# WHAT'S NEW AT MOUNT UNION

Mount Union's new engineering labs feature extensive renovations and state-of-the-art equipment



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

#### Greetings!

Hello from the Office of Admission at the University of Mount Union. Over the course of the past several months, you have continued to face unprecedented challenges as you work to support your students in the variety of roles you have as a school counselor. I want to take a moment before we share some of the new and exciting activities, events, and stories from campus throughout the past year, to thank you and celebrate you for the countless hours you spend assisting your students during their college search. We consider our relationship with all school counselors a partnership as we strive to help students find their best fit for college; one that meets their academic expectations and is accessible.

As a symbol of our gratitude, please visit our University Store in person, or online, and utilize the discount code below for 10% off your purchase. We look forward to working with you and your students throughout the upcoming school year. Thank you again for all the work you do!

With Respect, Eric R. Young Director of Admission

#### FALL 2020 RESPONSIBLE REOPENING

The health, safety, and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff is a top priority at Mount Union. When making decisions regarding public health issues such as COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019), the University will always work cooperatively with and follow the guidelines and recommendations of leading health organizations. Please visit mountunion.edu/covid-19 to receive the most up-todate information as our knowledge of COVID-19 continues to evolve and new or revised guidelines are presented.



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## **MOUNT UNION RENOVATES ENGINEERING LABS AND FACILITIES**

As Mount Union takes significant steps to increase the quality and impact of its business and engineering programs, the University has made extensive renovations to accommodate the more than 500 students and faculty in its growing business and engineering programs.

These facilities include a computer lab, mechanical systems lab, fluids and thermal sciences lab, structural and geotechnical engineering lab, mechanics and materials lab, and a machine shop with a fabrication lab.

These facility enhancements are a part of the 50-milliondollar "Inspiring Minds, Transforming Lives" campaign. This campaign seeks support for a number of elements critical to the institution's success, including scholarship opportunities, facility enhancements, innovation in curriculum and experiential learning, and the Mount Union Fund. Read more about the initiatives of the "Inspiring Minds, Transforming Lives" campaign at mountunion.edu/inspire. To learn more about our School of Engineering, visit mountunion.edu/engineering.





**CORENNA MAYNARD '22** 

Biomedical engineering major

I want to take my major in the direction of improving nutrition with the biomedical experience I gain, or I will go the prosthetics route of biomedical engineering to help people and animals live a new life.

## MOUNT UNION MEETS COST OF TUITION AND FEES FOR QUALIFIED FIRST-YEAR INCOMING STUDENTS WITH PELL OPPORTUNITY GRANT

The University of Mount Union continues to address college affordability and make its education accessible to students of all backgrounds by establishing the Mount Union Pell Opportunity Grant. This grant bridges the entire gap between tuition costs and what families of modest financial means can afford to pay toward a college degree. After qualified students have tapped funds from the Federal Pell Grant and loan programs, Mount Union Pell Opportunity Grants will cover remaining financial needs to fully pay for the University's tuition and technology fee.

Beginning in the fall of 2020, the Mount Union Pell Opportunity Grant will be awarded to new, first-year students from Ohio and across the United States. Students eligible for the grant must have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, file the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) and be Pell eligible with a parent income of \$55,000 or less.

Mount Union has a rich history of serving Pell eligible students. In fact, the University was recently recognized as a Top Performer on Social Mobility among Midwest Regional Colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*, which measures how well institutions graduate students who received Federal Pell Grants.

Information from the University on whether or not the program will be renewed for the 2020-2021 academic year will be forthcoming.

### **MOUNT UNION ANNOUNCES REVISED NURSING ADMISSION PROCESS**

The University will no longer be denying admission to admitted students who are interested in the nursing program. Students who do not meet the criteria to receive direct admission to the program will be admitted provisionally.

Priority consideration for admission to the nursing program begins at the following academic levels, admission to the University, a cumulative high school GPA of a B+ (3.3 on a scale of 4.0), grades of "B" or higher in high school lab-based biology and chemistry coursework or a sub score of 24 or higher on the Science Reasoning portion of the ACT, and an ACT composite score of 23 or higher.

