members from the U.S. Army War College: Lt. Col. John Crawson, Col. Chris Becking, Col. Brian R. Formy-Duval, and Col. Kareem P. Montague. Mount Union students acted as the moderators for the panel.



## RALPH REGULA'S BIRTHDAY

Former U.S. Congressman Ralph Regula celebrated his 92nd birthday on December 2 with a celebration at the Pro-Football Hall of Fame. Many elected officials including Senator Rob Portman were in attendance to honor Ralph. Proceeds from the event support the Regula Scholars Program. The evening included a screening of the PBS documentary on Congressman Regula, remarks from Senator Rob Portman, and a message from Governor John Kasich to Regula.



## VOTER REGISTRATION

The Center brought together offices across campus to focus on voter engagement on campus throughout the academic year. These efforts lead to multiple events featuring the students who attended the Conventions, social media posts and campus wide information sharing. The library supported these efforts by assisting with absentee ballot and voter registration forms.

## NEW COLLABORATION

The Center worked closely with ArtsinStark, Lowe's, the Alliance Farmers' Market and the City of Alliance Parks and Recreation Department to bring an interactive event to campus. ArtsinStark provided dollars for a professional artist to outline designs on city owned tables and trashcans that spend their summer at the Farmers' Market. Students then had the opportunity to stop by and "paint by number" on the items. The event built new partnerships, was enjoyable for students and created public art.



## GRANTS

The Center successfully secured two grants this year. The first, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service was for more than \$2,000 to support the MLK Day of Service. It was administered by Campus Compact and allowed for additional projects. Serve Ohio provided the second grant in honor of Global Youth Service Day and supported a morning of service at the parks with \$1,000 in conjunction with the local Kiwanis club.

# PAST REGULA SCHOLARS

## 2011-2012

Ben Hartwell  
Tim Hatton  
Becky Hill  
Patrick Williams

## 2012-2013

Greg Djordjevic  
Marilyn Miller  
Zak Suhar  
Alicia Switzer

## 2013-2014

Dan Goswick  
Elizabeth Haavisto  
Sarah Kelly  
Katie Proch  
Megan Shadrach  
Jacob Ward

## 2014-2015

Tim Anderson  
Hayley Buzulencia  
Jena Finch  
Kate O'Neil  
Kyle Pavilonis  
Mackenzie Shivers

## 2015-2016

Amy Achenbach  
Jenna Bluedorn  
Gabriela Botzman  
Rachel Gardner  
Morgyn Miller  
Cody Shearrow  
Caitie Shimp  
Clinton Simmons III  
Meghan Tubbesing  
Emma Wilson  
Brianna Whittaker

## 2016-17

Stephen Dages  
Gretchen Dietz  
Madison Filipiak  
Kristen Jackson  
Abigail Packard  
Emily Siedel  
Keenan Young



# CLASS OF 2017-2018 REGULA SCHOLARS

The Center began the Regula Scholars Program in an effort to recognize outstanding students and provide them with additional opportunities. This program was initiated and continues to be possible thanks to a lead endowed gift from Bob '67 and Linda DeHoff. An additional endowed gift was added by David '63 and Elaine (Venon '63) Dabelko in 2014. Since then all funds raised for the Regula Center have been added to endowments for the Regula Scholars.

The 2016-2017 class of Regula Scholars spent the year learning from local public servants, participating in leadership training, and studying ethics based case studies. During the spring semester, the group traveled to Washington D.C. where they visited the Secret Service Headquarters and the Capitol Building, courtesy of Mount Union alumnus, Brian Stafford '69. Scholars used their experiential learning stipends to participate in the annual Social Responsibility Service Trip, attend national conferences, and travel internationally.

Scholars receive stipends to fund internships, conferences, programming and travel while they are enrolled at Mount Union. These students are selected based on a nomination process and must complete 150 hours of service. Additionally, Regula Scholars must maintain a 3.5 GPA and spend time learning about ethical decision making, employment in the public sector and many other experiential opportunities. This year the Scholars will receive additional dollars for tuition assistance.

