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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we celebrate Mount Union's 180th anniversary, we have an opportunity to reflect not only on our history, but also on the enduring strength of the institution that Orville Nelson Hartshorn founded in 1846. His vision was both bold and progressive – a place where men and women could be educated with equal opportunity, where science and the humanities would stand side by side, where experiential learning would be emphasized, and where individuals would be valued regardless of race, color, sex, or social position. That vision continues to guide Mount Union today.

In 2026, Mount Union remains a vibrant example of what is possible when a university stays true to its founding purpose while continuing to evolve. Our strength is evident in the quality of our academic programs, the success of our students and alumni, and our commitment to preparing graduates for meaningful lives and careers. It is also reflected in the University's strong financial foundation, which allows us to invest strategically in our people, programs, technology, and facilities while ensuring long-term stability for future generations of Raiders.

Hartshorn believed that education should extend beyond theory, and that philosophy is reflected in how we teach and learn today. Across campus, students engage in internships, research, clinical experiences, service-learning projects, fieldwork, study abroad opportunities, and countless other forms of hands-on learning. These experiences help students transform knowledge into action, and students graduate ready to make an immediate impact.

Mount Union also continues to embrace the balance that has distinguished it since its founding. The creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills fostered through the arts and humanities complement the outstanding work taking place in our nationally recognized programs in the health sciences, nursing, engineering, business, and education. Building on our tradition of innovation, Mount Union is also emerging as a leader in the responsible use of artificial intelligence, preparing students to harness new technologies while remaining grounded in integrity, critical thinking, and human connection.

Our commitment to excellence is reflected in our outstanding people, our continually evolving campus and facilities, and the remarkable achievements of our students and alumni. This past year's historic success in women's athletics is just one example of the pursuit of excellence that defines the Purple Raider experience.

While we continue to raise the bar in every facet of University life, Mount Union's greatest strength has always been its people, including the generations of alumni who have carried our values into the world while maintaining a deep connection to the institution that helped shape them. As we mark this milestone anniversary, I am grateful for you and the entire Raider community. Your loyalty ensures that Hartshorn's vision remains alive and thriving. It is our collective work – and your unwavering support – that will carry this remarkable institution confidently into its next chapter.

President Gregory L. King '89

2,300
UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

$200
MILLION INVESTED IN CAMPUS AND FACILITIES OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS

277
OAC REGULAR SEASON AND TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

72
YEARS OF BALANCED FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

96%
SUCCESS RATE IN INDUSTRY-RELATED CAREERS OR GRAD SCHOOL

TALKING
POINTS



2026 COMMENCEMENT







MOUNT UNION HOLDS 180TH COMMENCEMENT

Approximately 479 graduate and undergraduate students participated in Mount Union's 180th Commencement Ceremony held Saturday, May 9, in the Peterson Field House of the McPherson Academic and Athletic Complex.

The day began with celebrations of the new graduate alumni in the morning and the undergraduate students in the afternoon. Thousands packed the field house, with the event livestreamed worldwide to those unable to attend in person.

Mount Union Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Cunion welcomed the graduates and their families at each ceremony. Following Cunion, University President Gregory King '89 offered remarks and recognized the successful Mount Union student-athletes who were unable to attend due to postseason play. Those graduates received their degrees at a special ceremony on Monday, May 11.

Following the confirmation of degrees, King welcomed the graduates to the alumni ranks at each ceremony, encouraging them to continue to be involved with the University.

"Today, you join the generations of University of Mount Union students who have gone before you," King said. "Like them, your relationship with Mount Union does not end here today. I am confident that all you have learned and experienced here at Mount Union will light your way as you continue your life's journey."



BRAA NAMED 2026 GREAT TEACHER

Dr. Lori Braa, associate professor of sport business, was named the 2026 Great Teacher. A member of the faculty since 2011, Braa earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in physical education from the University of Southern Colorado and both master's and doctoral degrees in sport administration from the University of Northern Colorado.

The Great Teacher Award was initiated in 1962 and is sponsored by the Alumni Association to recognize excellence in teaching at Mount Union.



KRIZNER NAMED 2026 OUTSTANDING SENIOR

Emily Krizner '26 (pictured center) was named the 2026 Outstanding Senior. A biology and Spanish double major of Wickliffe, Ohio, she served as senior class president and in leadership roles in Alpha Mu Gamma, the American Chemical Society, Book Club, and HOLA. She was also a founding member of the Friends Committee on National Legislation and was active in Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, the Association of International Students, the Peace Building Society, Women in Physics, SAGE, and many other organizations. Additionally, she was a majorette in the Purple Raider Marching Band, a resident assistant, a participant in the Spring Lobby Weekend and Social Responsibility trips, and a USAC student ambassador following her time studying abroad in Spain.

Also nominated for the 2026 Outstanding Senior were Chloe Bird '26 (pictured right) of Norton, Ohio; Fergus Deleon '26 (not pictured) of Strongsville, Ohio; and Jillian Zamarelli '26 (pictured left) of Beloit, Ohio.

MSN ACCREDITATION

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program has been accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Mount Union offers an MSN Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) degree and a Post-Master's FNP Certificate, both of which can be completed in less than two years. Both offerings feature online courses and on-campus experiences designed for working nurses with busy schedules looking to advance their careers.

100% NCLEX PASS RATE

The School of Nursing's undergraduate Class of 2026 achieved a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). This is the fourth time in a decade that Mount Union's nurses have accomplished this remarkable goal. The University was also nearly 17 points above the average pass rate for the State of Ohio and nearly 14 points above the national average.



3+2 PROGRAM IN NATIONAL SECURITY

Mount Union and Mercyhurst University have announced a new academic partnership that will enable students to earn both a Bachelor of Arts degree in national security and a Master of Science degree in applied intelligence in five years of full-time study, rather than the traditional six. Under the 3+2 program, students complete three years of undergraduate study at Mount Union before transitioning to Mercyhurst for two years of graduate coursework. During the fourth year, students are enrolled simultaneously as finishing undergraduates and first-year graduate students, allowing them to satisfy the requirements of both degrees before the end of year five.

NATIONAL COURSE CERTIFICATIONS

The University continues to be a leader in online learning with 12 courses nationally certified by Quality Matters (QM), the fourth most among Ohio higher education institutions. To receive this recognition, a course earns the QM Certification Mark once it meets QM Rubric Standards at the 85% threshold or better and meets all Essential Standards.



