

BUSINESS OFFICE

University of Mount Union

RENEE YOUNG

University Bursar and Student Account Manager



Renee manages student billing and financial accounts, ensuring clear communication and support to students and families. After graduating with her Bachelor's in Social Work, Renee was a Paralegal before coming to Mount and serving here for the past 17 years!

Advice for new students: “Enjoy the ride (but don't forget why you're here)!”

KARA MARTIN-ELLSWORTH

*Assistant University Bursar and
Business Office Analyst*



Kara supports the University of Mount Union's financial management by analyzing business office processes and data, and advancing efficient and student-centered fiscal management.

Kara has her Bachelor's in Business Administration, and before serving the past 9 years at UMU, she was a Universal Banker.

Advice for new students: "Ask the questions, don't hesitate to seek help. We are here for all students and their families."

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

University of Mount Union

KATHLEEN THOMAS

*Assistant Vice President
of Student Financial Aid*

Kathleen oversees financial aid programs and policies to help students access and afford their education. She graduated from the College of Wooster and has been at Mount for 9 years!

Advice for students: “Make sure to always check your emails!”

Fun fact: “I have a 5-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son.”



JENNI CHEADWELL

Associate Director of Financial Aid

Jenni is also a graduate of UMU, where she got her Bachelor's in Human Development in 2022.

She's worked her way up the ladder in Financial Aid, where she has been for the past 8 years!

Advice to students: “Don't hesitate to ask for help!”

Fun Fact: “I love being a Grammi to my precious one-year-old granddaughter, Violet.”



MACKENZIE MCKAY

Financial Aid Counselor

Mackenzie has her Bachelor's in Business Management, is pursuing a Bachelor's in Accounting, and wants to get her Master's of Business Administration in the future!

Advice for new students: "College is not about having everything figured out on day one—it's about learning how to figure things out. Ask questions early, use campus resources, and don't be afraid to try, fail, and try again."

Fun Fact: "I love going to car shows!"



Financial Aid Counselors work directly with students and families to navigate financial aid options and processes.

TAYLOR FULTZ

Financial Aid Counselor

Taylor is also a 2024 graduate of Mount Union where she majored in Media!

Advice for incoming students: "Always reach out for help! Everyone at Mount Union is incredibly supportive and always willing to help you succeed."



JAMIE RUTHE

Financial Aid Counselor

Jamie has her Associates degree from Stark State, and is now pursuing her Bachelor's at UMU in Human Development and will be done in May 2027!

Advice for new students: "Go to class. Never be afraid to ask for help. Make sure to check your emails."



KENDRA MAZZEI

Financial Aid Assistant

Kendra is a graduate of Kent State University, where she studied Business Administration before working in Transportation and Financial Planning. Kendra has been with the university since 2018!

Advice for new students: "Take time to meet new people and to do fun things around your studies. Use your resources and ask for help when needed. We have such a caring and supportive community."

Fun fact: I have a son that graduated from Mount Union, and a daughter that graduated from Kent State.

