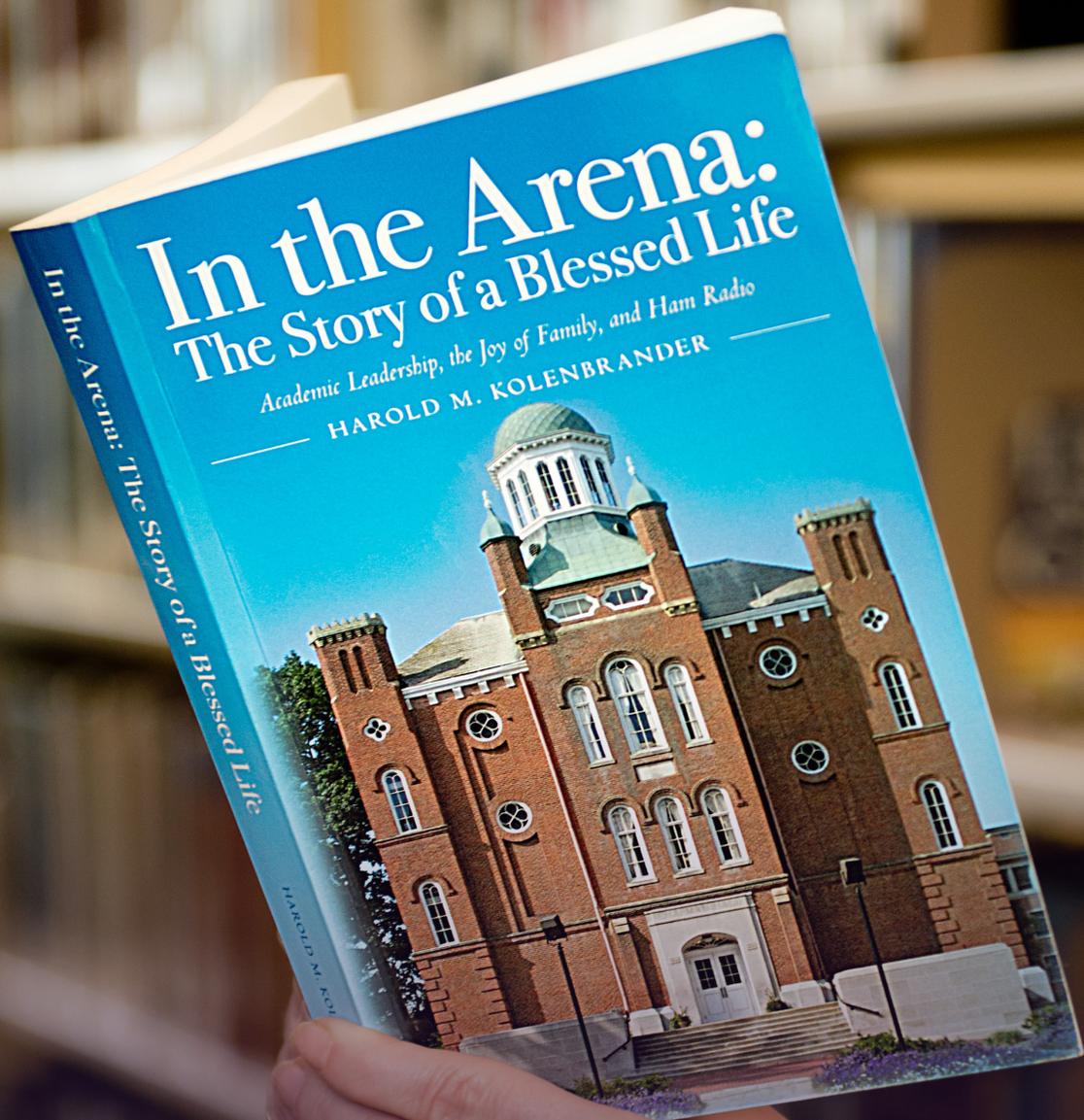


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



When I reflect on my early days at Mount Union, I often think about the words and wisdom of Dr. Harold Kolenbrander, who first brought me on board as a Manzilla intern shortly after I earned my undergraduate degree. As you'll learn in the story beginning on p. 6, Dr. Kolenbrander led this institution with a profound appreciation for balance – balance in decision-making, in relationships, and in the way a university must simultaneously honor its history and embrace its future. In those first conversations with him, I felt the depth of his commitment to leading with intention and humanity. He believed that strong institutions are built not only on sound plans but on the steady, consistent cultivation of a healthy community.

That perspective resonated with me then, and it continues to shape how I lead today. As we embarked on the strategic planning process that ultimately resulted in the *Students First* plan, I knew that our strategy would only be as strong as the culture supporting it. Dr. Kolenbrander's example reminded me that progress isn't driven by strategy alone; it is driven by people – people who feel connected, respected, and inspired to contribute their best. Culture is what gives a plan its power.

Many on campus have heard me say, "Culture eats strategy for breakfast." Essentially, even the best and most compelling strategic plan is sure to fall short without an environment that encourages trust, collaboration, and shared purpose. This belief is woven throughout the *Students First* plan, where enhancing our community's sense of belonging emerges again and again as a defining priority.

To strengthen the cultural foundation that supports our strategy, we began by identifying the core values that would articulate who we are and who we aspire to be. During the fall of 2024, the University undertook a thoughtful and inclusive process to define those values. We engaged the Mount Union community in a series of exercises designed to reflect the array of voices and experiences on our campus. Faculty, staff, students, and trustees first reflected individually and then gathered in small groups to propose values they felt represented our institution when we are at our very best. Their rich input informed and shaped the direction of our work.

From this collective effort emerged three core values – belonging, excellence, and integrity – which were officially approved by the Board of Trustees in May of 2025. These values now stand as guiding principles for how we learn, work, and interact. They represent our shared aspirations and the culture we are committed to nurturing together.

As we continue to bring the *Students First* plan to life, these values will serve as our compass – helping us stay aligned, stay grounded, and stay true to what makes Mount Union special. I am deeply grateful for the thoughtful engagement of our community in shaping them, and I look forward to the ways we will live them out together in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Gregory L. King '89
President

OUR CORE VALUES

BELONGING

Motivated to foster a sense of **community** in a **family**-oriented atmosphere where people feel **cared** for, **respected**, and valued. Champions individuality and acceptance while emphasizing acts of **service**. Cultivates **relationships, collaboration,** and **teamwork**. Carries forward a **legacy** of progress deeply rooted in our history, **pride,** and **mission**.

EXCELLENCE

Committed to **quality** in an academic environment with **learning** and a quest for **knowledge** at the core. Fuels institutional and personal **growth** and **continuous improvement** while striving for **innovation**. Fosters holistic **achievement** and academic, athletic, and co-curricular **success**. Draws confidence from our longevity of **institutional and financial stability**.