CUNION TAPPED FOR PRESTIGIOUS PROGRAM

Dr. William Cunion, vice president for academic affairs, has been selected as a member of the eighth cohort of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) Institute for Leadership and Governance in Higher Education.

A native of Massillon, Ohio, Cunion earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Xavier University, a Master of Arts degree in political science from Ohio University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



MILLER NAMED UNDERGRADUATE DEAN

After a nationwide search, Dr. Keith Miller '08, professor of biochemistry and chemistry, has been named dean of undergraduate studies at Mount Union.

A native of Atwater, Ohio, Miller earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Mount Union and a doctoral degree in biochemistry and biophysics from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He joined the Mount Union faculty in 2013 and has served in several academic and administrative leadership roles during his tenure.

NEW PROPERTY ACQUISITION

MOUNT UNION RENOVATES FACILITY FOR DPT, MSOT STUDENTS



The University has acquired the building located at 149 E. Simpson St. in Alliance to house new facilities for its Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) programs beginning this fall.

This new building spans more than 11,000 square feet and features two large labs with industry-leading equipment for hands-on learning. Additionally, the space houses nine faculty offices, a dedicated study area, a student lounge, men's and women's locker rooms, a lunchroom, and an outdoor patio for student downtime. There is also a dedicated area for training and testing with external clients and a flexible Activities of Daily Living (ADL) space.

The DPT and MSOT programs are among a growing number of graduate offerings at Mount Union, including programs in physician assistant studies, nursing, business, and education.

VENET PIETZ TAKES ON NEW ROLE

Long-time head women's basketball coach Suzy Venet Pietz '98 has transitioned into a full-time role as associate athletic director. Venet Pietz, who has spent the last 21 seasons leading the Purple Raiders as the head coach, will now focus entirely on athletic administration.

As head coach, Venet Pietz is the winningest coach in program history with over 300 wins. With several OAC Tournament championships, OAC regular-season titles, and NCAA Tournament appearances to her credit, Venet Pietz has been recognized as the OAC Coach of the Year and the Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year by both the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and D3hoops.com.

Considering Venet Pietz's transition, Emily Taylor has come on board as the new head women's basketball coach. She has extensive coaching experience across the NCAA Division I and Division III levels, and has contributed to postseason success, including an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance and consistent national rankings.



MOUNT CLAIMS ALL-SPORTS TROPHY

The Purple Raiders won the prestigious 2025-2026 Tim Gleason Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Women's All-Sports Trophy, as shown above with Associate Athletic Director Suzy Venet Pietz '98 (left) and Athletic Director Michael Parnell '83 (right). This is the sixth time Mount Union has earned this accomplishment. Women's teams winning an OAC Championship for Mount Union during the 2025-2026 season were softball, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, and lacrosse. The All-Sports Trophy is an annual award presented to the top-performing athletic department in the conference based on cumulative finishes across all sponsored sports.



CAPTAIN KELLY TO OFFER SCHOOLER LECTURE

Captain Scott Kelly, a real-life hero whose bestselling memoir was optioned for a major motion picture by Sony, will present the University's Schooler Lecture on Thursday, April 22, 2027, at 7 p.m. in the Timken Gymnasium.

A former NASA astronaut and retired United States Navy captain, Kelly is also a U.S. spaceflight record holder, an experienced test pilot, a former fighter pilot, and a New York Times best-selling author.

Kelly was selected by NASA as an astronaut in 1996. His long-duration spaceflight experience includes his record-breaking 340-day mission to the International Space Station in 2015, known worldwide as the *Year in Space*, during which he conducted three spacewalks before returning home in March 2016. His *Year in Space* mission was chronicled in a *Time Magazine* documentary series and an Emmy Award-winning PBS special.

MOUNT UNION LAUNCHES NEW "SPIRIT SHOP" ALONGSIDE NEW ECAMPUS.COM PARTNERSHIP

Beginning in July, eCampus.com took over management and operations of Mount Union's physical and online campus store – recently renamed the Mount Union Spirit Shop. The company will also oversee the institution's course materials program – Raider Ready – which covers the rental costs of all required textbooks, lab manuals, access codes, and digital textbook versions to eligible undergraduate students for free.

This partnership also comes with an improved retail experience, both in-store and online. The new store features an expanded and thoughtfully curated selection of University merchandise, including apparel, accessories, and gift items at a variety of price points, ensuring options for every budget.



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CELEBRATING A HISTORIC SEASON OF WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

MOUNT UNION ATHLETICS IS SYNONYMOUS WITH SUCCESS. THIS IS THE STANDARD FOR ALL SPORTS – 26 IN TOTAL – INCLUDING THE UPCOMING ADDITION OF WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL, WHICH WILL BE LED BY HEAD COACH RICK HAIRSTON '85 THIS SPRING. MOUNT UNION DOESN'T JUST OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AND TO BE PART OF A TEAM. THERE'S AN EXPECTATION. AN EXPECTATION TO COMPETE. AN EXPECTATION TO EXCEL. AN EXPECTATION TO WIN.





"Our teams have bought into what I'm asking them to do, getting to the next level. Then that's the standard for the next year and the next year."

Meghan Simons '10



This past 2025-2026 sports season was no exception. Success was claimed, and trophies were hoisted, including Mount Union women's sports winning the prestigious 2025-2026 Tim Gleason Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Women's All-Sports Trophy for the first time since 2014-2015. A total of four OAC Championships, NCAA appearances, and a historic run in the Softball World Series headlined this impressive achievement.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Women's indoor track and field won its fifth straight conference championship, with 197 points – 18.5 points more than second-place Ohio Northern. Savannah Dennison '29 of Concord Township, Ohio was named the Women's Dave Lehman Most Outstanding Distance Runner. Mount Union's 17th-year head coach Kevin Lucas and his assistants were named the Women's Coaching Staff of the Year.

"Our women's team had an outstanding meet this past indoor season," Lucas said. "Everybody brought their A-game, and we probably have one of the best staffs in the entire country. I have to give them a lot of credit for the success of our women. I think it speaks volumes of our team that we were going into the meet, probably a big underdog to Ohio Northern, and were able to capitalize on a few key events."

