



REGULA CENTER

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION

The mission of the Regula Center for Public Service and Civic Engagement 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 create positive change.

**CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT**

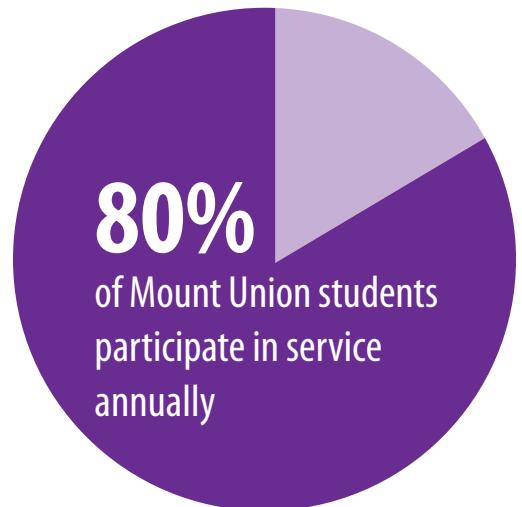
**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**

**EXPERIENTIAL
LEARNING**



The vision of the Ralph and Mary Regula Center for Public Service and Civic Engagement is four-fold:

- 1.** Mount Union will become a significant conduit of prepared and motivated individuals seeking careers in local, state, and federal government in a wide variety of capacities.
- 2.** Access to a comprehensive service-learning community service program will allow students opportunities to become involved in activities which lead to enhancement of their long-term commitment to civic engagement, social responsibility, and public service.
- 3.** The academic and intellectual climate of Mount Union will be enhanced by expanding beyond the boundaries of the traditional classroom.
- 4.** Mount Union will have a lasting, positive effect on the broader community by developing partnerships and conducting research designed to address key community needs and important social problems.



FRIENDS OF THE CENTER

The Center is fortunate to have a loyal group of supporters who take time to mentor students, provide financial donations to the Center, and provide resources for students to learn. This year, two new contributions were made to the Center archives.

Phil Kiko, Chief Administrative Officer of the United States House of Representatives connected with the Center to help students seeking careers in public service. A Mount Union graduate, Kiko has held numerous government positions and spent time with the Regula Scholars when they visited Washington D.C. this spring. In addition, he donated full copies of government documents and other publications from the United States House of Representatives. The resources, now housed in the Center, give students the opportunity to learn, conduct research, and study the history of our government.

Theresa Lattanzi, original consultant for the National First Ladies Library donated her “Flowers of the First Ladies” plates along with other china in honor of Mary Regula '49, founder and Director Emerita of the National First Ladies' Library. Lattanzi's generous contribution to the Center's archive displays the hard work that she, Mary and others put into creating a national historical site that would honor first ladies.



RAIDER AID

More than 150 University of Mount Union students were stationed at 16 businesses throughout Alliance and hosted an on-campus rally to support hurricane relief efforts in September. “Raider Aid: Operation Purple” raised funds for those impacted by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Twelve students worked with the Center to plan the event which raised more than \$5,000.

The team of student coordinators included, Parker Peterson, Logan McGee, Kelby Smith, Karlie Sustersic, Jacob Vanderkar, Cody Rohaley, Kimmy Lessick, Chris Campbell, Brandon Lucas, Madison Filipiak and Brad Hagerich. Each of the students had come forward looking for a way to help, and less a week later, Raider Aid took place.

“It’s amazing that in less than a week a small group of people were able to pull this event together, engage other students and the community – all for a great cause,” said Filipiak. “The amount of support and participation really shows what Mount Union is all about.”



RALPH REGULA MEMORIAL

On Wednesday, July 19, trustee emeritus and former Congressman Ralph Regula '48, passed away at his home surrounded by family at the age of 92. More than 250 people were in attendance at Regula's Celebration of Life event, held on campus, to share their condolences with the family and remember the life of the 19-term congressman. Ralph was a remarkable alumnus, supporter, and friend of Mount Union, and he will be dearly missed. His legacy on campus is one that will be reflected by the generations of past, present, and future students who have the ability to serve their own communities the way Ralph did throughout his entire life.



ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

Working with a committee of volunteers at Copeland Oaks, the Center coordinates a four-part lecture series each semester that features a current faculty member.

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

The Regula Center partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Alliance to host the 40th annual Academic Challenge at Mount Union featuring six local high school teams.

SUPPORTING LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

CONTINUED LEARNING PROGRAM

Started by Lyle Crist, CLP be has been at Mount Union for nearly 30 years. The Center works with a group of community members to bring speakers to campus on Tuesday mornings in October, February, and April. The topics span a wide array of interests, and all programs are free to anyone who wishes to attend.

ECEA

Mount Union is a partner in the collaborative organization *Early Childhood Education Alliance*. The Center represents the University and works in conjunction with the City of Alliance and Alliance City Schools to ensure all families have access to information about the power of early education.

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECTS

September - Roadway Cleanup

More than 100 students and community members came together for a Roadway Cleanup on September 16. Mount Union served as the meeting point for volunteers. The Center coordinated logistics, recruitment, and volunteer support.

October - Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods

On October 31, students collected non-perishable food items rather than candy during the city's trick-or-treat. With nearly 100 students participating, 4,595 pounds of food were collected in two hours.

November - Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual meal hosted by the Regula Center at the Salvation Army in Alliance was once again a success. Students and community members came together to serve more than 300 thanksgiving meals.

December - Adopt-a-Family

Faculty, staff, and students supported 47 individuals for the holiday season with clothing, educational items, toys, and toiletries. The Regula Center works with Alliance for Children and Families annually to coordinate the collection to support families currently living in transitional housing.

Light Up Downtown & Give the Gift of Literacy

Students decorated 500 cookies to pass out at the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in downtown Alliance and wrapped 500 children's books to be passed out at Give the Gift of Literacy.

January - MLK Day of Service

A signature event of the Center, the MLK Day of Service mobilizes more volunteers than any other event in the Alliance area.

February - Evening of Service

On February 15, more than 70 students made 73 pillow cases for the Valentine Project and 34 blankets for individuals in need.

March - Evening of Service

Students worked to create items for Stark Parks, the Early Childhood Education Alliance, residents of local nursing homes and an upcoming faculty/staff appreciation event. Through two events more than 70 students participated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April - Kiwanis One Day/Global Youth Service Day

Each spring the Center partners with Kiwanis, Alpha Phi Omega, and Greek Life at Mount Union for a parks cleanup.

May - Trash to Treasure Sale

The Center hosts the annual Trash to Treasure sale as a way to eliminate waste as students leave for the summer and fund the Pay it Forward Program.



580+
VOLUNTEERS

40
PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS

28 LOCATIONS | 34 PROJECTS

30 blankets | 45 pet beds | 100 placemats
172 pillowcases | 16 bird houses | 17 barricades
20 garden stones | 112 potato soup packages
102 containers of laundry detergent
250 luggage tags | 6 community garden signs
+ many more

MLK DAY 2018

REGULA INITIATIVES

SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD

The inaugural Spirit of America awards celebrate civility, cooperation, and bipartisanship by recognizing members of the U.S. House of Representatives who exemplify those values. The inaugural Spirit of America Awards will be presented to a Republican and a Democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives who work in a spirit of bipartisan cooperation to find solutions that lead to legislative action.



SERVICE LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

The Center assists faculty, staff, and students in a variety of ways as they implement service-learning projects across campus. New projects this year included working with Dr. Morgan Bagley's First Year Seminar to bring athletes from the Stark County Special Olympics to campus and working with Melissa Ruggles' education course to make blankets for those in need. Each of these along with 11 other courses allow students the opportunity for experiential learning, reflection and positive impact.

CITY COUNCIL RACE PANEL

Noted by the Stark County Political Report as one of the best City Council race forums in the past 10 years, the event featured four of the six candidates running for three spots on Alliance City Council. A collaboration with the Department of Political Science and International Studies, four current students moderated the event. Royal Bandurka '18, a political science major from Minerva, Spencer Whyte '19, a political science major from Broadview Heights, Olivia Cope '20, a communications major from Portage Lake, and Joe Demeis '21, a national security major from Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania questioned the candidates, then opened the event for audience participation. With more than 50 people in attendance, the event served as an educational evening for students and all citizens of Alliance.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Another new partnership during the 2017-18 academic year was the revitalized Alliance Community Center. The building on Arch Avenue includes rooms used by Alliance City Schools, Mount Union, and other social service agencies. The Center launched a little free library and coordinated efforts to benefit the Alliance Community.