INTEGRITY

Driven to lead and to inspire others to realize their own **leadership** abilities and potential. Values **responsibility, accountability,** and **ethical** decision-making, both as individuals and as an institution. Honors **authenticity** and transparency. Displays **passion, perseverance,** and **adaptability** as we face the challenges of an ever-changing environment.

The bolded words in the Core Values definitions represent values submitted by the small groups referenced in President King's message. As the definitions were drafted, the project team intentionally incorporated as many of these submitted values as possible so participants could see their contributions reflected in the final descriptions.



MOUNT UNION'S STRONG ENROLLMENT CONTINUES, UNIVERSITY WELCOMES MORE THAN 700 NEW STUDENTS TO CAMPUS DURING MATRICULATION CONVOCATION

This fall, the University welcomed 712 incoming students to campus – a remarkable milestone in Mount Union’s history. For the first time, the institution achieved back-to-back incoming classes of more than 700 students, underscoring Mount Union’s continued growth and appeal. Overall enrollment also reached an exciting benchmark, surpassing 2,300 for the first time since 2017, including 2,109 undergraduate students and 256 graduate students.

The undergraduate students of the Class of 2029 took part in the annual Matriculation Convocation on August 22, ready to take the next step in their college experience. They were joined by family, current students, faculty, and staff.

During his remarks, University President Greg King ’89 encouraged students to take advantage of the opportunities available to them on campus, both in and out of the class-

room, and to learn from the supportive community that they will find at Mount Union.

“As you begin your college journey, I hope you will see, in the varied backgrounds and experiences of your classmates and in the array of people who work at the University, a great opportunity to learn about and learn from people who are different from you,” King said. “Recognize that they have important goals and dreams, and those have great value. Let us work together to make all welcome and fully respected in our learning community.”

At the end of the convocation, the students and faculty recited their Matriculation pledges, and students had a chance to sign the Matriculation book. Signing the book is a pledge that students will dedicate their efforts and talents to excellence in liberal learning and career preparation.

MOUNT UNION LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAMS



COSTANZO '84 NAMED BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR

Jim Costanzo '84 has been named the chair of the University's Board of Trustees, a role he assumed on July 1, 2025.

Costanzo's distinguished career spans more than four decades in the healthcare and technology sectors, earning him national recognition for his leadership and impact. He retired as CEO of Nordic Consulting Partners in 2024 following his tenure as Global Health Leader for Ernst & Young for nearly a decade. He is currently a senior business advisor at Silversmith Capital Partners and executive chairman of Med Tech Solutions.

Costanzo joined the Board of Trustees in 2016. He has built strong connections with faculty and staff and served on the campaign cabinet for the University's \$50 million *Inspiring Minds, Transforming Lives* campaign.

Costanzo and his wife, Denise, are loyal supporters of the Mount Union Fund. Their generosity has also impacted the Raider Active Design Lab in Oak Hall, the Stacey Costanzo Theatre Scholarship for Design and Technology, and the Go-To Raider program.

The Costanzos reside in Michigan, where they raised their children – Stacey '19, Anthony, and Emily '23.



FNP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

To continue meeting the needs of healthcare leaders, Mount Union has added a family nurse practitioner (FNP) post-graduate certificate to its offerings. The FNP certificate is designed for registered and advanced practice nurses who already hold a graduate nursing degree and seek a streamlined pathway to becoming a nurse practitioner.

SPORTS MEDIA PROGRAM

Resulting from its established strength in business programming and tradition of success in athletics, Mount Union is adding a major in sports media to its academic offerings beginning in the fall of 2026.

This program is designed for students interested in working in front of or behind the camera to cover a wide range of athletics.



MBA PROGRAMS

The University has expanded its Master of Business Administration (MBA) program to include concentrations in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and finance. These programs are developed to equip professionals to lead ethically as technology develops, safeguard against digital threats, and master complex financial strategies, respectively.

OT, PT ASSISTANT PATHWAY

To leverage the experience and accelerate the career advancement of qualified occupational therapy assistants (OTAs) and physical therapy assistants (PTAs), the University has developed the OTA/PTA Admission Pathway. This opportunity allows an individual with an applicable associate's degree to earn a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT).



ALUMNI MAKING HEADLINES WITH NEW NCAA DIVISION I POSITIONS

Six Purple Raiders recently stepped into new roles with NCAA Division I football programs, showcasing the strength of Mount Union's coaching legacy. These accomplished alumni represent just a fraction of the many Mount Union graduates who are shaping the game at every level – from high school fields to college stadiums and professional sidelines.



MATT CAMPBELL

Following a very successful 10-year run at Iowa State University, Matt Campbell '03 will join the Big 10 as the head coach at Penn State University.



JASON CANDLE

Jason Candle '03 has been named the head coach at the University of Connecticut (UConn) after a decade leading the University of Toledo Rockets.



JASPER COLLINS

Jasper Collins '14 will be joining Candle at UConn as an assistant wide receivers coach after serving as the offensive coordinator at Mount Union.



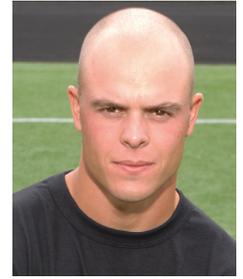
VINCE KEHRES

Also departing Toledo is Vince Kehres '98, who will take his coaching talents to Syracuse University as their new defensive coordinator.



DARYL ELY

Joining Candle's staff at UConn is Daryl Ely '09, who will leave his defensive coordinator role at Mount to be an assistant defensive backs coach.



ROSS WATSON

Ross Watson '06 is also exiting Toledo to coach the linebackers and nickelbacks and serve as the defensive pass game coordinator at Iowa State.



2025 HALL OF FAME

INDUCTEES AND AWARD WINNERS



The 2025 Mount Union M Club Hall of Fame Class and the Duke Barret Award of Excellence winners were recognized on campus on Saturday, November 1.

The eight-person Hall of Fame class includes Mike Barton '90 (men's wrestling), Drew McClain '10 (football), Brian Mogus '10 (men's tennis), Melissa Mahnke-Morrison '10 (women's volleyball), Jaime Serrat '78 (men's soccer), Cecil Shorts III '21 (football), Celena (Holmes '86) Smith (women's track and field), and Jeremy Yoder '00 (football). In addition, the Duke Barret Award of Excellence was given to Carrie Coon '03 (women's soccer and track and field), Dara Ford '05 (cross country and indoor track and field), and Mike Pechac '98 (football).