SOFTBALL

Softball, led by 11th-year head coach Meghan Simons '10, won the OAC Regular Season Championship for the third time in the last four seasons, was an NCAA Super Regional Champion for the first time in school history, and advanced to the program's first Softball World Series. Mount Union senior Kendyll Cahill '26 of Groveport, Ohio was named the OAC Pitcher of the Year for the third time and became the program's first All-American pitcher in 18 years. Lindsey Royer '09 last had this honor at Mount Union. Simons and her staff were named the Regional and OAC Staff of the Year. Mount Union's 23rd Street Field was buzzing for the majority of May with alumni, family, friends, and members of the Mount Union and Alliance communities cheering on the Raiders. Softball hosted the NCAA Regionals and Super Regionals – both firsts in program history.





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>
> Eric Mojock



"It's everything," Simons – an all-region and all-conference selection during her playing days at Mount Union – said when asked what it meant to lead the softball program to new standards as an alumna. "It starts with the small things. Our teams have bought into what I'm asking them to do, getting to the next level. Then that's the standard for the next year and the next year."

Simons added when talking about her team and Mount Union's historic run in Salem, Virginia, "They're unforgettable in so many ways."

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Women's lacrosse won back-to-back OAC Tournament titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Haylee Handrahan '26 of Hilliard, Ohio, who was named the OAC Offensive Player of the Year, was All-Region First Team. Head Coach Bethany Snider '16, in her fourth year at the helm, won the OAC Coach of the Year. The Raiders won the OAC Tournament in thrilling fashion as Emma Kielbasa '29 of Amherst, New York scored the game-winning shot with just three seconds remaining, securing the 11-10 victory over Baldwin Wallace in an exciting environment in front of the home crowd at Kehres Stadium.

"All-around, it was a team win," Snider said after the game. "We found a way to get it done, and that's all that matters. They rose to the occasion. Just because we are young this year doesn't mean that we're not going to come home with a trophy. That was something we talked about all season. They worked their butts off all offseason and all spring to get to this point."

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Swimming and diving won its first OAC title since 2016. The Purple Raiders finished with a team score of 951, which was 141 points ahead of second-place Ohio Northern. Abby Calaway '26 of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio and Riley McCombs '28 of New Middletown, Ohio were named the co-OAC Swimmers of the Year, while 19th-year head coach Eric Mojock and his assistants were named Coaching Staff of the Year.

"This season was a combination of unrivaled achievements and total team contribution," Mojock said. "Every one of the 18 scoring participants competed in at least one championship final. The women won all five relays, and two teammates were named OAC Swimmer of the Year because both won all of their three individual events. This was one of our closest teams ever, and each woman played a role, supported their teammates, and attacked the season with a clear focus on the goal of an OAC Championship. As we leapt off the deck into the pool to celebrate, I was moved by the pride of each athlete beaming out of their smiling faces."

OTHER TEAM SUCCESSES

The OAC Women's All-Sports Trophy is a team effort with contributions from all the sports that compete in the conference. Overall, it was an outstanding year for women's athletics on campus. Yes, excellence is the standard, and the Purple Raiders are going to celebrate all the accomplishments from the student-athletes and teams along the way.

Simons summed it up perfectly, saying the season featured "a lot of firsts, but certainly not lasts. That's because of what they've built and been a part of."

Three top-10 individual finishes at the OAC Championships	WOMEN'S GOLF
The most team wins since the 2018-2019 season	WOMEN'S TENNIS
The most wins since the 2015-2016 season, including a home playoff victory	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Host of an OAC Tournament game for the first time since 2021	WOMEN'S SOCCER









WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Zoe Sweigart '29 of Canal Winchester, Ohio made school history as the OAC Volleyball Newcomer of the Year.

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK

Mackenzie Davis '27 of Tiffin, Ohio earned Second Team All-American honors in the long jump.

WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Abigail Mozden '29 of Alliance, Ohio made history as the program's first All-American at the inaugural NCAA Championship.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Savannah Dennison '29 of Concord Township, Ohio won the individual title – the program's first since 2014.





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Dr. Doug Hendel has made an indelible mark on countless students over 30 years at Mount Union. More than a decade after his retirement, a generous anonymous gift in his honor will ensure the next generation of theatre students are ready for center stage.

EW ACT

DISCOVERING MOUNT UNION

A native of Perrysburg, Ohio, roughly 10 miles south of Toledo, Hendel always carried a passion for theatre. He attended nearby Bowling Green State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree, and began working as a medical technologist. While that paid the bills, he continued to perform in productions on the side. Like many twentysomethings, he eventually found his way back to his first love. He returned to BGSU for graduate study in theatre and began pursuing a career in teaching. Though only a few hours' drive away, Mount Union was not on Hendel's radar.

"I was perusing *The Chronicle of Higher Education* for jobs and saw one at Mount Union, though I had never heard of it or even Alliance," he laughed. "I applied just to see what would happen and then got it."

While finishing his dissertation during his first few years at Mount Union, Hendel was not sure whether he would stay in Alliance more than a few years. As his tenure continued, it did not take much convincing to stick around.

"The longer I stayed, the more I liked it," he said. "I enjoyed the people more than anything else. The faculty, administration, and students were all great."

That connection was felt by students as well. Shawn Douglass '87, now an associate professor of instruction in theatre at Northwestern University, remembers Hendel arriving with an energy that helped shape the department and the people in it.

"I remember being happy that there was a younger faculty member who seemed in tune with the times we were in. And he seemed to do it all – teaching, acting, directing, and designing and building sets," Douglass said. "And he was just plain friendly and smart."

A DYNAMIC CAREER

Over the course of three decades, Hendel directed nearly 70 plays featuring hundreds of students. It was always the goal of Hendel and his colleagues in the theatre program to provide as many opportunities to students as they could.

One of those students, Emmy and Tony-nominated actress Carrie Coon '03, spoke with the *Canton Repository* in September 2024. Her reverence for Hendel was evident.

"I wouldn't be on this path without the theatre department and Dr. Doug Hendel," Coon said. "I didn't know anything about that path, and had I not gone to Mount Union and had I not taken classes with Dr. Hendel, I wouldn't have been aware that it was a possibility in my life."

For Douglass, Hendel's influence became even clearer with time, especially as Douglass built his own career as an educator.