RAIDER RACK

The Center collaborated with the Office of Student Success to develop and launch a professional clothing closet for use by all Mount Union students. Clothing was collected on campus and throughout the Alliance community. The Center partnered with Norge Village Cleaners and sponsored the necessary dry cleaning. The first of many clothing giveaways took place this spring as a way to assist students in need of attire for interviews and internships.

PROPEL OHIO

Hosted by Senator Sherrod Brown's office each fall, Propel Ohio is a collegiate leadership seminar focusing on issues of poverty, childhood hunger, and lack of political activism in Ohio. The Center works across all disciplines to select four students and a faculty member to represent Mount Union at the conference and covers all related expenses.

DOWLING MENTOR PROGRAM

This fall the Center developed a new branch of the Dowling Mentor Program at the Alliance Family YMCA. Throughout the semester students worked with teens at the Y, working to serve as positive role models for the youth. Additionally, the Center partnered with Pathway Caring for Children for the second year to bring teens living in foster care to campus every other week for meals and enrichment activities.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA

The Center regularly assists the co-ed fraternity Alpha Phi Omega in leading service projects on campus. As an advisor for the organization, the Director of the Center hosts events, guides the organization in planning, and connects the students with off-campus organizations.

CIVIC CORNERS

The Regula Center collaborated with the Department of Political Science and International Studies and the Mount Union Library to become the first University to install special kiosks to help students fulfill their civic duties. Located in the Kolenbrander-Harter Information Center (KHIC) and Hoover-Price Campus Center (HPCC), the kiosks serve as a portal that allow students to request an absentee ballot, complete voter registration, and locate and send messages to their elected officials. The Regula Center funded the equipment and will cover all postage and supplies affiliated with this initiative.



STUDENT ASSISTANTS

The Center's foundation is the work of dedicated student assistants who create programs, perform daily office tasks, recruit participants and much more. Each year the Center hires student employees and works with some who intern or volunteer their time.

2018 GRADUATING ASSISTANTS:

ROSIE GLEASON

Major - Nursing

Hometown - Mineral Ridge

Years of employment - 3

"Seeing the positive impact on the community that the Center had over the past three years is something that has shaped my views. I have taken what I have learned and incorporated that into so many other areas of my life to continue making positive change."

MORGAN LEACH

Major - Marketing and Management

Hometown - Elyria, OH

Years of Employment - 2

"I have learned the importance of networking and caring about the community while working for the Center. The Center is important because it allows students to connect to the residents of Alliance and allows them to see the power of giving back through events created by the Center."

CHEYANNE GONZALES

Major - Writing

Hometown - Alliance, OH

Years of Employment - 3

"Working for the Regula Center has taught me the importance of giving back. I have found a love and passion for helping others over the last few years, and I attribute that to the Center. Many of my favorite memories have occurred during service events hosted by the Regula Center. I love seeing all the students come together to support the Alliance community. The Regula Center has been a huge part of my college career and I really will miss it once I graduate."

RETURNING ASSISTANTS:

Barry Myers

Hannah Reiheld

Jacob VanDerkar

Matthew Honaker

Nichole Will

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.

BRIANNA BOEHLKE

Major - History

Minor - AYA Education and Gender Studies

Leadership Roles: Raider Guide, Delta Sigma Tau

VP of Philanthropy, Model United Nations Treasurer,

Saxophone Section Leader

SARAH GONDA

Major - History, National Security and Foreign

Intelligence Analysis

Minor - Spanish

Leadership Roles: Alpha Xi Delta VP of Philanthropy,

Swim Team, Alpha mu Gamma, Pi Sigma Alpha

TOBIN HUFFMAN

Major - Biochemistry

Minor - Biology, Business Administration

Leadership Roles: Preview Guide, Raider Guide

Coordinator, Alpha Tau Omega Secretary, Emerging

Leaders, Tour Guide

ELIZABETH JONES

Major - Human Development and Family Science,

Spanish

Minor - Intervention Specialist

Leadership Roles: Second Year Resident Assistant,

Alpha Phi Omega, Raider Programming Board, BSU

WIL LUCA

Major - National Security and Foreign Intelligence

Analysis, International Affairs

Minor - Computer Science, French

Leadership Roles: Phi Kappa Tau Philanthropy Chair,

Student Senate, Swim and Dive Team, Raider Guide,

Sigma Iota Rho

LOU MARICH, JR.