*Front row (l-r): Carrie Coon '03, Celena (Holmes '86) Smith, Dara Ford '05, and Melissa Mahnke-Morrison '10
Back row (l-r): Drew McClain '10, Jeremy Yoder '00, Brian Mogus '10, Mike Barton '90, and Jaime Serrat '78
Unable to attend: Cecil Shorts III '21 and Mike Pechac '98*



MOUNT UNION TO HOST ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING ACTOR GEENA DAVIS FOR ITS ANNUAL SCHOOLER LECTURE

Geena Davis, Academy Award-winning actor and advocate, will present the University's annual Schooler Lecture on Tuesday, April 28, in the Timken Gymnasium.

Davis, one of Hollywood's most respected actors, earned her first Academy Award in 1989, for Best Supporting Actress, for her role as Muriel Pritchett in Lawrence Kasdan's *The Accidental Tourist*. She was nominated again three years later for her role in the Ridley Scott classic *Thelma and Louise*. She made her feature film debut starring opposite Dustin Hoffman in *Tootsie*. She went on to star in such films as *The Fly*, *Beetlejuice*, *The Long Kiss Goodnight*, *Stuart Little*, and *A League of Their Own*.

Tickets for the Schooler Lecture are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis by visiting mountunion.edu/box-office. For more information on this and other events in the Mount Union Lecture Series, visit mountunion.edu/lecture-series.

MOUNT UNION ADDS WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL TO ITS ROSTER OF VARSITY ATHLETIC OFFERINGS

Mount Union is pleased to announce the addition of varsity women's flag football, beginning in the spring of 2027. The University's addition of the sport builds off its established tradition as one of the most decorated football programs in Division III.

Mount Union alumnus Rick Hairston '85 has been named the inaugural head coach of the team.

Women's flag football has had a meteoric rise among Ohio high schools, with 121 schools in Northeast Ohio fielding teams. The same interest is found at the collegiate level, with more than 200 club and varsity programs across the country at all levels. In fact, the NCAA cited flag football as one of its four Emerging Sports for Women. In addition, flag football will be added as an Olympic sport for the 2028 games.

With the addition of women's flag football, Mount Union now offers 26 inter-collegiate athletic teams – 13 men's and 13 women's.

MOUNT UNION EARNS MULTIPLE RECOGNITIONS

The University was recently recognized by three separate national publications.

MONEY

Mount Union was once again cited as one of America's Best Colleges by *Money* for 2025. The University was one of only 19 institutions in Ohio to earn at least three and a half stars out of five in *Money's* ratings. Overall, only 732 colleges across the country qualified for the listing, which considers quality of education, affordability, and alumni outcomes as part of its methodology. The outlet also found that 80% of Mount Union graduates earn more than the average high school graduate across the country.

TRANSFER HONOR ROLL

For the third year in a row, Mount Union has been named to the 2025 Transfer Honor Roll by the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society. The University was one of only 251 higher education institutions across the nation to earn this recognition and one of only 12 in Ohio. The Transfer Honor Roll is determined by 40 key metrics related to the support and success of transfer students, including college cost and financial aid, campus life for transfers, admission practices, and bachelor's degree completion.

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

Mount Union was once again named one of the Best Regional Midwest Universities by *U.S. News and World Report*, its 35th consecutive year being recognized by the national outlet. The institution was recognized in the Best Value category as the 20th best value in the Midwest region and fourth in Ohio among regional universities. The University was also tied for 39th in the overall Midwest Regional Universities ranking and sixth in Ohio. Mount Union was also ranked as a Top Performer in Social Mobility again this year, further illustrating its commitment to an education accessible to all students.

FIRST
LOOK



Portrait

OF A LIFE WELL-LIVED

Dr. Harold Kolenbrander's post-presidency is anything but still life – marked by nine books, active circles, and an inquisitive mind that keeps teaching through technology.

Balance was a key idea in Harold Kolenbrander's first address as president of Mount Union. Decades later, that theme still shapes the picture of his life – dynamic, layered, and far from static. In retirement, Kolenbrander continues to add depth and richness through writing, learning, and connection, creating a life that feels more like a work in progress than a finished portrait.

An active participant in poetry circles, book clubs, and exercise groups, Kolenbrander ensures his “old bones” stay active in the Greenville, Rhode Island, retirement community he calls home.

“Balance to me, today, is using all the opportunities I have available while using the time that I have left wisely,” he said, noting that he celebrated his 87th birthday the day prior.

Sitting in a computer chair with more lumbar support than those in his old Beeghly Hall office, Kolenbrander spends most of what many would call “downtime” adding an additional title to his lengthy résumé: author.

PUTTING PEN TO PAPER – SORT OF

Since 2021, Kolenbrander has published nine books, with the first two, *In the Arena: The Story of a Blessed Life* and *Coming of Age in a Town Time Forgot*, written as memoirs that showcase the landscape of his dynamic life and career. The latter seven are about ideals for which he has a great deal of passion, including leadership, philosophy, and his late wife, Laurie, who was adored by so many in the Mount Union community.

Following a wistful pause, Kolenbrander said, “I didn’t meet anyone at Mount Union who didn’t love Laurie, and the feeling was vastly, vastly mutual.”

In Laurie: She Was Remarkable, he fills more than 120 pages reflecting on her creativity and resilience. He states that her story “...serves as a beacon of inspiration, prompting us to live life to the fullest...”

Doing his best to answer that call, Kolenbrander remains adept with technology by writing prompts of his own. His four most recent books – prudently published in the past year – all focus on his relationship with artificial intelligence (AI), namely the generative platform ChatGPT.

“Inquisitiveness came to me on the day I was born,” he said with a wide smile.



PAST REFLECTIONS, FUTURE OUTLOOK

While he stays attuned to the latest technology and current events, Kolenbrander still finds time to reconnect with friends from his Mount Union tenure, citing recent emails with former Dean of Students Terry Taylor. When asked about what he misses most about Mount Union, Kolenbrander's answer was unsurprisingly quick and matter-of-fact.

"The people," he said. "I absolutely miss the people. I always enjoyed spending time and sparring with people because it always came from a place of trust and transparency."

As the conversation around AI looms large across the future of higher education, Kolenbrander's familiarity with both Mount Union and the technology has him optimistic.

"AI can provide new ways for faculty to develop ideas for the classroom and to engage with students on their level," he said. "A strength of higher education, and specifically Mount Union, is to provide a wide array of opportunities for students in a living and caring environment. I'm also buoyed by the fact that many alumni are making a serious effort to help sustain a place like Mount Union."

Kolenbrander hopes his own future mirrors his present as he aims to stay busy. He's currently exploring a new book of essays centered on the idea of values, all while spending valuable time with his wife, Judy, who he said is, "...a blessing that filled the hole that was left in my heart."

