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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

April

19 - Good Friday, Classes Not in Session

30 - SCHOLAR DAY/Honors Convocation, Classes Not in Session until 6 p.m.

May

8 - Last Day of Classes, All Classes Operate on a Friday Schedule

9 - Reading Day, Finals Begin at 6 p.m.

9-15 - Final Exam Period, No Saturday/Sunday Final exams

18 - Commencement

Student Spotlight



Alyssa Adams '20

Major: Neuroscience

Hometown: Mentor, OH

Involvement: Alpha Xi Delta, Gender Equity Matters, Alpha Lambda Delta, Raider Recruiting, Telecounseling

“My strong point has always been in the science field, but taking classes such as economics and art have helped me develop skills outside of my major and I now feel more comfortable writing and researching about subjects that I didn’t know much about before coming to Mount.”

Read more about Alyssa's time at Mount Union [here](#).

News

Editorial: Stark Nursing Programs Among Ohio's Best

The [RegisteredNursing.org] report said of Mount



Union: “With no wait list, students can be admitted into the major as a freshman to start their nursing education right away. With features like a state-of-the-art simulation ICU, students get to enjoy first-class facilities in which to learn and practice.”

Read the full story [here](#).



Mount Union Hosts Nearly 100 Girl Scouts for “Think Like an Engineer”

Nearly 100 local Girl Scouts, ages 5-14, descended upon campus to participate in hands-on projects where they learned about the principles of engineering. They had an opportunity to work with professional engineers from local companies such as Akron Metro RTA, CT Consultants Inc., WSP USA Inc. and others. Mount Union students volunteered for this event and guided the Girl Scouts through their engineering and design activities. The students represented a variety of majors at Mount Union, including biology, physics, neuroscience, multi-platform software development, mechanical engineering, civil engineering and computer engineering.

Read the full story and view the gallery on our [website](#).



Mount Union Announces Four Concentrations for Online M.Ed.

The University of Mount Union is pleased to announce that the Institutional Actions Committee of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has granted approval of a fully-online Master of Education (M.Ed.) program with concentrations in athletic coaching, curriculum and instruction, educational leadership and Ohio principal licensure. Mount Union is now accepting applications for the programs for May 2019, August 2019 and January 2020.

Read more on our [website](#).

Financial Aid and Billing

Do you want your student to receive a 2019-2020 financial aid award letter?

- If so, file the [FAFSA!](#)
- If you are not going to file, please email us at finaid@mountunion.edu.
- Have questions about the FAFSA? Check out these [videos](#) from Financial Aid TV.

Is your student graduating in May?

- If they borrowed federal loans, they need to complete [Direct Loan Exit Counseling](#) before graduation.
- If your student needs help completing this requirement, click [here](#) to schedule an appointment.

We at the Business Office want to make sure you are aware of dates that will be of importance to you and your student:

- Accounts not current have been placed on *hold*. Those on *hold* do not have access to view grades or to register for fall 2019 classes. Transcripts will not be released to any account on *hold*. Accounts with balances at or below \$500, or those that are up to date on the monthly payment plan are considered current.
- Registration dates for fall semester begins *March 26*. Make sure your account is in good standing to avoid any delays.
- If your student is a Senior planning on graduating in May, please make sure your balance is paid in full *prior to April 15*.
- Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us at 1-800-992-6682

Upcoming Events



Little Sibs Weekend

April 5-6

This is a great time for little siblings, cousins, and family friends to visit Alliance with their big "sib!" During this weekend, the Raider Programming Board, in conjunction with several other campus organizations, provides many fun and exciting activities for sibs and kids of all ages!

To register and check out the tentative schedule, please visit our [website](#).



UMU Cheer to Host Stunt Clinic

April 7
Noon to 4 p.m.

The clinic is open to all high school students who would like to participate in learning the proper techniques and safe way to stunt. The Registration deadline is March 29.