Students may also apply through the University's test optional policy. Any admitted high school senior who has earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.7 and received grades of "B" or higher in high school lab-based biology and chemistry coursework may apply utilizing the policy. Students demonstrating exceptional academic potential through alternative, but related academic indicators (e.g. rank in class, SAT score, dual credit or AP coursework etc.), may be considered on a case-bycase basis by the admission committee.

Mount Union has also established an alternative way for students interested in the nursing program to apply for admission. NursingCAS, a simplified admission process, provides students a centralized application for all nursing programs they wish to apply to. Mount Union is one of only four institutions in the state of Ohio that offers NursingCAS as an alternative application for admission. To apply for admission through NursingCAS, visit nursingcas.liaisoncas. org. To learn more about our nursing program and admission criteria, visit mountunion.edu/nursing.

## FALL 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

The scholarships listed below are available to first-year students for the 2020-2021 academic year. To learn more, visit mountunion.edu/scholarships-and-grants.

#### **Merit Awards and Scholarships**

The following scholarships are awarded at the time of admission for the 2020-2021 academic year to incoming first-year undergraduate students and are based on a review of the students' academic credentials.

Trustee Scholarship	\$20,000
Founder's Scholarship	\$18,000
Dean's Scholarship	\$16,000
Hartshorn Award	\$13,000

#### Presidential Scholarship (full-tuition)

Any admitted high school senior who has earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75 is eligible to compete in the full-tuition Presidential Scholarship Program. The University has temporarily suspended its requirement to submit an ACT or SAT score.

#### Manzilla Multicultural Award

The \$2,000 Manzilla Multicultural Award is awarded at the time of admission to first-year American minority and/or first generation students with a high school GPA of at least 2.5.

#### **Visual and Performing Arts Scholarships**

Students demonstrating exceptional talent in music, theatre, and art may schedule an audition with the appropriate department. Scholarship amounts are based on an audition.

#### **Buckeye Girls State**

The \$2,000 Buckeye Girls State Scholarship is available to incoming undergraduate students who participated in the American Legion Auxiliary's annual Buckeye Girls State event on campus.

#### **Cheer and Dance Scholarship**

The \$1,000 Cheer and Dance Scholarship is awarded to full-time undergraduate students associated with the cheerleading squad, dance team, or mascot.

#### **Esports Scholarship**

The \$2,500 Esports Scholarship is awarded to full-time undergraduate students who are recruited for our esports varsity level teams.

#### Legacy Award

The \$2,000 Legacy Award is awarded to full-time undergraduate dependent students of Mount Union graduates.

#### **ROTC (Air Force and Army) Scholarship**

Mount Union will provide full-tuition ROTC scholarship recipients with free on-campus housing and board.

#### **Science Fair Scholarship**

A \$1,500 Science Fair Scholarship is available to incoming undergraduate students who have achieved a superior level of performance at State Science Day or at the State District Science Fair during their junior or senior years in high school.

### MOUNT UNION'S PROSTHETIC LEG DESIGN TAKES 2ND IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

A group of senior University of Mount Union students took home second place in the national Undergraduate Design Competition as part of the Summer Biomechanics, Bioengineering and Biotransport Conference (SB3C). The SB3C, held virtually this year, required students to submit their project abstracts in March describing the design of new devices related to rehabilitation science or assistive technologies. Accepted teams then recorded a five-minute "lightning talk" presentation for the judges and virtual attendees in May. The Mount Union group started the project in August and progressed throughout the year.

To learn more about the prosthetic leg project, visit mountunion.edu/mechanical-engineering.



## MOUNT UNION ESTABLISHES NEW TEST OPTIONAL POLICY

The University of Mount Union has approved a test optional policy for students applying for admission to the University through the spring 2022 semester, temporarily suspending its requirement that applicants submit an ACT or SAT score. This suspension also modifies the Presidential Scholarship Program. Any admitted high school senior who has earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75 is eligible to compete in the full-tuition program without having to submit an ACT or SAT score.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented challenge for high school students preparing for college. To better serve these students, Mount Union will admit students based upon the University's established high school grade point average requirements for admission and holistic review of each student's high school record.

The University recognizes that many students continue to be disadvantaged by the inability to take or re-take ACT and SAT tests, visit campuses, or attend the exploration events that are so key to making their college choice decision.

