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A newsletter for the Parents and Family Association

The Parents and Family Association at Mount Union exists to provide an environment for you to be actively involved, engaged, and committed to the life and mission of the University of Mount Union and the success of all students.

Mark Your Calendar

November

26 – Thanksgiving Break begins at 11 p.m.

December

2 – Classes Resume from Thanksgiving Break

6 – Last day of classes of the fall semester

8-12 – Final exam period

January

13 – First day of classes of the spring semester

20 – Martin Luther King Day observance (no classes)



Upcoming Events

Jazz Band Concert

Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Gallaher Theatre, Giese Center for the Performing Arts

Eckler Lecture Featuring Mark Conway Thompson

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 8:40 p.m.

Gallaher Theatre, Giese Center for the Performing Arts

The Eckler Lecture will feature Mark Conway Thompson, actor and movement theatre artist, who will present *Making a Case for Empathy: Shakespeare's Three Important Questions*. Thompson's lectureship includes a three-week residency, during which he will be cast as Prospero in a production of *Prospero's Magic Island* that will precede the lecture.



Prospero's Magic Island: Adapted From William Shakespeare's The Tempest

November 14 at 7:30 p.m.

November 15 at 7:30 p.m.

November 16 at 7:30 p.m.

November 17 at 2 p.m.

Brush Theatre, Giese Center for the Performing Arts

General Admission tickets are \$12. Tickets can be purchased online via the links for the individual performance dates provided above.

Prospero's Magic Island is an interpretation of *The Tempest* by the legendary William Shakespeare. The 55-minute show is family-friendly and includes elements of magic and music throughout the production.



Band Holiday Concert

Friday, Nov. 22 2019 at 7:30pm
Brush Theatre, Giese Center for the Performing Arts

Tuba Christmas

Saturday, Nov. 23 2019 at 7:30pm
Brush Theatre, Giese Center for the Performing Arts

"Need to Know" Information

Academic Support

There are many services, offices, and resources available on campus to assist students in their academic journey. Their success is our mission! Students can rely on our caring and helpful staff to lend guidance and support as they navigate the college landscape and their academic studies.

Late fall is a stressful time of the semester. If your student needs assistance developing study habits, identifying internship opportunities, or reviewing a writing assignment, there's someone on campus to help!

Visit our [website](#) for more information on the Office of Academic Support, the Office of Career Development, and the Digital, Written, and Oral Communication (DWOC) Studio.

Student Health Center

If your student is feeling sick, there are also dedicated resources to get them feeling better. The Student Health Center is located in Aultman Alliance Community Hospital's Professional Office Building (207 E. State St., Suite 200), and provides medical care for students who have short-term illnesses and injuries.

Good health contributes to the productivity and success of students and enables them to reach their academic, social, athletic, career, and personal goals in life.

Visit our [website](#) for additional information on facility hours, counseling information, and health requirements prior to arrival.

Campus News

Mount Union Breaks Ground on Dom and Karen Capers Academic and Athletic Center

The University of Mount Union broke ground on the **Dom and Karen Capers Academic and Athletic Center** on the west end of campus.



The 5,600-square-foot building, funded by a \$2 million dollar gift from Dom and Karen Capers, will feature a team meeting and film room that can be split into smaller rooms along with offices and meeting spaces for the 13-time National Champion football program.

Infield of Dreams; Mount Union Puts In Turf Baseball Infield

The University of Mount Union is installing a donor funded, artificial turf infield at its baseball field.

The surface will be done by AstroTurf in its Diamond series turf, which has been installed at a variety of college fields including Ohio State, Michigan, and Vanderbilt.



"This will be a tremendous boost to our program," commented 24-year head coach Paul Hesse. "I am so proud and thankful that so many former players and supporters have stepped up to make this a reality."

The field will also be getting a new name as it will change from 23rd Street Field to **Rafeld-Rogers Field** in honor of 30-year coach Jack 'Skip' Rafeld and former player and Alliance native Mike Rogers.

Financial Aid and Billing

The 2020-2021 FAFSA is now available! Starting October 1, students and families can log in at fafsa.gov and complete the FAFSA for next academic year. Completing your FAFSA and all required financial aid documents early will ensure that there are no delays in processing the student's financial aid.

Having trouble interpreting your 2018 1040? Eligible tax filers can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to automatically transfer the necessary data into the FAFSA! Check out **FATV** for FAQs, helpful videos, and other important financial aid information.

Thank you to all parents who helped their students submit their Financial Clearance forms for the 2019-2020 school year. It is much appreciated. The Office of Business Affairs wants to make sure you are aware of dates that will be of importance to you and your student this spring:

- Freshman and transfer students should have electronically submitted their Tuition Payment Agreement, FERPA, and Federal Title IV forms. If you have not done so, please complete them now.
- Billing statements for the spring semester will be sent electronically the first week in December. This bill will be due January 3, 2020.
- The University has partnered with Heartland ECSI, offering your student the opportunity to receive their 1098T form electronically. Information will be emailed to the students in the next coming weeks to "opt-in." More information about the 1098T form can be found under the **Payment Checklist**.

Advice for Students

Beyond Parents Weekend: Why College Parent Engagement Matters

We are not advocating parent helicoptering. Engagement is not hovering.

College students need to practice their independence, make their own decisions, take responsibility for their education, and begin to lay the foundation for their future. However, there's a difference between checking in with your student and checking up on your student. That can be the difference between helicoptering and engagement.

Read more at **College Parent Central**.

Smartphone Apps Your College Kid Needs, Social Media Accounts College Parents Should Follow

It's no secret that the capability of today's smartphones is kind of mind blowing. It's a

literal high-end computer in the palm of your hand, and that means it has the ability to help college students with more than just texting directions to the next keg party.

There are plenty of student-centered academic, budgeting, time management, and social apps they should be using. As for parents, your smartphone now is not only a means of communication and connection between you and your student. It can provide the same between you and your student's college.

[Learn more!](#)

Parent and Family Facebook Page

The Parents and Family Association at Mount Union exists to provide an environment for you to be actively involved, engaged, and committed to the life and mission of the University of Mount Union and the success of all students.

Parents and family members are invited to join this private group as a way to start conversations, ask questions, and more.

[Join the Facebook Group](#)

The Mount Union Fund

99%

of students receive
some form of aid

753

student athletes compete
in NCAA athletics

185

students participate
in study abroad

We Need YOU!

Last year, 3,051 donors gave more than \$1.4 million in support for The Mount Union Fund to make a difference for current students. This generosity helped 99% of students receive scholarships and/or aid, 753 student athletes compete on 24 teams, and 185 students expand their horizons through study abroad opportunities in 19 different countries.

Bottom line? Every gift is needed, and, when combined, your support helps makes a collective impact that is immeasurable. Will you join fellow parents and families with a **gift to The Mount Union Fund** today? Together, we can ensure current and future Raiders continue to enjoy opportunities that prepare them for fulfilling lives, meaningful work, and responsible citizenship.

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