Major - Psychology

Minor - Sociology

Leadership Roles: Preview Guide, Raider Guide, Relay

for Life Committee Member, Phi Kappa Tau, Alpha

Lambda Delta

RACHEL MARKLE

Major - Finance and Economics

Leadership Roles: Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Chi

Omega VP of Philanthropy, Alpha Phi Omega, Women's

Golf, Relay for Life Committee Member

HANNAH SCHULZ

Major - Spanish, International Affairs and Diplomacy

Minor - Peacebuilding and Social Justice

Leadership Roles: Alpha Phi Omega, Cru, Honors

program, Good Vibes Only, Model United Nations

LOOKING FORWARD

RENOVATED SPACE

During the summer of 2018, the Regula Center will once again be located in van den Eynden Hall. Renovations are underway to increase visibility of the Center, provide better space for faculty in the building, and create an atmosphere conducive to hands-on experiences for students.

BIKE PROGRAM

The Center is working closely with Incubox to increase awareness, safety, and access to bicycles across campus and in the community. This spring a new student assistant, Barry Myers was added to the staff in the Center to research possibilities, implement workshops for community members, and work towards the creation of an on campus bike shop. Through partnerships with Stark Parks, the Office of Sustainability, the City of Alliance, Alliance Parks and Recreation, and many other organizations, the Center is connecting government, non-profit, and educational organizations to best service Mount Union and Alliance.

EXPANSION OF CIVIC CORNERS

The Center will continue to work with the Department of Political Science and International Studies and the Mount Union Library to expand the Civic Corners initiative across campuses and libraries beyond Mount Union. Dr. Lori Kumler and Librarian Gina Maida will present about the Civic Corners at upcoming conferences in their respective fields. The Center plans to sponsor kiosks at Alliance High School and Rodman Public Library in the near future. Eventually, colleges, high schools and libraries will be able to order their own Civic Corner materials through the Center.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Newman Civic Fellow

Spencer Whyte was selected as the Newman Civic Fellow at Mount Union for his leadership and dedication to civic engagement. A junior political science and history major, Whyte plans to pursue a career in higher education to continue educating and leading others as they study political science.

MLK Jr. Award

Regula Center Director, Abby Honaker was recognized at the annual awards for her dedication to living the ideals portrayed by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ohio Campus Compact

Ohio Campus Compact featured the Center and its Director in December highlighting the impact of AmeriCorps VISTA service through Ohio Campus Compact.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The sadness of losing a great friend to Mount Union and all of northeast Ohio in Ralph Regula marked the beginning of this academic year, giving us all a reason to refocus and dedicate ourselves to continuing his legacy. In celebrating his life in August, the Center brought together many friends, family, and mentees of Ralph's to share his impact on our area.

As someone who served as a student, an AmeriCorps VISTA, assistant director, and now director of the Center, I am honored to continue educating students about the power of community, collaboration, and bipartisanship at all levels of public service, just as Ralph envisioned. A crucial component of the Center is inspiring young people to get involved, and I am proud that we made great strides toward higher levels of engagement and impact.

The students at Mount Union continued to showcase their skills and leadership capabilities throughout all that was accomplished this year. This year also brought new challenges, initiatives, events, and success. I had the opportunity to teach a first year seminar about problems and teamwork, collaborate with new offices and organizations, and travel with students, among many other things. The inaugural Spirit of America Award, additional partnerships, and new student-driven programs have us looking forward to the future.

I look forward to growth and success in the years to come,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abby Honaker-Schroeder".

Abby Honaker-Schroeder
MPA - Director