Managing creative pursuits, relationships, and time can be a challenge for anyone. Yet, nearly 40 years after his inaugural speech, Kolenbrander and Mount Union have both found the right balance to continue thriving.

"I always wanted to know how things worked, and AI is certainly not going away and carries tremendous power and possibility."

Along with authoring *Travels with Chat* and *A Primer for Seniors: Using AI*, Kolenbrander is passing along his knowledge to his neighbors at The Village. After calling on ChatGPT to write a poem in the style of the late American poet Mary Oliver, he was impressed with the results. After some brisk edits, he shared it with his poetry circle. When they discovered that technology could create something so specific to their interests, many began to ask how they could learn more about this now-ubiquitous advancement. Though a teacher may leave the classroom, they truly never stop teaching.

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A LIFE *framed* IN WORDS

IN THE ARENA: THE STORY OF A BLESSED LIFE (2021)

Kolenbrander traces his path from rural roots to his career as professor and university president, highlighting his passions for woodworking and ham radio. The memoir centers on gratitude, mentorship, family, and the simple joys that shaped his life.

COMING OF AGE IN A TOWN THAT TIME FORGOT (2022)

Through reflective vignettes, he recalls his Midwestern childhood in a quiet farming town during the 1940s and 1950s, exploring the adventures, hardships, and early experiences that forged his values and deep family and community ties.

PUSHING BOUNDARIES (2023)

Blending profiles of transformative risk takers with his own journey, Kolenbrander urges readers to view risk as essential to change. He challenges complacency and draws lessons from diverse pioneers to inspire courage and action.

AMIDST THE NOISE (2024)

Drawing on global travel and decades of experience, this book explores themes like change, integrity, love, politics, and racism. Rather than giving answers, each chapter offers questions that invite thoughtful reflection.

Laurie: SHE WAS REMARKABLE (2024)

In this book, Kolenbrander pays tribute to Laurie's creativity, resilience, generosity, and devotion as a mother, grandmother, artist, and partner. The book highlights her artistic gifts and the strength she showed despite significant health challenges.

TRAVELS WITH CHAT (2025)

In conversations with ChatGPT, Kolenbrander explores values, hope, trust, wisdom, and love, showing how AI



can deepen curiosity and enrich life – especially for older adults seeking intellectual engagement.

A PRIMER FOR SENIORS: USING AI (2025)

In this effort, Kolenbrander has created a friendly guide that helps seniors navigate AI tools, from simple questions to more advanced uses. It offers practical steps and encouragement to use AI to support hobbies, learning, and everyday decisions.

ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING WITH AN ASSIST FROM AI (2025)

This resource shows educators how to integrate AI across disciplines to improve curriculum, automate tasks, support reflection, and personalize learning, ultimately boosting student engagement and success.

ENHANCING YOUR HOBBIES USING AI (2025)

A practical guide to using AI to elevate hobbies, this book provides Kolenbrander with an opportunity to explore topics from gardening and cooking to crafting and photography. Real examples illustrate how AI can spark creativity, streamline planning, and strengthen social connections.

MOUNT UNION'S NATURAL

Approaching the 40th anniversary of Dr. John D. Brumbaugh donating his grandfather's farm to Mount Union, the Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center (HBNC) has thrived as a home for naturalistic research and community engagement. With a new strategic plan in place, the HBNC is aiming to build on its continued success and inspire future generations for years to come.

PLAYGROUND

SHARING A PASSION FOR NATURE

During a virtual meeting on a cold December afternoon, a rare moment of the sunlight's warm, reflective rays bounced through the windows of the HBNC offices. As the glare shone visibly through the screens onto Dr. Jason Smith, professor and director of the HBNC, and Adam Zorn '02, HBNC program manager, the light seemed to appropriately extend an invitation that it was okay to soon close the screens and explore. That idea is at the core of the HBNC and its new strategic plan, *Where People Learn from Nature*.

The plan has five primary goals: enhance Mount Union student programs, foster community engagement, facilitate environmental learning, provide outdoor recreational opportunities, and maintain ready and adequate staffing and facilities. These pillars of the plan aim to work in concert with Mount Union's institutional strategic plan, *Students First*, and are notions that are not new to Smith and Zorn, who have enjoyed sharing their love of nature with others for decades.

"I found nature as a frontier to explore, and I always felt at home in the woods as a kid," Smith, who took over as director in 2023, explained, his expressive adoration for the environment and education obvious within a few breaths. "I love to share my passion with students any chance I get."

Zorn, who earned a bachelor's degree in environmental biology from Mount Union, appreciates how he can share



his love for nature with the community and his alma mater. "I like that you can learn something new every time you go outside," he said. "This opportunity with Mount Union and the Nature Center has expanded that, and I get to help others experience that joy as well."

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

With experts like Smith and Zorn serving as mentors, one of the chief initiatives of the plan is to increase undergraduate research through the HBNC. Alongside the successful Brumbaugh Scholars program – which funds up to four undergraduate student-led research projects each summer, supporting everything from supplies to travel – a new scholarship to help with both tuition and a research project is in development, offering students a graduate school-level experience at Mount Union.

"We're focused on enhancing undergraduate research and making it central to the entire University," Smith said. Zorn added, "Having the opportunity to do research with a mentor by their side is important for development, and it's going to look awesome on a résumé."

Building upon its foundation as a hub for nature in the community, the HBNC is working to extend its research beyond Mount Union. Amy (Hutchman '89) Miller, a former science teacher at Alliance High School, was recently hired as the environmental science outreach coordinator, a new position for the HBNC. Her charge is to build and maintain relationships with area high schools so that their students and faculty can engage with the Center.

"We want to get students interested in environmental education at every level," Smith said. "Using the real-world

research we do at the Nature Center, we want to bring the work that we do into their classrooms. With Amy's vast experience and network, this is a great opportunity for us."

THRIVING COLLABORATIONS

Coinciding with Miller's work in schools, the HBNC also hopes to reach the community in new and exciting ways, one of which is a summer camp for middle and high school students. With the success of Mount Union's Experience Engineering Summer Program (EESP), Smith believes there is potential for a similar day camp for students interested in natural sciences.

While students will always be the primary focus, the Center remains a steadfast resource for the community. Along with local organizations, the HBNC has also created partnerships with peers at The Ohio State University Extension, which not only expands the reach of the Center but also opens the door for more grant funding for joint research projects. Whether related to wellness, education, or entertainment, community partnerships are a foundational component of the HBNC and its continued success.

"We have built a great relationship with Stark Parks, as they have a massive reach but not as much of a presence in our corner of the county," Zorn said. "This continued partnership brings great exposure and skilled volunteers for both organizations at many events."

