1970s

Tom Berlin ’73 of Matthews, North Carolina recently retired from RSA Insurance as global claim manager after 47 years.

David Joachim ’73 of Boardman, Ohio recently retired as a Presbyterian pastor (PCUSA). He is now a YMCA swim instructor and lifeguard with four children and six grandchildren.

1980s

Bret Adams ’90 was recently named a regular contributor for Vintage Guitar magazine, sold in mainstream bookstores nationwide. He is also a recruiting specialist with Ohio Means Jobs Stark County.

Cenell (Munford ’93) Boch recently published a book, Living with the Double D’s — Surviving Depression and Divorce. It is available for purchase on Amazon.

David Edwards ’98 leads Education International, a global teaching union organization comprised of 32 million teachers and other educators affiliated with unions and associations in 173 countries.

1990s

Albert Smith ’77 retired from Malone University after 37 years as a member of the accounting faculty. He was granted emeritus status and received the 2020 Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching.

Jim “Lep” Durham ’82 of Columbus, Ohio recently retired from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency.

Tom Maderia ’80 recently won his 200th game as a head football coach in New Jersey when Burlington Township defeated Highland 14-7 on October 25, 2019.

Bonnie (Rockenbaugh ’80) Rodenberger shared a photo of her Mount Union family; pictured (l-r) are her daughter, Christy (Rodenberger ’04) Miller, Bonnie, and her son-in-law, Nate Williams ’07. Nate is married to Bonnie’s youngest daughter Mary Catherine.

2000s

Chad Baddeley ’00 and his wife Shelby announce the birth of a daughter, Addilyn Sue, on June 17, 2020.

Zachary Bolitho ’04 of Raleigh, North Carolina has joined Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP as counsel in its White Collar and Criminal Defense Group. In addition to his of counsel role at CSH Law, he is an associate professor of law at Campbell University School of Law in Raleigh, where he teaches federal criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, and trial advocacy.

Erin Crandall ’08 was named to Toledo’s 20 Under 40 listing in October 2020. She manages roughly $1 billion in sales annually at one of Dana Incorporated’s largest facilities and is responsible for serving customers including Ford and Chrysler, as well as providing strategic financial leadership.

Maria Fesz ’09 married Jesse Friedberg on September 12, 2020. Ketubah signers included Alicia (Bousner ’10) Hrubey. The couple currently resides in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.
Sarah (Brockett ’09) and Ryan ’09 McFeely announce the birth of a daughter, Lillian Mae, on September 5, 2020. She joins siblings Brooke, 10 and Addy, 8.

Jennifer (Bixler ’05) and Kyle Miller announce the birth of a daughter, Evie Jean, on June 5, 2020. Evie joins sibling Elenore, 3.

Courtney (Sattler ’04) Rees was recently published in the Summer/Fall edition of the Ohio Journal of English and Language Arts. Her article was titled An Empty Building Awaits.

Amanda (Chick ’06) and Joe ’08 Rettig announce the adoption of a son, Jay Sutton. He joins siblings Owen, 9, Graham, 7, and Reid, 5.

Donna (Dercoli ’00) and Daniel Rogers announce the adoption of two children, Aniyah, 8 and K’ream, 7.

2010s

Gina (Mayer ’11) and David ’11 Keifer announce the birth of a daughter, Kennedy, born June 10, 2020.

Chelsey (Bruce ’14) and Matthew ’14 Kirkland, announce the birth of a son, Daniel, on July 3, 2020.

Michelle (Bryan ’12) and Josh Kosko, announce the birth of a son, Samuel Joseph, on March 18, 2020.

As the fall academic semester draws to a close, I can’t help but reflect on how the campus community (especially the administration, faculty, staff, and students) adjusted to the current environment in which we find ourselves. Their actions are a clear example of how we as a Mount Union community (and family) can band together to get through any challenges and obstacles we face!

While not the way we had hoped to celebrate Alumni Weekend and Homecoming, I hope you were able to join us in celebrating our Virtual Alumni Week back in October. Throughout the week, we were able to celebrate our alma mater through campus videos and messages, announcements of the recipients of the Dodie Davis ’62 Alumni Service Award, McKinley Fellow Award, Young Alumni Award, and Susie (Oberholzer ’73) Buckel Alumni Association Scholarship recipients, along with a Run-A-MUC Virtual 5K, reunion celebrations, and regional club gatherings, among many other highlights.

I want to close by offering my deepest thanks for the support of all of our alumni. Throughout the course of the past several months, we’ve seen so many alumni offering their support when it is most critically needed for Mount Union students. Support received through donations to The Mount Union Fund, Dick Merriman and Margot Kelman President’s Rescue Fund, Student Emergency Fund, and other giving areas are being immediately put to use to support students. On behalf of the Alumni Association and Mount Union, I thank you for your continued commitment, your loyalty, and your support!

With Purple Raider Pride,

- Chad Johnson ’07
  Alumni Association President
Alumni across the country joined the University for a Virtual Alumni Week celebration — October 4-10, 2020 — for online events that incorporated tradition with new and exciting updates! From gatherings and reunions to virtual tours and cooking demonstrations, hundreds of alumni participated from the comfort of their homes, reconnecting and engaging with fellow Mount Union family members. In addition, Alumni Weekend and Homecoming favorites — the Run-A-MUC 5K race and 2020 Alumni Awards — were part of the celebration. While the institution missed the opportunity to welcome its alumni and friends to campus in person, it was great to connect in a manner that ensured the safety and well-being of the entire community.
As part of Virtual Alumni Week, the Office of Alumni Engagement recognized the 2020 Alumni Award Recipients through a web page and series of videos honoring the winners. All videos and acceptance letters can be viewed at: mountunion.edu/virtual-alumni-week-2020.