"I'm not sure I realized it at the time," Douglass said, "but I can see now how Doug modeled for me what I try to offer my students at Northwestern – meeting students where they are, taking a genuine interest in their lives, and continually and gently challenging them to do better."

While the theatre program has been foundational for many working in proximity to the stage and screen, one of the benefits of a Mount Union experience is the accessibility of co-curriculars for students in all majors. Hendel relished the times he could direct students who were trying something new, building confidence, and discovering talent they may not have seen in themselves yet.

"It was always great to see students who were maybe just okay or unsure about their abilities take a real step forward with every performance because they put in their time," Hendel said. "We always tried to make sure everyone who auditioned had a chance to get on stage and play a part."

Following an act of a beloved faculty member like Hendel can be a challenging role to play. When Kevin Kern, professor of theatre and the Eckler Endowed Chair of American Literature and Drama, arrived after Hendel's retirement, he was acutely aware of the comparison. Nonetheless, he remains grateful for Hendel's legacy and the opportunity to continue this important work.

"When I came to Mount Union, I faced the difficult task of being 'the new Doug Hendel,' and his shoes were impossibly big to fill," said Kern. "Fortunately, Doug remained closely connected to the University and returned to perform in several theatre productions. Each time he did, a new generation of students had the opportunity to learn from him by observing his professionalism, preparation, and graciousness in rehearsal."

REMARKABLE GENEROSITY

Hendel's constant dedication to the Mount Union theatre program and its students has never gone unnoticed. When an anonymous Mount Union alum contacted the Office of Advancement to establish The Douglas B. Hendel Endowed Fund for Theatre with a substantial lead gift, the man affectionately known as "Doc" was stunned.

"My first thought was surprise. I was like, 'What? Why are they doing this?'" Hendel said. "Then I was just so honored at the idea of them wanting to name it after me. After the gift was described to me, it made perfect sense for me to jump on board and give to the fund as well."

The fund aims to support unique experiential learning opportunities for theatre students, much like Hendel did during his tenure, including trips to professional productions across the country, conferences, auditions, and enhanced sets and costumes for University performances.



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"To get to see really good professional theatre is like a whole different world, and that helps many students take a big step forward," Hendel said. "It's fun to give students those experiences and then discuss why they matter on the travel home."

"This gift is both humbling and inspiring," Kern said. "It demonstrates a deep belief in our students and in the transformative power of theatre education. It will provide students with opportunities typically associated with much larger institutions while allowing Mount Union to remain the close-knit, personalized university that makes it so special."

The program has already earmarked the fund's first dollars for the performance of "Cabaret" on campus this coming spring, helping the production reach what Kern describes as an "even higher level of quality" than initially thought possible.

THE NEXT ACT

Since his retirement in 2012, Hendel has stayed closely connected to the Mount Union theatre program and the community that shaped so much of his life. He and his late wife, Ann, continued attending Mount Union productions, encouraging students, and opening their home for closing night gatherings that many alumni still remember. They also traveled extensively, immersing themselves in cultures far beyond Stark County and bringing that curiosity and joy back with them.

One unique retirement opportunity came when Hendel participated in what he called a "wonderful role reversal," when Douglass asked him to perform in George Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell" at the Remy Bumppo Theatre in Chicago. The former student took his turn directing his professor.

"I cast him, and our experience working on that production was so much fun working together as peers and close friends," Douglass said. "Not only that, he was fantastic in the show!"

In his final show at Mount Union in 2012, Hendel portrayed Grandpa Vanderhof in Kaufman and Hart's play "You Can't Take It with You," which feels appropriate for him. Vanderhof is said to live by a simple philosophy: Don't do anything you are not going to enjoy. It's quite easy to see that Hendel shares a similar view of the world.



THE DOUGLAS B. HENDEL ENDOWED FUND FOR THEATRE

The Douglas B. Hendel Endowed Fund for Theatre was established by a former student actor in recognition of Hendel's extraordinary contributions to Mount Union's theatre program. Annual distributions from the fund will support theatre performances and experiential learning opportunities for students within the theatre program, at the discretion of the chair of the Department of Performing Arts. Endowed funds must be used to support learner-centered experiences such as attending professional productions, conferences, and auditions, as well as enhancing University productions. The fund will be acknowledged in production, marketing, and print materials and announced in advance of any performance impacted.

For alumni, friends, and former students whose lives were shaped by Hendel, this fund offers a meaningful way to honor his legacy while creating new experiences for Mount Union theatre students. Those interested in making a gift should visit giving.mountunion.edu/forms/HendelTheatreFund. Those who have questions or need assistance should contact the Office of Advancement at advancement@mountunion.edu or (330) 823-2286.



LUCKY 7

There is a famous bar in Boston, Massachusetts, that's said to be a place where everybody knows your name.

For the Gillis family, the Mount Union campus has been that kind of place for decades. While there have been many incredible stories over the years, it's likely that seven siblings have never graduated from Mount Union in its nearly 180-year history. That changed when the youngest Gillis sibling, Andrew '26, earned his degree this past spring, cementing a remarkable family legacy.



THE PATRIARCH

To Dave Gillis, working at Mount Union was more than a career. Until his retirement in 2020, Dave spent 29 years on the Physical Plant grounds crew, ensuring the campus maintained its reputation for being immaculate. While he calls the experience rewarding, it offered him something else beyond a salary.

"The whole time I was there, I felt like I was young," Dave said. "Working and being around young people all the time, I would come home and converse with my kids and feel connected to them and what was happening."

Those conversation starters would come in handy when coming home to seven children – Amanda '10 Church, Emily '11, Elizabeth '13 Frank, Sarah '16 Crookston, Rebecca '19, Hannah '22, and Andrew. The siblings grew up just minutes away in the village of Minerva, hearing stories about campus and its people, attending sporting events or Homecoming carnivals, and even learning to swim at the Hammond Natatorium.

"Back then, Take Your Daughter to Work Day was a thing, so Dad would switch off taking one of us every year," said Sarah, a membership specialist with America's Credit Unions in Baraboo, Wisconsin. "I like familiar places, and going to Mount was familiar to me because it felt like home even though it was school."

Mount Union was a subconscious second home for the Gillises early on, and a physical one for each of them as the years progressed. Utilizing one of the great fringe benefits of working at Mount Union, each of the Gillis children was able to earn an undergraduate degree with 100% of the tuition covered, thanks to Dave's service to the institution.