With external relationships growing, the Center also aims to continue bolstering the established relationships within Mount Union. While the HBNC is part of the University, its 10-minute commute from campus has been a surprisingly isolating hurdle in the past. Yet, in recent years, campus constituent presence at the Center has risen. Currently, there are more than 80 trips to the HBNC each year from campus, be it office retreats, student groups, or faculty bringing their classes for a purposeful visit.

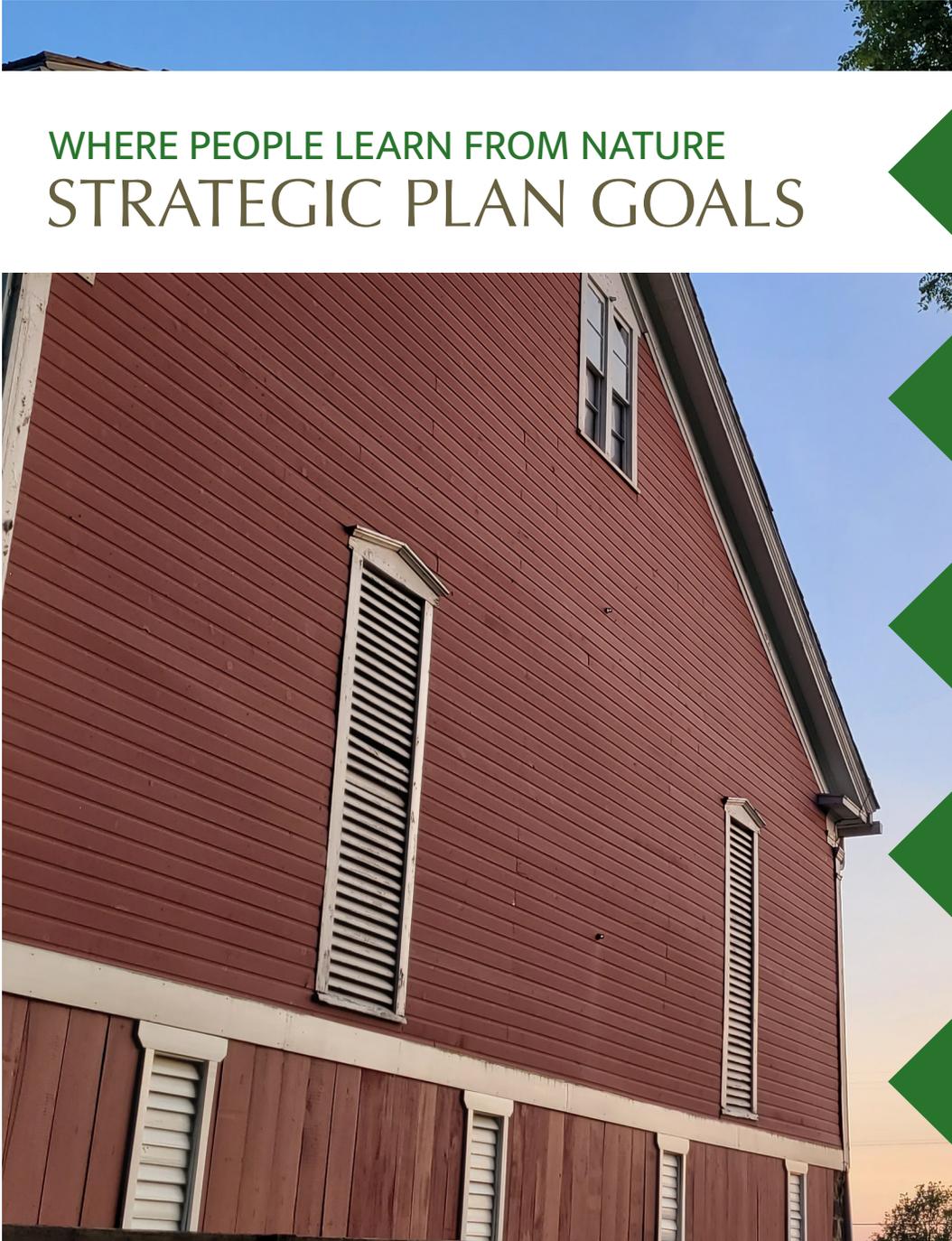
"Collaboration is a good word for our strategic plan as a whole," Smith said. "I think we have incredible advocates for the Nature Center and have seen a wider variety of constituents use our spaces."

ON THE HORIZON

Part of the HBNC strategic plan focuses on facilities, and there are several projects in the works. Renovations to the main boardwalk, which has seen decades of foot traffic from thousands of visitors annually, began in November. This "All Persons Trail" covers 1,800 feet and has an estimated cost of \$200,000, including updated materials and sustainable building practices. With help from a grant

from Athletic Brewing Company (see p. 13) and additional generous support, HBNC staff members hope it can be completed by summer 2026.

The Center recently implemented a forest management plan to improve the more than 160 acres of land it encompasses. It also recently purchased the Huston House near the property with short and long-term plans for sustainability and property growth. Though these plans are well in motion, projects like an Eddy Covariance Flux Tower and an expansion of the Visitors Center are dreams for Smith and his team. With thousands of visitors every year, it's hard not to think big.



WHERE PEOPLE LEARN FROM NATURE STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

“If you haven’t been to the Nature Center, you’re missing out,” Zorn said with a knowing smile. “People are often surprised and extraordinarily pleased with what they find.”

“The Nature Center is truly Mount Union’s playground, and there really is nothing like it around,” added Smith.

Built on research and conservation, which are more relevant than ever, and strengthened by community programs that draw thousands to the woods, the Nature Center remains at the heart of the enduring ecosystems of both Mount Union and the wider natural world.



HUSTON-BRUMBAUGH NATURE CENTER AWARDED GRANT FOR TRAIL PROJECT

Mount Union’s Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from Athletic Brewing Company as part of its *Two For The Trails* initiative. This funding will support necessary materials for the Nature Center’s ADA-accessible ramp and observation deck as part of its nearly 1,800-foot boardwalk.

Estimates for the boardwalk renovation project, covering 180 sections and critical structural work, total nearly \$200,000. Even with regular repairs and maintenance, the current condition of the boardwalk includes uneven surfaces, frost-heaved and dislocated segments, slopes steeper than ADA recommendations, vandalized side rails, and a walking surface that is slippery when wet or covered in fallen leaves and snow. The new boardwalk will be wider, have better traction when wet, and include new resting areas and reduced slopes for wheelchair and stroller accessibility.

“The boardwalk is nearly 25 years old, so it’s significantly worn after exposure to weather over time,” said Michael Greiner ’02, site manager of the Nature Center. “It is also one of the most heavily used parts of our trail system, so this grant helps with more updated materials for a more sustainable build.”

