

*BEHIND THE SCENES:
HOW MOUNT UNION
SUPPORTS STUDENTS*

University of Mount Union

CASEY CASPER, M. Ed

*Director of New Student &
Leadership Programs
Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisor*



Casey oversees all first year programs, ensuring a welcoming and educational experience for students and their families. She also oversees a majority of student clubs and organizations, including Fraternity and Sorority Life. Casey is a 2013 graduate of UMU, and has her Masters in Higher Education from Kent State. Before her last 5 years at UMU, she worked at George Washington University in Washington D.C.

Advice for new students: Don't wait to feel like you have it all figured out or that you're "ready" to show up and try something new. The strongest connections are often built through small moments of courage: introducing yourself, attending an event, joining a group, or simply showing up! Those small steps often become the experiences, relationships, and memories that help turn a campus into a community.

JESSE CUNION, M.A.

*Assistant Dean of Students &
Director of Student Accountability
and Restorative Practices*



Jesse oversees student conduct processes and promotes restorative approaches that support student growth, responsibility, and community standards. Jesse is a graduate of Capital University and received her Masters in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University. Jesse has served in many capacities in her 16 years at Mount, including Director of Student Success, Adjunct Professor, and Associate Academic Dean. She's also a current Doctoral student pursuing Student Affairs Administration.

Advice for new students: "Ask all the questions and make us work for you! We are here to help, truly, and if you aren't taking advantage of that, you're leaving valuable benefits on the table! If you aren't sure who to ask, come to Student Affairs, and we will get you pointed in the right direction!"
Fun fact: I used to play in a Steel Drum Band in high school!

KELLEEN WEBER

M.A.Ed., LPCC-S LICDC

*Director of Alcohol, Drug,
& Wellness Education*



Over her 20 years at Mount Union, Kelleen has developed and lead programs that promote healthy decision-making and student well-being. She is an alumni of Kent State University, where she studied Psychology and Sociology, before getting her Masters in Community Counseling from the University of Akron!

Advice for new students: “Actively manage your time, prioritize both physical and mental health, and engage with campus resources.”

REV.DR. TIM MORRISON

University Chaplain

Tim provides spiritual guidance, pastoral care, and opportunities for faith exploration for the campus community. Dr. Morrison received his Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary in 2011, and his Masters in Higher Education from Baldwin Wallace in 2022.



SHAWNITA FORESTER, M.A., M.Ed.

Director of Student Engagement



She oversees programs and organizations that cultivate an inclusive, connected, and supportive student experience. Shawnta has her Master's in Educational Leadership and Clinical Counseling.

Advice to new students:
"Take advantage of all resources, activities, and opportunities the University of Mount Union has to offer."

ANGI JOHNSON

Coordinator of Camps, Conferences,
& Card Services



Angi oversees campus events, summer programs, and Purple Plus card services, enhancing operational excellence and the guest experience for students and visitors.

Advice to new students:
"Find something that you love to do!"

Fun fact: I love riding my electric scooter!

AJ DIGBY, M.Ed.

Director of ESports



AJ leads the university's ESports program, overseeing competitive teams, student engagement, and the growth of gaming initiatives across campus. He is a 2020 and 2022 graduate of UMU has been in his position for the last 4 years!

Advice for new students: “Join clubs, get involved, make your experience the way you want it to be. You will get out of college what you put into it so make it a fun 4 years. Secondly, you never know what future best friend could be in your classroom or across the hall. Talk to people and be yourself!”

Fun fact: He ran for USA Paralympics Track and Field and competed while at Mount Union.

JILL GROVE, RRT

Spirit Squad Advisor

Jill oversees the cheer and dance teams, as well as mascots. She helps create an atmosphere of school spirit, performance excellence, and game-day engagement.

Advice to new students: “Be organized, have a planner and keep track of deadlines/due dates! Have fun and make the best memories you can along the way !

Fun fact: “I have 3 kids, and 2 dogs!



BILL KETJEN, m.s.

*Director of Campus
Safety and Security*

Bill is responsible for maintaining a safe campus environment through security operations, emergency response, and safety education.

Advice to new students: “Try to be adaptable to different obstacles that may arise. Resilience is important while earning a college degree. There are many resources on campus to assist you including academic assistance, financial aid, counseling, spiritual life, peer groups, etc. There are different paths you could take to earning a college degree at Mount Union, so be prepared to pivot to keep working towards your goal!

Fun fact: “Most buildings at Mount Union are less than a 10 minute walk across campus so park your vehicle (in the correct areas) and walk.”



MATT PARNELL, m.s.

*Director of
Recreation & Wellness*

Matt oversees programs and facilities that promote physical health, wellness, and active lifestyles. He is a 2009 graduate from Mount Union and received his Master's in Sports Science from the University of Akron in 2011.

Advice for students: “Enjoy the experience and take advantage of all the different services that Mount Union has to offer.”

Fun Fact: I am also the women's assistant soccer coach!