Schooler Lecture

Wednesday, April 10 at 8 p.m., *McPherson Athletic and Academic Complex*

Margaret Atwood has long been a literary titan, but “current events have polished the oracular sheen of her reputation,” says *The New Yorker*. With her 1985 novel *The Handmaid’s Tale* back on the bestsellers lists and its television adaptation, which has been nominated for 33 Emmy’s Awards and awarded 11, it seems Atwood’s sharp eye is more necessary—and prescient—than ever.

For more information, or to receive complimentary tickets, call (330) 829-6120 or visit our [website](#).



Relay for Life

Friday, April 12 at 5 p.m.

Relay for Life is a 12-hour event that consists of ceremonies, heartfelt words, and lots of fun! Join us this year, to save the world of cancer, and be the superhero you were born to be.



For more information, click [here](#).

Cheer and Dance Team Tryouts

Friday, April 26 at 5 p.m., *Multipurpose room, MAAC*
Saturday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m., *Auxiliary Gym, MAAC*

You must be admitted to the University of Mount Union prior to tryouts. The University of Mount Union welcomes all women and men who will be full-time students to UMU during the 2019-2020 Academic Year to participate in our cheerleading and mascot and dance team tryouts. All 2019 incoming freshman and transfers are eligible for this tryout. This

squad tryout would include the full year commitment of football, basketball, and competition seasons. If there are any high school conflicts, please notify Jill Grove at groveji@mountunion.edu in advance. Please pre-register [online](#) and complete the listed medical forms.

SCHOLAR DAY and Honors Convocation

Tuesday, April 30

SCHOLAR Day is Mount Union's Student Celebration Honoring Our Latest Academic Research. Students and faculty set aside an entire day to learn from the undergraduate and graduate students on campus who have completed outstanding research projects. This event is celebrated by our students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and the greater community. Honors Convocation will be held on at 11:30 a.m. on April 30 in the Timken Gymnasium. Parents of award winners will receive a letter of invitation in the mail – so keep an eye out for that in the first few weeks of April!

To view the full schedule of events, visit our [website](#).

Graduation

Saturday, May 18

Remind your students to check their email for all details regarding Commencement. In addition to the University ceremony, students and their families are also invited to attend school-specific gatherings and celebrations.



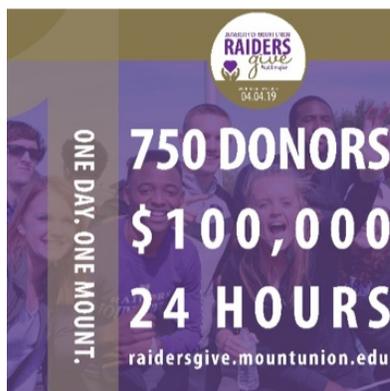
To view the full schedule of information and event, visit our [website](#).

Helping your Student Settle into College Life

As parents, we worry about our high school senior's transition to college. We know that this is a big step and we hope that both our student, and we, are prepared. But even after your student has made those important first transitions to college, there are more changes ahead.

Each year of college brings its own phase of development, and the phenomenon of the things like the "sophomore slump" is very real for many students. Parents may be less comfortable with knowing what conversations they should be having with their student, but the work isn't done. [Read more](#) from the College Parent Central website about how you can help your student settle into their major and long term goals.

Double Your Impact on Raiders Give



Mount Union's second annual day of giving, Raiders Give, is just around the corner! Join fellow parents, alumni, and friends April 4, and make a big impact on current students in just 24 hours.

If **750** donors make gifts to The Mount Union Fund on Raiders Give, several Trustees will match every donation up to \$100,000. That's double the impact of your support.

But that's not all! Brad '84 and Stephanie Carman, parents of Hayden Carman '22, will give an additional \$2,500 if 55 or more parents or family members

participate.

Learn more about Raiders Give and how you can make a difference at raidersgive.mountunion.edu.

[Learn More](#)

Parents and Family Facebook Group

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.

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Helpful Links

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