Mount Union was one of 241 organizations selected to receive a *Two For The Trails* grant from Athletic Brewing Company in 2025. Named after Athletic Co-Founder and CEO Bill Shufelt’s family tradition of taking two brews to toast post-trail adventures, this program gives back up to \$2 million annually to protect and restore outdoor spaces across the globe.

Renovations on the boardwalk began in November, with an estimated completion of the summer of 2026. In addition to this recent grant, the Nature Center is continuing to seek additional funding to ensure the best result for its thousands of annual visitors. Those interested in supporting the project should contact the Office of Advancement at (330) 823-2286 or advancement@moun-tunion.edu.

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A Q&A WITH ISABELLA BAKER '26

BALANCING NUMBERS AND NOVELS MIGHT SEEM IMPOSSIBLE, BUT FOR MANAGEMENT MAJOR AND BUDDING AUDIT ACCOUNTANT ISABELLA BAKER '26, IT'S BECOME SECOND NATURE.

Baker's writing journey began during a goal to visit all 76 Ohio State Parks. What started as journaling turned into storytelling, and within three-and-a-half months, she drafted a 500-page novel and hasn't stopped since.

A management major with a deep love for writing, she has since drafted several full-length novels. In October, she introduced her first mystery – the self-published *Perplexion* – to Amazon readers. Praised for its brisk pace and authentic detail, the book draws heavily from her summer internship experience at her hometown courthouse following graduation from high school.

She credits her friends; Joel Evans, assistant professor of marketing and business at Mount Union; and – most importantly – her own determination for her success. And, she sees that success multiplying in the years to come.

Next up for Baker is publishing another novel and starting a full-time career. Her upcoming sequel even includes business themes as part of the plot. Long-term, she dreams of turning her stories into films and themed restaurants across Summit County.

Q: How does your major in management factor into your future after graduation?

A: “It landed me a full-time job in audit accounting. I'm thankful to have a reliable career as I work to make my hobby a full-time job.”

Q: Where have you recently been focusing your energy?

A: “I'm working part-time as an intern in the role I will hold full-time after graduation. We're in the midst of audit season, and it's a hectic time. I'm still focusing on putting my writing first, though, as I know that could go somewhere. I've written seven or eight books now.”

Q: How does your new job and writing connect for you?

A: “You must notice mistakes in numbers just like in grammar. I notice

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patterns – whether it's yearly audits or storytelling across novels.”

Q: What pushes you to forge ahead as a writer?

A: “My motivation is to help my family, turn my books into films, and build businesses that give back to my community. A majority of the support comes from trusting, believing, and betting on myself.”

Q: What message do you have for other students balancing multiple passions?

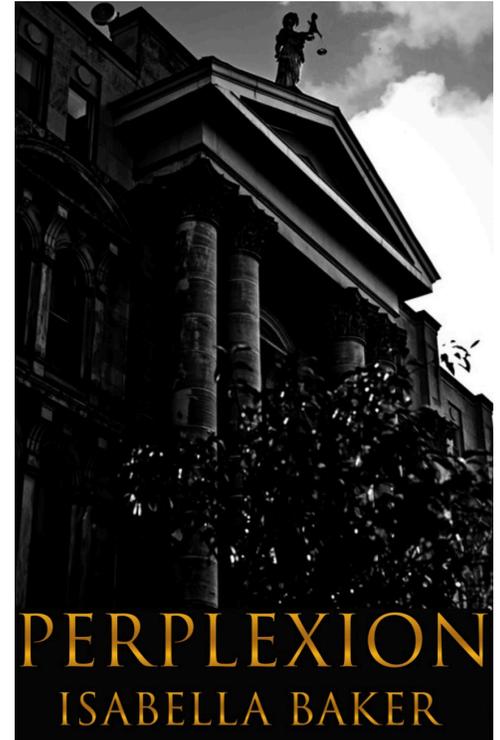
A: “Your passion and motivation need to outweigh your comfort. Everything you have right now is exactly what you need to reach your next goal.”

Q: How do you envision your future?

A: “I have a lot of dreams brewing. I don't want to just write a book; I want my art to be a full experience. When you open your mind to life, life opens up to you.”

Q: What lessons have you learned throughout this journey?

A: “Between the time when I wrote the novel, finished it, and published it a few years later, I learned a lot along the way. First, you're not defined by the limits set upon you. I have been more than just a published author. I am currently an audit accountant, a campaign helper for a judge, a student, a traveler, and so much more...all of which I enjoy. Second, sometimes what you want doesn't happen when you want, and be happy it didn't, because you might not have



learned the lessons you would have learned if what you wanted happened when you wanted it. I'm a believer, and a little impatient, but things happen at the time they're supposed to happen. Maybe I had to gain a little more life experience or meet some new people or have certain conversations for things to click. With that being said, I'll give one last piece of advice. In order for things to happen, you do have to work for it. It won't come to you if you're just sitting and waiting for it. Do the work, have the courage to ask the questions even if you believe the answer will be no, because you never know if you don't try. The only thing you'd risk losing is the opportunity you would have had if you had the courage to do the work and ask the questions.”



MATHIAS BROYLES '26, A NEUROSCIENCE AND RELIGION DOUBLE MAJOR, ALWAYS KNEW HE WANTED TO MAKE A CAREER OUT OF HELPING PEOPLE.

Thanks to faculty and staff like Dr. Nicole Johnson, professor of religious studies, director of the peacebuilding and social justice program, and chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Humanities, and Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison, university chaplain, Broyles looks forward to beginning his chaplaincy career after graduating from Mount Union.

“Dr. Johnson helped me build the curriculum for my self-defined major – religion – and stay on that path throughout college,” said Broyles. “Tim has helped me prepare to become a chaplain by referring me to different seminaries I can apply to.”

Though he was interested in becoming a physical therapist early on in college, attending University-led spiritual events

helped Broyles find his true passions. Broyles has attended three mission trips organized by Mount Union’s Office of the Chaplain, led by Morrison, and two Wilderness Trips led by faculty in the Department of Interdisciplinary Humanities.

“In New Mexico and Texas, I held conversations with people we were working with, and I realized that mission trips bring people together who want to help others, regardless of their background or core beliefs,” said Broyles. “These people just wanted to help others in their communities by connecting them to God, and that is what I want to do: help people meet their physical and spiritual needs.”

On mission trips, students often work with food banks and social services, helping distribute food, hot meals, and hygiene items. But they have also worked alongside Habitat for Humanity to help build homes for people.

“On these two trips, I worked with people trying to start ministries, and I resonated with their missions. It was truly a scenario of people helping people,” said Broyles.