SHARED EXPERIENCES

Though their collective time as students spans more than two decades, many of the Gillis siblings followed similar paths while on campus. Five of the women are sisters twice over after joining Alpha Delta Pi, six worked at the Hoover-Price Campus Center Information Desk, three studied abroad, and four were involved in For Love of Christ the King (FLOCK). Some of them were also part of campus life at an even earlier age.

"One of my favorite memories with my siblings on campus was not even when they were there as students, but during Little Sibs Weekends," said Amanda, a development specialist for University Hospitals who resides in Ashtabula County, Ohio, with her husband, Greg '08. "A couple of them would come over to my dorm room and hang out, and I would walk around campus with these little kids in tow. It's a fun memory."



Vicki and Dave Gillis (left center and right center, respectively) gathered with their family to celebrate one of many Mount Union Commencements for the Gillis family. They share a remarkable distinction: all seven of their children earned degrees from the University.

While Dave's relationship with Mount Union provided the siblings with campus opportunities, going to school where their father worked had its unique pros and cons.

"On Monday morning, my very first day on campus, my dad parked his truck in the middle of the Academic Mall and yelled, 'Hey baby girl!' during the hustle and bustle," said a jokingly exasperated Hannah, who also lives in Ashtabula County and works in the automotive industry. "It's something I'll never forget but also get secondhand embarrassment thinking about."

"He would memorize our class schedules so he would know where we were just to come say hi," said Emily, a commercial contract manager for DHL Supply Chain in Columbus, Ohio.

"I got accused of being a stalker," Dave laughed, with a few of his children laughing in agreement.

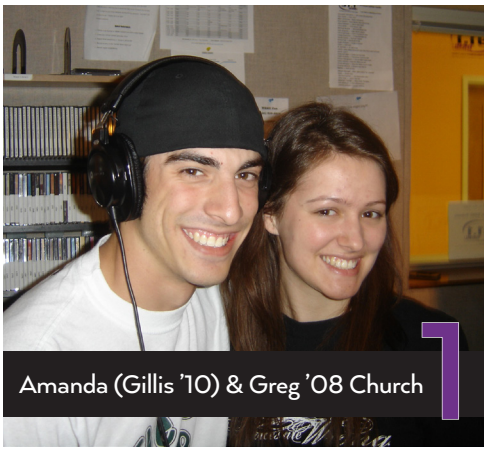
"Mount Union provided a quality education for my children in a place where I knew they could thrive and feel safe. It also became the starting point for the life we built as a family, since we moved to the area for Dave's job."

– Vicki Gillis

ON-CAMPUS FAMILY

With that level of care and attention paid to both his family and his job, Dave was revered on campus by his peers and the students who worked for him for nearly three decades. That impact was obvious for each Gillis sibling during their time on campus.

"He was notorious with everyone. All the students who worked with him at Physical Plant would come up to me and say, "Oh, you're Dave's daughter?" Emily said. "Everyone was always so kind to us because of how our dad treated them, so that made things extra special."



"The legacy that Dad left meant that any of his old coworkers always said hello to me any time they saw me on campus," said Andrew, who earned his degree in national security and intelligence analysis. "If I ever needed anything from Physical Plant, they were always on it instantly and willing to help."

Thanks to the bonds Dave had formed over the years with his colleagues, Andrew was a minor campus celebrity before he was even born. When his wife, Vicki, was pregnant with what would be their final child, the Physical Plant team had decided to throw Dave a surprise baby shower. This small gesture of community left an indelible mark on the family.

"My boss, Blaine Lewis, drove me all around campus so I avoided the area, and I had no idea what was going on," Dave said. "I was really surprised when I got there and saw everyone. It was a very special thing to do."

Even those who married into the family understand the deep ties the Gillises have to Mount Union. Amanda's husband, Greg, met most of the family on campus. It even became a memorable backdrop when posing a very important question.

"When I asked Dave if I could marry Amanda, it was at Physical Plant," Greg said. "I found him and asked if I could







talk to him, and we took a long drive around Alliance afterward. I still think about it all the time."

A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES

While there are countless campus recollections, one tradition stands out. With the University offering employees the ability to hand their children their degrees at Commencement, it is one more opportunity to celebrate the support system it takes to become an alum. Though with Dave's humility, it just means continuing to do good work.

"This is just part of my job, really," Dave said. "I'm glad I got to do it for them, and we got a picture to celebrate it, but it's really just amazing that it happened."

"I think it's a really special tradition that Dad handed us all our diplomas," Sarah said. Emily added: "My first thought when he gave me mine was just gratitude to everyone involved."

Among those involved who made this achievement possible is Vicki, whose dedication as a mother and steadfast support throughout each of the seven children's educational journeys helped lay the groundwork for their success in college and beyond.

"As a dad of seven kids, they all could go to college. But it's hard, so I would have been satisfied if three made it through. Four? I'd be happy as a clam. Five or six? Unbelievable." Dave said. "To have all seven graduate blows my mind. That might not happen for seven random people, and I think it's a testament to all my kids."

"Mount Union means home to me and has for as long as I can remember. It always felt special to visit Dad at work and see the pride he took in helping keep campus beautiful. Once I became a student, Mount felt even more like home."

– Elizabeth (Gillis '13) Frank

The Gillis family group chat is quite active, and whether it's about friends, former faculty, or football scores, Mount Union is often at the center of conversations. Though they have all now moved on to build their own careers and families, the Gillis siblings have fond memories of the place that has been a constant in their lives. While Dave maintained the beauty of the campus for years, he knew he was also creating a space for his family and others to make lasting memories. And, sometimes, with the sun shining down on the Academic Mall, just park his truck to say hello.







CLASS NOTES

Class Notes to be included in the Winter 2026 Issue of *Mount Union Magazine* must be received before October 31, 2026.

Material for Class Notes is obtained online or through news passed along from alumni to the offices of Alumni Engagement, Advancement, and the Mount Union Fund. Notices sent by the Post Office are not printed in Class Notes. You may also submit your class note via email at alumni@mountunion.edu or the form found at mountunion.edu/alumni.