CARMELLA HILL, M.Ed., L.P.C.C.-S

Director of Counseling Services



Carmella oversees mental health services and supports student well-being through counseling, outreach, and prevention initiatives. She got her Bachelor's from John Carroll, and her Masters in Counseling from Cleveland State!

Advice for students and families:
“Students: You are here on purpose with purpose! Keep your head up, get involved, stay connected, and achieve your goals! Keep supporting and engaging with your student. They still need you but maybe in a different way now verses in times past.”

Fun Fact: I love the color purple. Also, I love the Cleveland Browns, the Cleveland CAVS, and THEE Ohio State Buckeyes.

JULIE THORNBERY, M.A.

University Counselor



Julie provides support and resources to help students navigate personal, academic, and emotional challenges. She is a 2004 graduate of Mount Union and received her Masters in Mental Health Counseling at Walsh University in 2023. Before coming to UMU, she was the Assistant Director of First Year Student Success at Walsh University.

Advice for new students:
“This is your first time in college, so be patient and kind to yourself! Ask for help when you need it.”

Fun fact: My summer job in college was working as a toll collector on the PA Turnpike

OZZY CHANEY, M.Ed., L.P.C.C.-S

University Counselor



Ozzy provides students with confidential support, resources, and guidance to promote mental health, well-being, and personal success. He has been at UMU for almost 2 years, and has 7 years community Mental Health experience, including Crisis and Intensive Home Based Therapy. He is also an Ohio Army National Guard Veteran.

Advice to new students:
“Adapt and overcome.”

Fun fact: I design board games and video games.

LILY WILLIAMS, M.A., L.P.C.

University Counselor



Lily supports student well-being through counseling services, crisis intervention, and resources that support personal growth and resilience. She is a graduate of Indiana University, before receiving her Masters from John Carroll.

Advice to new students:
“Mount Union can be an amazing support system and tool in so many ways, taking the step to do it will always be the most challenging part.”

Fun fact: I love iced coffee!

MARCI MUCKLEROY, M.Ed.

*Senior Director, Center for
Student Success*

Marci oversees initiatives that promote student achievement, and development throughout the college experience. She received her Bachelors from the University of Akron, and her Masters of Education from Kent State!



Advice to new students: “College is rarely a linear path and that’s part of its value.

Embrace the unknown, explore new opportunities, and discover your strengths while remaining open to change. As you prepare for life beyond graduation, there is no better place than college to learn how to adapt, grow, and navigate the unexpected.

Fun fact: “I love sports, especially basketball. My husband was a basketball coach for more than 20 years and all three of my children played basketball in high school, two of them played here at Mount Union! My favorite player, other than my children is LeBron James, even after "The Decision"

MATT FURGIUELE, M.Ed.

*Assistant Director of
Transfer and Readmission*

Matt is originally from Alliance and graduated from UMU with his Bachelors and Masters in 2016 and 2021, respectively. He served in Admissions for the past 5 years before moving to his current position in the Center for Student success where he assists incoming transfer students through their process and transition to Mount Union.



Advice for incoming students: “Make yourself uncomfortable and try new things, be a sponge.”

JODY BRYAN, M.Ed.

Director of Academic Support



Jody assists students in developing strategies for academic success and connecting them with helpful resources. She is a 1992 graduate of Wilmington College and received her Masters in Adulting Learning from Cleveland State in 2023.

Advice for incoming students: “Enjoy this exciting new chapter in your life and take comfort in knowing you are part of a community filled with people and resources dedicated to your success. Remember—asking for help is the first step toward growth.”

Fun Fact: My favorite thing to do is hang out with my children and my 5-year-old German Shephard. I also enjoy bowling and have been on many leagues since 1996.

ALEXIS HEDRICK, M.A.

Director of Student Accessibility Services



Alexis supports students by coordinating accommodations and promoting an inclusive learning environment. She got both her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Walsh University!

Advice for new students: “Keep an open mind! You may come in with ideas or expectations and that is great but there is so much to explore and things may change along the way. It is okay for plans to change even if you aren't sure what the plan is yet. Part of the process and the adventure of college is exploring and learning more about yourself as you go!”

Fun Fact: I have been to 8 different countries! I studied abroad in college and highly recommend doing so if you can!

KARLI MILLER, M.Ed.

*Assistant Director of
Career Development*



Karli helps students prepare for careers through advising, finding internships, and professional development opportunities. She graduated with her Bachelors (2023) and Masters of Education (2025) degrees from Kent State University.

Advice to new students and families: “Don't be afraid to try something new and lean into your interests and passions!”

Fun fact: Outside of work, I enjoy performing for community theaters in the surrounding areas.

TIFFANY ROGERS

*College Credit Plus
Program Coordinator*



Tiffany manages dual enrollment opportunities and supports participating CCP students. She has her Bachelors in Human Development, and previously worked at Louisville City Schools as a Family Support Specialist, before starting at Mount Union in 2024!

Advice for new students: “Get involved in campus activities and do not be afraid to ask someone for help!”

Fun fact: “I love leopard print!”