A COMMUNITY IN SPIRITUAL LIFE

On campus, Broyles has become heavily involved in spiritual life and residence life programming, which has helped him expand his friend group and build a community of his own. He has interned at the University's Dewald Chapel, helping plan mission trips, hand out meals, and lead Sunday night services in collaboration with Union Avenue United Methodist Church.

"Chaplaincy is an overarching branch found in hospitals, schools, or the military," said Broyles. "Working with Tim and being involved in different organizations on campus has helped me decide that I want to work in higher education as a university chaplain, doing what Tim does."

At the University, Broyles found the sense of belonging he was longing for, and as a chaplain, he will help students find their place on their college campuses. His real-world experiences at Mount Union have helped him realize that a career in spiritual life can significantly impact his community and himself.

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CLASS NOTES

Class Notes to be included in the Summer 2026 Issue of *Mount Union Magazine* must be received before April 30, 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.

1970s

Philip Kiko '73 was a witness before the House Judiciary Committee in Congress's hearing titled *A Continued Pattern of Government Surveillance of U.S. Citizens* on April 8, 2025. This was the lead-off hearing for the reauthorization of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which was set to expire the following year. Philip was also recently appointed by the Secretary of Labor as a judge on the Administrative Review Board. The board is composed of five judges who decide cases on issues affecting 70 statutes under the department's jurisdiction.

1990s

Amy (Lippitt '91) King assumed the role of president and owner of The Baldwin Group, Inc., a leading software development company specializing in municipal and governmental solutions.

Beth Sacksteder '99, Ph.D., CFRE, was elected to serve as a national trustee for the Alpha Xi Delta Foundation for the 2025-2030 term. Announced at the 2025 National Convention in Austin, Texas, she will help advance the fraternity and foundation through fundraising efforts that support scholarships, leadership development, and philanthropic initiatives.

ALPHA DELTA PI VEGAS REUNION

Eight members of Alpha Delta Pi enjoyed a Vegas reunion, taking in an Eagles concert at The Sphere. Front row (l-r): Shari (Moran '85) Klutz and Beth (Bodwell '85) Brown; Back row (l-r): Jenny (Svete '85) Branisel, Jamie (Scott '86) Sacksteder, Lynne (Michel '86) Blackburn, Michele (Samay '85) Coss, Susie (Miller '86) Bambeck, and Tina (Moran '84) Buckingham.



2000s

Sara (Dodson '03) Reith attended a ribbon-cutting on August 25, 2025, for a 600-foot augmented reality (AR) mural she created.



2010s

Brandon Alexander '10 has been promoted to the manager of knowledge management at StratusCorp in Virginia Beach, VA. He will oversee Military Sea Lift Command (MSC) corporate operations at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor, HI; Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia; and Naval Station Pensacola, FL. He previously supported the Joint Chiefs of Staff J3/JIWOC/GFM at Norfolk, VA.



Kaitlin (Davis '12) Coleman announces the birth of a daughter, Kennedy Erin, on May 18, 2025.



Chris Cugini '13 has joined Securitas Technology as global communications manager – North America, supporting the company's North American business and global communications initiatives. In this role, he will lead internal and external communications efforts for North America, while also contributing to key global initiatives across multiple markets.

Ida Gorman '13 and Keith Spaulding were married on August 31, 2025, in Louisville, Ohio.



Sierra (Lacivita '18) Noe announces the birth of a son, Archer Winston, on May 31, 2025.



Hannah (Zelle '17) Nuznoff announces the birth of a daughter, Cora Mabel, on September 23, 2025.



DEATHS

1940s

Aileen (Lasse '44) Cloonan of Fishers, Indiana passed away on August 3, 2025.

1950s

Edwin Aluzas '58 of Claremont, California passed away on March 4, 2025.

John "Jack" Fithian '51 of Canton, Ohio passed away on July 4, 2025.

Robert Gallina '58 of Minerva, Ohio passed away on August 20, 2025.

Cyril Heim '56 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania passed away on March 11, 2025.

Joseph Holliday '58 of Glenshaw, Pennsylvania passed away on March 14, 2025.

Pauline (Rankin '51) Mollenkopf of Willoughby, Ohio passed away on June 20, 2025.

Dolores (Runinger '57) Pancoast of Loveland, Colorado passed away on February 27, 2025.

Jed Pancoast '59 of Loveland, Colorado passed away on December 21, 2024.

Domenic Pannitto '59 of Orlando, Florida passed away on March 30, 2025.

Bruce Pumphrey '57 of North Canton, Ohio passed away on May 5, 2025.

Ruth (LeFevre '58) Quinn of Winter Park, Florida passed away on October 22, 2025.

C. Richard Smith '53 of North Canton, Ohio passed away on August 22, 2025.

Betty Sparr '51 of Steubenville, Ohio passed away on August 13, 2025.

Martin Tschantz, Jr. '50 of Massillon, Ohio passed away on June 7, 2025.

Marilyn (Potts '57) Walter of Allison Park, Pennsylvania passed away on August 27, 2025.



2025 ALUMNI AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Pictured (l-r): Aly (Silver '17) and Michael '16 Gates, Young Alumni Award; Reese Osborn '26 and Aiden Everetts '27, Susie (Oberholzer '73) Buckel Scholarship; Bryan Boatright, McKinley Fellow Award; Not pictured: Rae McDonald '76, Dodie Davis Alumni Service Award



ALUMNI WEEKEND AND HO





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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MESSAGE

Hello Alumni and Friends,

It is a great time to be a Purple Raider! While this phrase always holds true, there have been some special things happening at Mount Union recently – record enrollment, new academic programs, state-of-the-art facilities, and, of course, the continued success of many of our athletic programs! Mount Union has a tradition of excellence of which we can all be proud, and one that I try to emulate in my life, both personally and professionally.

There is a palpable buzz on campus and a contagious positive energy that seems to be spreading amongst the community that is special to experience. If a campus visit is not in the cards, then I hope to see many of you at any one of our upcoming alumni events. I look forward to reminiscing about our time on campus, sharing our experiences, and celebrating our Purple Pride together.

Best Wishes and Go Raiders!

Nick Walker '11
President, Alumni Association

1960s

Paul "Mike" Bloor '66 of East Liverpool, Ohio passed away on May 3, 2025.

Glenn Brown '67 of Tempe, Arizona passed away on April 7, 2025.

A. Blair Cummins '60 of Canandaigua, New York passed away on May 1, 2025.

Linda (Crison '65) Drumm of Madison Heights, Michigan passed away on August 27, 2025.

Patricia (Stanislaw '69) Gram of Aurora, Ohio passed away on May 1, 2025.

Donald Gray '64 of Minneapolis, Minnesota passed away on September 26, 2025.

Joyce (McConnell '63) Guillian of North Canton, Ohio passed away on October 2, 2025.

