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Gregory L. King

A native of Bedford, Ohio, Mr. King graduated from Mount Union in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and sport management. He joined the staff at Mount Union that same year as the institution's first intern of the Wayne Manzilla Diversity Internship Program. Mr. King then earned a Master of Education degree in higher education administration from Kent State University in 1993 and recently completed the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) Institute for Leadership and Governance in Higher Education for Aspiring Presidents.



Prior to serving as president of the University, Mr. King served the institution as the vice president for advancement (2008-2023), managing and overseeing the University's fundraising activities to advance the mission and strategic goals of the institution. During his tenure as the institution's chief fundraising officer, Mount Union successfully completed and exceeded three fundraising campaigns. Mr. King has also served as interim vice president for enrollment services (2021-2023) with a focus on rebuilding the admission team and stabilizing enrollment.

In addition to these roles, Mr. King also previously served the institution in various roles in advancement, enrollment services, and student affairs. As a member of the institution's administrative team, he has also had the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, management, trustee relations, diversity and inclusion, budgeting, financial aid, alumni and community relations, academics, and marketing.

A longtime member of the Alliance community, Mr. King has been a member of numerous organizations and boards. He and his wife, Callie, also a Mount Union alumna, reside in Alliance.

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INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Prelude

Mount Union Jazz Band

Moten Swing by Buster and Benny Moten,
arr. by Sammy Nestico

Mr. Donald P. Turoso
Director

Solid State by Jeff Jarvis

Almost Like Being in Love by A. Learner and F. Loewe

Shiny Stockings by Frank Foster, arr. by Sammy Nestico

*Processional

Ms. Amy S. Haines
Piano

Suites De Symphonies by J.J. Mouret

*National Anthem

Miss Ashley N. Burtscher '23
Songleader

Star-Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key

Ms. Amy S. Haines
Piano

*Invocation

Pastor Aaron M. Hill, Sr.
Pastor of the Tabernacle
Baptist Church

Welcome

Mr. Matthew G. Darrah '84
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Remarks

Mr. JR Jackson
Freshman at Alliance High School

**Audience is requested to stand.*

Anthem Alliance High School Pep Band
God Bless America by Irving Berlin,
arr. by Shaun Fontaine Mx. Joss T. Bowling '19
Director

Remarks Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Chalker '71
Trustee Emeritus
*A Presidency of Biblical Proportions:
A Personal Tribute to Gregory King Upon
the Occasion of His Inauguration as the
14th President of the University of
Mount Union*

Remarks Mr. Flint J. Brenton '77
Member of the Board of Trustees

Anthem Mount Union Concert Choir
Joshua! arr. by Stacey V. Gibbs Dr. Grant William Cook III
Margaret Morgan Ramsey Professor
in Music and Director of Choral Activities

Greetings

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Administration of the Oath of Office and
Investiture of the Seal of the Office

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Inaugural Address

Mr. Gregory L. King '89
President of the University

*Alma Mater

Mr. Lance J. Tomasko '23
Songleader

Men of Harlech by J. Vizzard Haskell

Ms. Amy S. Haines
Piano

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Morrison
University Chaplain

Recessional

Ms. Amy S. Haines
Piano

Hornpipe from *Water Music* by George
Frideric Handel, arr. by Lawrence Rosen

Postlude

Alliance High School Pep Band

Let's Get It Started by Black Eyed Peas,
arr. by Paul Murtha and William Sheak

Mx. Joss T. Bowling '19
Director

Crazy In Love by Beyonce Knowles,
arr. by Doug Adams and William Sheak

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The University of Mount Union is the outgrowth of a town meeting held by forward-looking citizens of the village of Mount Union on October 4, 1846. At that time, the people gathered to hear Orville Nelson Hartshorn outline the need for a new institution in the area, where men and women could be educated with equal opportunity, where science would parallel the humanities, where laboratory and experimental subjects would receive proper emphasis, and where there would be no distinction due to race, color, sex, or position. On October 20, 1846, this young man organized and taught on the third floor of the “Old Carding Mill” a “select school” of six students.

The school grew rapidly under his inspired leadership and, in 1849, became known as Mount Union Seminary. Then, on January 9, 1858, the institution was chartered and incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio as Mount Union College.

In September 1911, Scio University, located in Scio, Ohio, was united with Mount Union. By the articles of consolidation, the liberal arts alumni of the former institution were made alumni of the latter.

On August 1, 2010, the institution officially became known as the University of Mount Union. The change to a university designation was made in an effort to better describe what Mount Union is today and more effectively communicate all that the institution has to offer.

From 1846 to present, the administration of the University has been under the leadership of 14 presidents: Orville Nelson Hartshorn (1846-1887); Tamerlane Pliny Marsh (1888-1898); Albert Birdsall Riker (1898-1908); William Henry McMaster 1899 (1908-1938); Charles Burgess Ketcham (1938-1953); Carl Cluster Bracy (1954-1967); Ronald Gilbert Weber '38 (1967-1980); G. Benjamin Lantz, Jr. (1980-1985); Harold M. Kolenbrander (1986-2000); John L. Ewing, Jr. (2000-2005); Richard F. Giese (2005-2015); W. Richard Merriman, Jr. (2015-2020); Thomas J. Botzman (2020-2022); and Gregory L. King '89 (2023-present).