We encourage students who have ACT or SAT scores to continue to submit them, as it helps identify which firstyear courses will best serve them in pursuit of their major of choice.

To learn more about the Test Optional Policy, contact the Office of Admission at (330) 823-2590 or email the office at admission@mountunion.edu.



## **TRISTAN BENDER '20**

Nursing major

I want to be a nurse who can make a difference in someone's day-to-day life. Mount Union has supplied me with the knowledge and skills to do just that.

## **MOUNT UNION WELCOMES PRESIDENT THOMAS BOTZMAN TO CAMPUS**

The University of Mount Union is proud to welcome back Dr. Thomas Botzman to campus as the 13<sup>th</sup> president in the institution's storied history. Botzman, who served as a faculty member and administrator at Mount Union from 1989-2004, begins his presidential service this week following a successful seven years as president of Misericordia University in Pennsylvania.

"It is an honor to return to Mount Union, where I began my academic teaching career over 30 years ago," said Botzman. "As a new faculty member, I was fortunate to have many mentors and friends support my efforts to become a successful educator and administrator. My hope is to serve the campus and local communities in the same tradition with my talented faculty and staff colleagues."

During his initial tenure at Mount Union, Botzman served as a faculty member and was named the Great Teacher in 1998. He also directed international studies from 1993 to 1997 and held the role of associate academic dean during the 2003-2004 academic year. He was a visiting professor and Fulbright Scholar at the University of the Americas in Mexico City, Mexico, teaching there four times from 1992 to 1996. He was named an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow in 2002.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to welcome Tom and Vanessa back to Alliance," said Matthew Darrah, chair of Mount Union's Board of Trustees. "It is comforting to know that we have such an experienced leader and one who is already a part of the Mount Union family to guide us during these challenging times."

## MOUNT UNION'S SCHULTE NAMED NATIONAL ESPORTS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The National Association of Esports Coaches and Directors (NAECAD) announced that Jared Schulte, a recent University of Mount Union exercise science graduate of Strongsville, Ohio, was named the College Player of the Year for 2019-2020.

These coveted awards recognize individuals for a balance of athletic achievement, sportsmanship and citizenship. While elite performance in the game is important, these awards are aimed at recognizing the overall impact the individual has made.

To learn more about Mount Union's competitive esports program and its scholarship offerings, visit mountunion.edu/esports.



## **MOUNT UNION EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS FROM COLLEGES OF DISTINCTION**

For the third consecutive year, the University of Mount Union has earned the honor of being named a national College of Distinction.

The institution has been committed to continuing to offer a hands-on education grounded in the liberal arts tradition that prepares students to be leaders in their future careers.

Already honored as a College of Distinction for its highimpact approach to education, Mount Union has received specialized recognition for its programs in education, engineering, and nursing. These additional accolades were borne out of a need for college curricula that are comprehensive not only in course material, but also in practical- and soft-skills development. Mount Union has met these needs with a blend of liberal arts education, program-specific training and abundant opportunities for real-world application. Mount Union was also newly recognized as a College of Distinction for its work in career development in making sure its students are successful upon graduation.

The annual process of selecting the nation's Colleges of Distinction requires that institutions adhere to the "four distinctions"—engaged students, great teaching, vibrant community and successful outcomes. This process also includes a review of each institution's freshman experience, general education program, strategic plan, alumni success, satisfaction measures, and more.

## MOUNT UNION MEN'S BASKETBALL MAKES IT TO THE SWEET SIXTEEN

During their incredible 2019-2020 season, Mount Union was ranked No. 5 in the nation with a record of 27-3. The team won a school-record 19 consecutive games, leading to being named Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) champions. It was the third-ever tournament appearance for Mount Union, and the third time it has advanced to the round of 16. On Friday, March 13, the NCAA tournament was canceled under the guidance of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and OAC recommendations due to COVID-19.





## **ONLINE MASTER OF EDUCATION**

The University of Mount Union's online Master of Education (M.Ed.) combines a relevant, robust, and engaging curriculum with the flexibility and convenience working professionals require. Offering concentrations in athletic coaching, curriculum and instruction, educational leadership, and Ohio principal licensure allows teaching professionals to advance their careers while customizing their education to meet their specific interests and goals.

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