1960s

Ty (Lamke '67) Webb was installed as a member of the Hall of Fame of the Association of Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). Her service to the organization over the past 50 years includes serving twice on the Board of Directors, as president of three regional chapters, as chair of the IT Division, and as co-chair of an annual conference for 5,000 people with Al Gore as the keynote speaker.



1970s

Chuck Durant '73 is a Kairos Christian prison ministry volunteer. In this role, he led a retreat in January 2026 at North Central Correctional Complex. Over 100 Kairos graduate insiders participated.

David '71 and Lorna May celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on October 12, 2025.

1990s

Megan (Readshaw '92) Perfetti had the opportunity to read the 165th draft pick for the Buffalo Bills during the fifth round of the 2026 NFL draft in Pittsburgh. View news coverage of the pick at https://share.google/TH4awHaZdTVWnr7Ec.

2000s

Andrea Bruno '09 and Brian Warning announce the birth of a son, Bennett Bruno-Warning, on July 17, 2025.

Jessica (Brutvan '09) and Michael '09 Mullally announce the birth of a daughter, Abigail, on June 18, 2025.



2010s

Elizabeth (Hord '11) and Jeremy Bosl announce the birth of a daughter, Harlow Iris, on October 3, 2025.



Kalyn (Budner '16) and Trevor '16 Wilson announce the birth of a son, Eli, on August 19, 2025.





A CHORUS FOR A CAUSE

The community chorus Christine Allison ’76 started in 2009 – A Chorus for a Cause – was nominated and invited to perform in Normandy, France for the D-Day Ceremonies in June 2026. In addition to those ceremonies, they performed at a couple of churches in and around Paris.

DEATHS

1940s

Martha “Jean” (Richards ’49) Johanson of New Philadelphia, Ohio passed away on January 4, 2026.

1950s

John Armitage ’68 of Santa Paula, California passed away on November 26, 2025.

Raymond Goodrich ’54 of North Olmsted, Ohio passed away on October 14, 2025.

Marilyn (Polen ’58) Kolm of Alliance, Ohio passed away on January 16, 2026.

David Koontz ’55 of Charleston, West Virginia passed away on November 28, 2025.

Pauline (Linn ’56) Limbach of Pickerington, Ohio passed away on December 8, 2025.

William Masters ’50 of Farragut, Tennessee passed away on March 4, 2026.

Joyce (Papworth ’52) Milliken of Dublin, Ohio passed away on April 1, 2026.

Ruth (Langshaw ’59) Proctor of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania passed away on January 7, 2026.

Faye (Wyrick ’53) Renz of West Muffin, Pennsylvania passed away on March 13, 2026.

Mary Jo (Hamilton ’55) Rodriguez of Surprise, Arizona passed away on December 23, 2025.

1960s

David Allison ’68 of Henderson, Nevada passed away on November 21, 2025.

Mary (Carson ’62) Banfield of Culver, Indiana passed away on November 20, 2025.

Suzanne (Lindsay ’63) Bird of Ellington, Connecticut passed away on January 23, 2026.

Charles Gill ’67 of Akron, Ohio passed away on February 28, 2026.

Charles “Charley” Gillmer ’64 of Reedville, Virginia passed away on March 21, 2026.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Hello Raiders,

This will be my final message as president of the Alumni Association. It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to serve in a leadership capacity over the course of the past four years. I have been able to meet so many wonderful alumni across numerous decades and have grown closer to the campus community than ever before.

I will be passing the presidential duties to Stephanie (Novak ’12) Skitko, a great friend whose passion for Mount Union is unmatched. I would like to thank Audra (Lee ’04) Youngen, Jacob Stanley, and the Office of Alumni Engagement for their support and all they do for our alumni. I’d also like to thank our Board of Trustees, administration, and faculty for consistently showing up for our students and alumni and continuing Mount Union’s tradition of excellence.

I’m forever proud to be a Purple Raider and look forward to continuing to support the Mount Union community.

With tremendous gratitude,

Nick Walker ’11
President, Alumni Association

POWER THE PURPLE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Power the Purple unites Purple Raider fans in support of student-athletes and their teams. Leading up to the M Club Hall of Fame game on November 7, alumni, parents, friends, and supporters are encouraged to make a gift to help provide resources and opportunities that enhance the student-athlete experience. With 100% of every donation directed to M Club/athletics and/or the team(s) of your choice, Power the Purple is a meaningful way for the Raider Nation to invest in the success of Mount Union student-athletes.

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE, RAIDER NATION!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

180 YEARS

1846-2026

FOUNDER'S DAY

OCTOBER 20, 2026

Sharon (Sheets ’61) Herwig of Elyria, Ohio passed away on February 18, 2025.

Alden Hess ’62 of Ooltewah, Tennessee passed away on December 25, 2025.

Robert Hutton ’62 of Salem, Ohio passed away on February 19, 2026.

Kristina (Dreifort ’68) Kriss of Prairie Village, Kansas passed away on January 6, 2026.

William “Woody” McCallum ’69 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on March 14, 2026.

Marilyn (Canfield ’66) Montoro of Plano, Texas passed away on June 30, 2024.

Jon Nelis ’61 of Treasure Island, Florida passed away on December 8, 2025.

Jean (Parker ’61) Riddle of East Palestine, Ohio passed away on April 20, 2025.

Bruce Robb ’69 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on November 18, 2025.

Robert Shaffer ’61 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on October 31, 2025.

Kay (Casper ’62) Starkey of Homeworth, Ohio passed away on November 17, 2025.

Kenneth Vassily ’64 of North Ridgeville, Ohio passed away on December 18, 2025.

1970s

Lila (Householder ’75) Bolen of Dover, Ohio passed away on January 9, 2026.

Frank Burrell ’72 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on February 2, 2026.

Cynthia Gudel ’73 of Columbus, Ohio passed away on January 21, 2026.

Richard Halsey ’70 of Consejo, Belize passed away on January 18, 2026.

Margaret (Blackburn ’75) Mack of Cleveland, Ohio passed away on April 3, 2026.

Phyllis (Horton ’77) Michaud of Norman, Oklahoma passed away on January 22, 2026.

Brandon Reed ’75 of Columbus, Ohio passed away on April 16, 2026.

Mark Whitaker ’76 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on November 24, 2025.

1980s

Cathy Cubbison ’80 of North Royalton, Ohio passed away on December 7, 2025.