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history and pageantry of academic regalia goes back to the medieval universities of Europe in the 11th and 12th centuries. Gowns were everyday dress, providing for their wearers not only distinction but also warmth during long hours of study in poorly heated buildings.

Academic life as we know it today began in the church and then spread throughout the guilds. The teaching guild was the guild of the master of arts, where the bachelor was the apprentice of the master; the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility. It became necessary for universities to set rules to preserve the dignity and meaning of their academic dress or regalia. Since the 15th century, both Cambridge and Oxford universities in England have made academic dress a matter of university control, even to its minor details, and have repeatedly published revised regulations.

Although academic regalia is seen only at such formal affairs as commencement, dedication ceremonies, and inaugural exercises on American campuses today, it has been governed by an Academic Costume Code, established in 1895 and revised by the American Council of Education from time to time.

When the Academic Costume Code is followed, it is possible to identify the highest degree that the wearer holds, the college or university that awarded it, and the course of study that it represents. The distinguishing features are the cut of the gown, the color of the tassel on the cap, and the lengths and colors of the hood.

The gowns have three distinctive sleeves: long sleeves for the bachelor's gown, longer closed sleeves with arm slits at the elbow for the master's gown, and bell-shaped sleeves extending to the wrist for the doctor's gown. The bachelor's gown, usually black in color, is worn closed; the master's gown, also most frequently black, is worn open or closed, depending partly upon its tailoring; and the doctor's gown, either black or of the official colors of the degree granting university, is worn open or closed, depending on the preference of its wearer. The bachelor's and master's gowns have no trimming; the doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. This velvet trim is either black, or is a color adopted by the university granting the doctor's degree or is the color associated with the discipline to which the degree pertains.

A cap is worn with each type of gown. The bachelor's cap has a stiff, square flat top known as a "mortarboard;" its tassel is either black or is a color associated with the wearer's degree. The master's cap is identical to the bachelor's cap, but

the tassel is almost always black. The doctor's cap, ordinarily black, is either a "mortarboard" or a soft, cushion-like design; the tassel is either black or gold.

The hood is of three lengths: three feet for the bachelor's hood, three and one-half feet for the master's hood, and four feet for the doctor's hood. The color of the velvet edging, which is wider for the higher degrees than for the bachelor's hood, indicates the subject area to which the degree pertains. In addition to the colored edging, the hood shows in its lining the official colors of the college or university that awarded the degree. The hood is worn in such a way that a large part of the lining is visible.

In nearly every academic procession, there will appear a few costumes that do not conform to the standard patterns described above. Gold braid is sometimes added to the gowns of academic administrators and trustees; the color of the trustees' gowns may be specified by the college. Many faculties include a few members who hold degrees from foreign universities, some of which prescribe very colorful regalia of varying designs.

The following colors are associated with the various faculties or disciplines:

Agriculture <i>Maize</i>	Fine Arts, including Architecture <i>Brown</i>	Optometry <i>Sea Foam Green</i>	Public Health <i>Salmon Pink</i>
Arts, Letters, Humanities <i>White</i>	Forestry <i>Russet</i>	Oratory (Speech) <i>Silver Gray</i>	Science <i>Golden Yellow</i>
Commerce, Accountancy, Business <i>Drab</i>	Journalism <i>Crimson</i>	Pharmacy <i>Olive Green</i>	Social Science <i>Cream</i>
Dentistry <i>Lilac</i>	Law <i>Purple</i>	Philosophy <i>Dark Blue</i>	Social Work <i>Citron</i>
Economics <i>Copper</i>	Library Science <i>Lemon</i>	Physical Education <i>Sage Green</i>	Theology <i>Scarlet</i>
Education <i>Light Blue</i>	Medicine <i>Green</i>	Physical Therapy <i>Sage Green</i>	Veterinary Science <i>Gray</i>
Engineering <i>Orange</i>	Music <i>Pink</i>	Public Administration, including Foreign Service <i>Peacock Blue</i>	
	Nursing <i>Apricot</i>		

Alma Mater

Words by
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Welsh National Melody
(March of the Men of Hurleck)

1. Hark! from moun-tain, hill and val-ley Rings the mu-sic
2. Rouse your souls from sloth and slum-ber Gird your-selves and
3. Nob-ly stands the grand old Col-lege Home of hon-or

as they ral-ly, Sons and daugh-ters of Mt. Un-ion Sing-ing songs of
join our num-ber Loy-al to Mt. Un-ion Col-lege Ral-ly round her
shrine of knowl-edge Storm and stress and time but prove her Con-stant, brave and

praise. See! They come un-ceas-ing, Care and toil re-leas-ing,
now! On her worth re-ly-ing, Keep her col-ors fly-ing
true; Mark! Each new en-deav-or, Makes her strong-er ev-er

Shout-ing in a might-y chor-us More and more in-creas-ing.
Crown the he-roes of her bat-tles Each with name un-dy-ing.
Hearts and hands for toil and bat-tle, May they fail her nev-er!

CHORUS

Wake the ech-oes loud with cheer-ing Shout a-gain! The

day is near-ing, Night is gone with doubt and fear-ing Dear old M. U. C.