## **William Draves**

Class of 2018

Major: Financial Mathematics

Involvement: Phi Kappa Tau, Relay for Life, USAC, Study Abroad Club

## **Jessica Kulas**

Class of 2019

Major: Psychology

Involvement: Preview/Raider Guide, Youth Group Leader, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Salvation Army volunteer, Mount Mentors

### **Sophie Ramsey**

Class of 2019

Major: International Affairs & French

Minor: Peacebuilding and Social Justice

Involvement: Presidential Scholar, Good Vibes Only, Alpha Phi Omega, Black Student Union, Pre-Law Society, Raider Guide, Green Raider

### **Hannah Reiheld**

Class of 2019

Major: English

Minor: Education

Involvement: Student National Education Association, Kappa Delta Pi, Gender Equality Matters, Alliance Middle School tutor

### **Kylie Sees**

Class of 2020

Major: Marketing and Public Relations

Minor: Business Administration and Writing

Involvement: Good Vibes Only, DWOC Consultant, Camp Intervention Internship

### **Josh Thorne**

Class of 2019

Major: Sociology

Minor: Environmental Science and Peacebuilding & Social Justice

Involvement: Alpha Phi Omega, Black Student Union, Cross Country, Track and Field, Resident Assistant, Brumbaugh Research Scholar, Human Rights Campaign Intern, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

# STUDENT ASSISTANTS

## **Tirzah Curry**

Class of 2019

Major: Psychology & Communication Studies

I just like the fact that we have the Center. I love that we are here to connect our university to the city and assist with so many events.

## **Brittany DiFiore**

Class of 2017

Major: Exercise Science

I have had many opportunities but there is nothing quite like the Regula Center. It bring so many groups and individual together for projects and serves as a place where people can come to establish new events.

## **Rosie Gleason**

Class of 2018

Major: Nursing

Mount Union having a Center dedicated to educating and doing good is something very important to me. Being part of it has been a way to learn beyond the classroom.

## **Kate Goczny**

Class of 2018

Major: Biochemistry

The MLK Day of Service is my favorite event...I'm inspired by the fact that 500+ students are willing to get up early to give back to their community

## **Cheyenne Gonzales**

Class of 2018

Major: Writing

Being able to help plan and execute events that are for the entire community is my favorite part of working in the Center. It is a great feeling knowing that Mount Union students are helping out during their time in Alliance.

## **Kristen Jackson**

Class of 2017

Major: Business Management

I love seeing all of the events come together from start to finish. We really can make a difference when we all come together.

## **Jess Kulas**

Class of 2019

Major: Psychology

It is the community around Mount that has made this my home away from home and the Center helps make that possible. The more involved I am, the more I feel at home.

## **Morgan Leach**

Class of 2019

Major: Marketing & Management

I love seeing how involved students from all different organizations can come together for events through the Center.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

After serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA and assistant director in the Center, I was named Director prior to this academic year. Having the opportunity to lead a Center named after Ralph Regula is an honor and I am committed to continuing his legacy of leadership, bipartisanship and compassion as the Center moves forward.

During this academic year we have been able to build on the successes of the past while making strides towards a strong future for the Center. Recently releasing an updated mission and vision, the Center is poised to serve students in a variety of ways. Our goal is to promote civic engagement, community outreach and experiential learning while emphasizing ethical decision-making, inclusivity, ingenuity, and building long-lasting partnerships to make positive change.

New collaborations, the work of many individuals and support from the community have allowed for multiple events, a strong fundraising campaign, record breaking attendance at events and a broader impact on students this year.

Expansion of the Regula Scholars program to include learning outcomes, a trip to Washington DC and lessons from public servants added depth to our signature program this year. We will continue to expand on this program while having the opportunity to award more dollars to students as the endowment has shown significant growth this year.

In the coming year the Center will expand upon all existing programs while working towards a stronger online presence, additional programming featuring public servants, trips for students and much more.

Looking forward to growth and success in the years to come,



**Abby Honaker, MPA - Director**

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