Laurie (Moorman ’84) Eppler of Mentor, Ohio passed away on December 3, 2025.

James “Jim” Grant ’81 of Parma, Ohio passed away on December 12, 2025.

Mark Litten ’82 of East Palatka, Florida passed away on December 26, 2025.

1990s

Cherrymae Aromas ’95 of Brunswick, Ohio passed away on November 12, 2025.

Amos Gray ’94 of Canton, Ohio passed away on February 2, 2026.

Charles “Chuck” Hess ’91 of Uniontown, Ohio passed away on December 27, 2025.

Rachel Rusnak ’97 of Middleburg Heights, Ohio passed away on November 16, 2025.

2000s

Amy Hollingsworth ’00 of Uniontown, Ohio passed away on December 16, 2025.

EMPLOYEES

Linda Baxley of Canton, Ohio passed away on November 17, 2025. She was an employee for 36 years for Mount Union Food Services.

Robert Falk of Williamsport, Pennsylvania passed away on February 2, 2026. He previously worked at Mount Union.

Henry Fischer III of Millersville, Pennsylvania passed away on January 30, 2026. He was previously a professor at Mount Union.

Martha Honaker of Alliance, Ohio, spouse of Don Honaker ’60, passed away on April 12, 2026. She previously worked at the Mount Union Theatre.

Patricia “Pat” Kroft of Louisville, Ohio passed away on March 12, 2026. She previously worked at Mount Union in the Department of Music.

Joseph Leigh Sr. of Chincoteague, Virginia passed away on March 23, 2026. He was previously an assistant coach at Mount Union.

Nancy McKoski of Akron, Ohio passed away on February 6, 2026. She previously worked at Mount Union.

Dorothy Oyster of Alliance, Ohio passed away on January 14, 2026. She previously worked at Mount Union as a secretary.

Alma “Robbie” (Robertson ’59) Tolle of Salem, Ohio passed away on March 12, 2026. She retired from Mount Union in 2006 after serving as a chemistry and biology lab supervisor for more than 30 years.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

MICHAEL JARRETT ’87



For one unforgettable Saturday night, the University of Mount Union found itself racing under the bright lights of NASCAR. Purple Raider pride hit the track at EchoPark Speedway in Atlanta as Mount Union’s name was featured on the No. 7 Jarrett Chevrolet, driven by Justin Allgaier of JR Motorsports. The opportunity was made possible by Michael Jarrett ’87, whose company sponsorship brought his alma mater to one of the biggest stages in motorsports. As fans tuned in on The CW, the Mount Union community had a unique reason to cheer.

What began as a celebration of an alumnus’ success quickly became an evening to remember. Allgaier and the No. 7 Jarrett Chevrolet battled through the competition and ultimately crossed the finish line first, delivering a thrilling victory. It was a powerful reminder that Purple Raiders can make an impact far beyond campus.

For Jarrett, the win represented more than a successful sponsorship. Since graduating from Mount Union in 1987, he has built Jarrett into one of America’s leading logistics companies, transforming the lessons and values he gained as a student into a remarkable entrepreneurial success story. Seeing the Purple Raider name ride alongside his company on a winning NASCAR team was a fitting tribute to that journey. From Mount Union classrooms to the winner’s circle at a national sporting event, the story reflects what is possible when education, determination, and school pride come together.

FACULTY EMERITUS

DR. LEWIS PHELPS



Dr. Lewis Phelps of Bountiful, Utah, an emeritus professor of music who retired from Mount Union in 2001, passed away on March 14, 2026. He earned Bachelor of Music, Master of Music, and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees, all from the University of Arizona. He joined the faculty at Mount Union in 1970, where he taught in the Department of Music until his retirement in 2001. He delivered the Faculty Lecture in 1986 and received the Great Teacher Award in 1999.

In his honor, the Dr. Lewis A. Phelps Memorial Endowed Scholarship has been established. Contributions may be made online at giving.mountunion.edu/forms/DrLewisPhelpsMemorial or by scanning the QR code. For questions, please contact Christian Lopez, advancement officer, at lopezchr@mountunion.edu or (330) 823-2128.



CLASS OF 1976 CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

First Row (l-r): Ruthie Wheeler, Carol (Chalker) Phillips, Kathy (Larrick) Warhola, Denise (Kerr) Gorman, Barbara (Brown) Trumbo, Sandy (Weidig) Simpson, Kathy (Vittel) Abraham, Barb (Hoffman) Ehrman, Nancy (Orwick) McCamon

Second Row (l-r): Gary Borawski, Carol (Howlett) Green, Jane (Fryfogle) Crow, Marilyn (Kurtz) Ruff, Diane (Smith) Hisey, Laurie (Kerr) Tarosky, Margaret (Bonistalli) Cotton, Marlene (Wilcox) Wells, Jane Taylor-Kettren, JoAnn (Warren) Jones, Jean (McKay) Campbell, Cathi (Hunter) Friend, Victoria (Bando) Ansberry, Cindy (Greene) Kreisel, Jill (Campbell) Foster, Rita (Salah) Allen, Ellen (Gibbs) Caruso, Jeff Hubert, Daryl Daugherty

Third Row (l-r): Mark Haidet, Parthena (Heropoulos) Draggett, Kathleen (Harrington) Duerr, Rebecca (Arnold) Forsyth, Karen (Kelker) Miller, Deborah (Lindesmith) Wood, Cathy (Daniels) Rivas, Cheryl (Sheely) Eaton, Kathleen (Carson) Antona, Jane (Disegi) Howell, Thomas Boyce, James Rydzak, Adell (Fyfe) Mastro, Maryellen (Haupt) Nimon, Douglas Prather, Owen Riley, Ron DeJulio

Fourth Row (l-r): Elliot Forysth, Howard Ward, Robert Nezbeth, Phil Foster, Ken Lewis, Drew Miller, Dave Kagarise, David Gingrich, Chuck Hogye, Tim Carey, David Laurenzi, Rick Brunner, Andy Warhola, Dennis Judge, Dan Buckel, Gary Sutton

2020s

Addie Wisniewski ’23 of Medina, Ohio passed away on January 16, 2026.

Friends

James Dickens of Columbiana, Ohio passed away on February 8, 2026. He attended Mount Union in the mid-1960s.