Dodie Davis Alumni Service Award
The Alumni Service Award was established in 1942 and is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in a chosen profession and for service to the community or to the University of Mount Union. The award represents the highest non-academic honor an alumnus/alumna can receive from Mount Union. In 2003, the award was renamed in honor of Dodie Davis ’62 for her 35 years of service and dedication to the institution.

2020 Alumni Award Winners

Debby (Fish ’69) Rowland
Tony Zurbrugg ’69

Mckinley Fellow Award
The McKinley Fellow Award is named for former U.S. President William McKinley, who was a member of the Mount Union Board of Trustees and worked as a friend of the University for many years. This award honors a select group of individuals who have had a significant impact on Mount Union as non-alumni.

Young Alumni Service Award
The Young Alumni Service Award honors and recognizes those who, at very early stages in their chosen careers or callings, exemplify what Mount Union hopes all alumni will strive to achieve upon graduating from Mount Union. The award is given to graduates within the past 15 years for their outstanding support, leadership, and dedication to the University as young alumni.

Andrew Rothermel ’15


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Jessica (Colby ’14) and Gregg Strasser announce the birth of a daughter, Hattie Faye, on July 10, 2020.

Josh ’14 and Stephanie Winn, announce the birth of a daughter, Rylee Jean, on August 23, 2020. She joins siblings Preston, 4, and Weston, 1.

Christina Wooster ’13 recently started as an attending physician at the Akron Children’s Pediatrics office in Tallmadge, Ohio after completing her pediatric residency at Akron Children’s Hospital.

Sarah Oakes ’20 and Jovan Mirkovic were married on October 24, 2020. The couple reside in Parma Heights, Ohio.

Ryan ’20 and Jennifer Sanderbeck announce the birth of a daughter, Amelia, on May 22, 2020. She joins sibling Clare, 4.

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Mount Union Employees

**Ralph Daily**

Ralph Daily of Alliance, Ohio passed away November 2, 2020. He was professor emeritus in the Department of Education.

**David Deutsch**

David Deutsch of Sebring, Ohio passed away October 18, 2020. He taught part time at Mount Union in the early 2000s.

**Patricia Morrow**

Patricia Morrow of Alliance, Ohio passed away August 13, 2020. She retired in 2010 after 42 years with AVI/food service at Mount Union.

**Thomas John O’Malley**

Thomas John O’Malley of Louisville, Ohio passed away September 27, 2020. He was an associate professor of mathematics until 2011.

**Barbara Watson ’87** of Mentor, Ohio passed away August 7, 2020.

**David Williams ’80** of Lexington, Maryland passed away September 29, 2020.

**Samuel L. Belden ’92** of Cleveland, Ohio, spouse of Molly (Malloy ’93) Belden, passed away August 11, 2020.

**Anthony Stewart ’93** of Martin, Tennessee passed away November 15, 2020.

**John Adams** of Braddock, Pennsylvania passed away October 19, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1940s.

**Lloyd Barker** of Alliance, Ohio passed away August 18, 2020. He was the spouse of the late Evelyn (Shuster ’49) Barker and father of Janice Barker-McLaughlin ’80.

**Melvin “Nick” Bove, Jr.** of Land O’ Lakes, Florida passed away August 8, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1960s when his service was interrupted by WWII.
Deaths (cont.)

Peggy (Wolfe) Ferguson of Lisbon, Ohio passed away August 24, 2020. She attended Mount Union in the mid-1990s.


James Kepley of Alliance, Ohio passed away August 2, 2020.


Alice Neuman-Schaefer of Canfield, Ohio passed away October 4, 2020. She earned a teaching certificate at Mount Union in the 1960s.

John Pothorski of Wellington, Ohio passed away October 18, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1960s.

Nancy (Hartenstein) Raker of Marion, North Carolina passed away October 14, 2020. She attended Mount Union in the 1960s.


Tristan Taylor of New Carlisle, Ohio passed away August 27, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the mid 2010s.

Howard Thompson of North Canton, Ohio passed away August 19, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1940s when his service was interrupted by WWII.

Veronica (Reale) Wise of Ravenna, Ohio passed away August 27, 2020. She attended Mount Union in the late 1940s.

Mount Union Women has been supporting the education of female students attending Mount Union for more than 87 years. Each year, Mount Union Women awards scholarships to outstanding students who are highly involved on campus and excelling in their academic studies. Funds for scholarships are raised through donations and a variety of fundraising activities.

Mount Union Women is a nonprofit organization led by a Board of Directors and a leadership team. Meetings are held a few times per year and social and fundraising activities occur throughout the year. Anyone interested in participating in activities or joining the leadership team can send a message to mountunionwomen@gmail.com or connect via the Mount Union Women Facebook page.

Donations to the scholarship fund are always welcome and can be made via the group’s website: mountunionwomen.org.

M Club is the varsity letter-winner’s association at Mount Union. A student-athlete lettering in a varsity sport (men’s or women’s) at Mount Union is automatically a member of M Club upon graduation.

For those who qualify, we encourage you to get involved with M Club by attending meetings, athletic competitions, and events such as the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and social gatherings. Support can also include a monetary gift.

Please welcome (as of January 1) the following individuals as the new leadership team of M Club: Paul Cotton ’83 as president, John “Buddy” Gasparik ’85 as vice president, and Bob Atkinson ’73 as secretary.