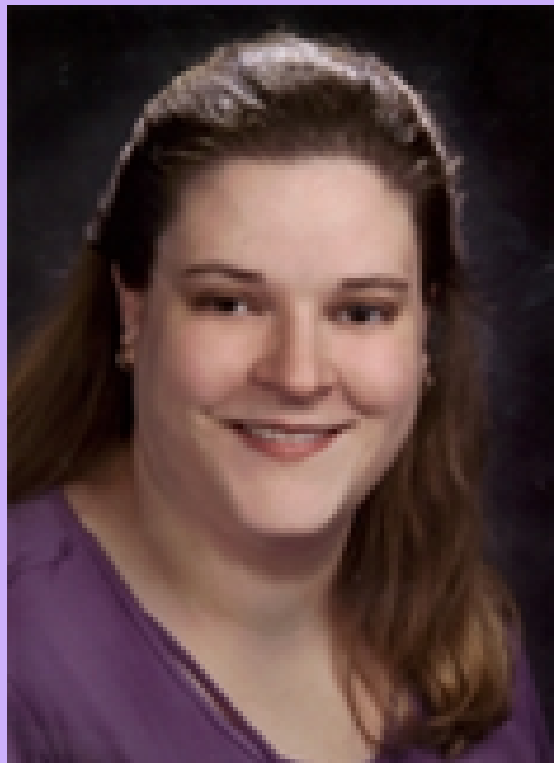


RESIDENCE LIFE & COMMUTER EXPERIENCE

University of Mount Union

SARA STEERER, M. Ed

Director, Residence Life



Sara leads housing operations and residential programming, creating supportive living-learning environments for students. She is a 2000 graduate of the University of Mount Union and received her Master's degree in Higher Education from Kent State University. She has served at Mount Union for the past 24 years!

Advice for new students: "Be involved and engaged. The students who get the most out of college are the ones who show up, ask questions, join organizations, build relationships, and take advantage of opportunities. Be intentional about your choices and experiences—don't just let college happen to you. Self-author your education by deciding what you want to learn, who you want to become, and how you want to contribute."

DARRELL GAITOR II, M. Ed

Residence Life Coordinator



Originally from Miami, Florida, Darrell is a 2010 graduate of the University of Mount Union. He received his Master's degree in Educational Leadership this year! He oversees student residential staff to help create a safe and welcoming environment for campus students.

TERESA LATHEAM

Student Affairs Coordinator



Teresa has been in her position since 2007! She assists in all departments of Student Affairs, especially Residence Life, and serves as a liaison for parents, families, and students.

Advice for new students: “Get to know your RA’s and be considerate and understanding with your roommates.”

Fun fact: Grammy T to 5 adorable littles!

ANTHONY CIRINO

Graduate Assistant and Resident Director



Anthony is a 2026 graduate of the University of Mount Union and is pursuing his Masters in Higher Education from Kent State University. He oversees 2 traditional residence halls, and promotes safety and engagement to students. He also assists as a Graduate Assistant in Fraternity and Sorority Life!

Advice for new students: “Be yourself, put yourself out there, and get involved!”

DAWN DAUGHERTY, mBA

*Assistant Dean of Students & Director
of International Student Services*



Dawn supports international students through their transition and success at Mount Union, overseeing programs that support inclusion, compliance, and global engagement. She is a 1997 graduate of Mount Union where she received her degree in International Business. After working for Kent State for 5 years, Dawn returned to Mount Union where she has been supporting students for the past 23 years.

Advice to new students: “Life is an adventure; be open to new experiences and learning opportunities. Get involved!”

Fun fact: “I love to travel and have been to 14 countries!”

MICHELLE GAFFNEY, m.A.

Associate Dean of Students

Michelle works closely with students and staff to enhance the student experience, support student success initiatives, and address a wide range of student needs. She has her Master of Education degree in Higher, Adult & Lifelong Education from Michigan State University, and over her 32 years at UMU, has been in many roles including, Residence Life and New Student Programs!

Advice to new students: “College is more than a place to earn a degree—it is a time of growth, discovery, and becoming. For students, I encourage you to be courageous and open to trying new things. Growth often begins just outside your comfort zone, and the confidence you build there will carry you into new challenges and meaningful rewards. Ask questions, take it all in, and remember: no one has to have everything figured out on day one.