Gary Owens of Ontario, Ohio passed away on January 15, 2025. He attended Mount Union in the early 1960s.

Sharron Springer of Alliance, Ohio passed away on November 18, 2025. She co-owned the Mount Union Diner with her husband, Jim.

Barbara Blanc of Louisville, Ohio passed away on November 22, 2025. She attended Mount Union in the mid-1960s.

Lynn Sullivan of Alliance, Ohio passed away on November 8, 2025. She attended Mount Union in the early 1970s.

Nita Lombardi of Canton, Ohio passed away on October 26, 2025.

Peter Fritz of Canton, Ohio passed away on January 27, 2026. He attended Mount Union in the mid-1960s.

Bryan Brownfield of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, spouse of Elana (Weaver ’94) Brownfield, passed away on April 7, 2026. He attended Mount Union in the mid-1990s.

Sandra Kurdziel of New Middletown, Ohio passed away on January 18, 2026. She attended Mount Union in the late 1950s.

Donna Trace of Mogadore, Ohio passed away on January 20, 2026. She attended Mount Union in the late 1950s.

Albert Indermill of Lebanon, Ohio passed away on March 10, 2026. He attended Mount Union in the late 1950s.

Catherine Newcomb of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio passed away on March 22, 2026. She attended Mount Union in the mid-1950s.

CARRYING FORWARD A LEGACY

HOW LAUREN (SAMSA '22) HARMON CONTINUES THE MOUNT UNION TRADITION



For Lauren (Samsa '21) Harmon, Mount Union is the place that shaped her into the professional and person she is today. Graduating with a major in accounting and minors in economics and business administration, she credits her academic experience – especially the structure of the accounting program – for launching her career. A full-time internship with Novogradac & Company during her junior year transitioned seamlessly into a full-time role after graduation, and she continues to make an impact in the affordable housing industry.

Beyond academics, Lauren found transformative experiences in Alpha Delta Pi (ADPi) specifically and fraternity and sorority life in general, serving as chapter president of ADPi, president of Order of Omega, and lead coordinator of the Greek Member Academy. These leadership roles equipped her with confidence, professionalism, and the ability to thrive in high-responsibility environments.

"I received a strong education that benefits me every day in the workplace," said Harmon, "In addition, these campus life opportunities built my confidence, professionalism, and accountability."

Today, she supports organizations nationwide that provide and preserve affordable housing, offering attestation, consulting, and tax services. Her work aligns closely with Mount Union's mission of preparing students for fulfilling lives, meaningful work, and responsible citizenship.

A FAMILY LEGACY OF PURPLE PRIDE

For Harmon, Mount Union represents a multigenerational commitment. Her mother, aunts, and now her younger sister found their home on campus – a tradition made possible by the sacrifices of her grandparents, who valued education.

Inspired by this legacy, she supports the University as a leadership donor to the Mount Union Fund, a sponsor of the Young Alumni Challenge on Raiders Give, and most profoundly, as someone who has named Mount Union as a beneficiary of her life insurance policy.

Her decision is rooted in gratitude and personal experience. After the sudden loss of her father during her junior year, Harmon received a grant from the Student Emergency Fund that allowed her to continue her education without interruption.

"Mount Union lifted me up during the hardest moment of my life," said Harmon. "Giving back ensures the next generation has the same opportunities that changed my life."

BUILDING STRENGTH FOR FUTURE RAIDERS

At graduation, Lauren's cap displayed the quote: "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." She hopes her legacy at Mount Union reflects those words.

"I want future Raiders to discover their own bravery, strength, and intelligence," Harmon added.

A CALL TO YOUNG ALUMNI

Lauren encourages young alumni to think back on the moments that made their Mount Union experience memorable and to help recreate those opportunities for today's students.

"Mount Union is a legacy of community, excellence, and lifelong connection," she said. Her message is clear: staying connected and giving back, at any level, strengthens the Raider community for generations to come.

THANK YOU, RAIDER NATION!

On April 9, 2026, the Purple Raider community came together during our ninth annual day of giving, Raiders Give, to make a BIG impact on our students in just 24 hours!

1,099
DONORS
alumni, students, parents, employees, and friends

$343,979
RAISED
in direct support for current and future Purple Raiders

$165,000
TRUSTEE CHALLENGE UNLOCKED!
with minutes to spare!

38
STATES
represented by our generous donors

TOGETHER, WE UNLOCKED EVERY CHALLENGE!

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

FOUR POWER HOURS. BIG IMPACT.
Donors tripled their impact during four Power Hours,
UNLOCKING $15,000 IN TOTAL!
$5,000 each from Natalie (Giantsos '04) and Doug '02 Peterman, Morgan Engineering, and Dr. Niall Slater

FIFTY STATES. ONE RAIDER NATION!
In support of the 50 State Challenge, individuals from
38 STATES HELPED SECURE $3,800.
Many thanks to Ben '98 and Torie Utterback for making this challenge possible.

STUDENTS FIRST!
The Mount Union community stepped up to support the most critical needs of our students, unlocking
$10,000 THANKS TO 286 DONORS
for the Student Emergency Fund Challenge.

BIG WINS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES!
Purple Raider fans met the M Club Challenge in support of our exceptional student-athletes with
212 DONORS UNLOCKING $5,000.
Go Raiders Go!

PARENTS AND FAMILIES MAKE AN IMPACT!
186 OF THEM HELPED SECURE $2,500
in challenge funds during Raiders Give 2026.

FACULTY AND STAFF STEP UP!
$5,000 WAS UNLOCKED WHEN 189
total faculty and staff members joined together to support our students. Thank you President Greg '89 and Callie (Livengood '09) King for your support!

YOUNG ALUMNI. STRONG FUTURE.
Graduates of the years between 2016 and 2025 came together to support our students.
116 YOUNG ALUMNI UNLOCKED $4,000
in additional challenge dollars.

STUDENTS LEAD THE WAY
Our Purple Raiders stepped up to support their fellow students, unlocking the Student Challenge with
211 DONORS SECURING $5,000
in additional funds!

GRADUATE PROGRAM CHAMPS!
Graduate students in the Physician Assistant Studies Program took home the Current Graduate Program Challenge with
83 TOTAL DONORS.

IT TAKES ALL OF US!
THANK YOU, RAIDERS!

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