Richard Hilles '63 of Hartville, Ohio passed away on April 23, 2025.

Daniel Hudson '64 of Pickens, South Carolina passed away on April 3, 2025.

Nancy (Hall '65) Kerzan of Navarre, Ohio passed away on August 12, 2024.

Carol MacDonald-Gillette '62 of South Park, Pennsylvania passed away on March 28, 2025.

Patricia Malloy '67 of Ola, Idaho passed away on August 11, 2025.

John "Jack" McCabe '69 of The Woodlands, Texas passed away on April 9, 2025.

Judith (Gibson '65) McElhaney of North Jackson, Ohio passed away on September 22, 2025.

Barbara (Wilson '63) Wood of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina passed away on April 3, 2025.

1970s

Judith Bendick '76 of Louisville, Ohio passed away on July 7, 2024.

David Bentz '74 of Knoxville, Tennessee passed away on April 22, 2025.

William Boller '76 of Bartlett, Tennessee passed away on April 14, 2025.

Phillip Hess '70 of Canton, Ohio passed away on July 8, 2025.

Sharen (Crumrine '75) Leonard of Arlington, Massachusetts passed away on June 17, 2025.

Eugene Paina '78 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on August 27, 2025.

Ronald Sinesio '71 of Poland, Ohio passed away on September 10, 2025.

Dorothy "Dottie" (Robison '75) Smith of Anderson, Indiana passed away on May 5, 2025.

Nathan Smith '74 of Anderson, Indiana passed away on May 13, 2025.

Tina (Adkins '78) Wang of Alpine, Utah passed away on August 12, 2025.

David Weber '70 of Ambler, Pennsylvania passed away on September 6, 2025.

1980s

David Chirico '85 of Atlantic Heights, New Jersey passed away on October 2, 2025.

Scott Craib '83 of Columbus, Ohio passed away on September 18, 2025.

J. Mark Harker '86 of Mentor, Ohio passed away on April 19, 2025.

Doris (Fiebiger '83) Sigg of Wooster, Ohio passed away on April 9, 2025.

Kristy (Murdoch '89) Springer of Fredericktown, Ohio passed away on April 5, 2025.

Regan (Wingard '86) Zuercher of Hudson, Ohio passed away on April 22, 2025.

1990s

Carol (Welling '93) Boltz of New Philadelphia, Ohio passed away on August 23, 2025.

Adam Hunt '95 of North Canton, Ohio passed away on June 5, 2025.

Vernon Infantino '99 of Uniontown, Ohio passed away on August 5, 2025.

2000s

Ian Hollan '00 of Fort Myers Beach, Florida passed away on July 22, 2025.

2010s

Dana (Petro '13) Schwendeman of Broadview Heights, Ohio passed away on April 22, 2025.

2020s

Robert Antonille M '25 of Copley, Ohio passed away on August 17, 2025.

Friends

Martha (Morris) Baluck of Perrysburg, Ohio passed away on July 7, 2025. She attended Mount Union in the late 1950s.

William Belden Jr., spouse of former Trustee Karen Belden, passed away on September 14, 2024.

Kenneth Cairns, Sr. of Toledo, Ohio passed away on October 5, 2025.

Clare (Crumay) Colestock of Carlisle, Pennsylvania passed away on June 18, 2025. She attended Mount Union in the early 1960s.

E. Lang D'Atri of Canton, Ohio passed away on August 2, 2024. He was a member of the Mount Union Advisory Board.

John Harker of Mentor, Ohio passed away on April 19, 2025. He attended Mount Union in 1986.

Robert Houmard of Alliance, Ohio, spouse of Joanne (McKnight '71) Houmard, passed away on October 8, 2025.

Carol McClain of Austintown, Ohio passed away on March 21, 2025. She attended Mount Union in the late 1950s.

Frederick McGavern of Alliance, Ohio passed away on July 3, 2025. He attended Mount Union in the late 1990s.

Shirley (Flickinger) McMinn of Alliance, Ohio passed away on September 27, 2025. She attended Mount Union in the late 1940s to the early 1950s.

John Moll of Sheboygan, Wisconsin passed away on September 6, 2025. He attended Mount Union in the late 1940s.

Lisa Parella-Fetty of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on September 4, 2025. She attended Mount Union in the early 1980s.

Shirley (Maharidge) Pinkerton of Feasterville Trevoise, Pennsylvania passed away on May 4, 2025. She attended Mount Union in the mid-1940s.

Tyson Riley of Houston, Texas passed away on April 9, 2025. He attended Mount Union in the fall of 2022 and spring of 2023.

Thomas Roberts of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on July 9, 2025. He attended Mount Union in the early 1980s.

Norbert Soltys of Alliance, Ohio passed away on May 22, 2025. He attended Mount Union sporting events and often ate in the cafeteria with friends.

Jonathan Stone of Bloomfield, Connecticut, partner of Thomas Flanigan '66, passed away on August 30, 2025.

Robert Walker of Canfield, Ohio passed away on June 29, 2025. He attended Mount Union in the late 1940s.

Bronwyn Weaver of Warren, Ohio passed away on March 10, 2025. She attended Mount Union between 1949 and 1951.

PAST TRUSTEES

William Spiker '55 passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. A member of the Mount Union Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1998, he was a graduate of Scio High School, Mount Union, and the Claude W. Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University. He had a long and respected legal career that included work as an attorney, village solicitor, and Harrison County Court Judge.

RETIREES

Dr. Wilma "Faye" (Barker '57) Hollaway, professor emerita of chemistry, passed away on January 9, 2026. The first woman to chair the Department of Chemistry, she joined the faculty in 1958, continuing to teach until her retirement in 2001. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Union, a Master of Science degree from Western Reserve University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Kent State University. During her tenure, she also served as the marshal.



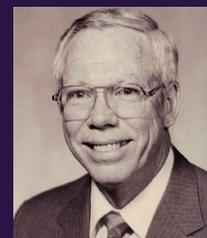
Dr. Patricia (Foley '73) Matthews, professor emerita of business, passed away on November 14, 2025. A revered faculty member who served from 1975 until her retirement in 2015, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Union and Master of Arts and Doctor of Business Administration degrees from Kent State University. She was honored with the Great Teacher Award in 1981. The Dr. Patricia C. Matthews Endowed Scholarship is named in her honor.



Peggy Molnar of Alliance, Ohio passed away on November 5, 2025. She was a graduate of Alliance High School and worked at Mount Union from 1985 until her retirement in 2013. During her time on campus, she served the University as a housekeeper and a receptionist in the McPherson Academic and Athletic Complex (MAAC).



Hubert Pinney, professor emeritus of business, passed away on November 28, 2025. He served in the Navy and was a graduate of The Ohio State University, where he earned both Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees. He was a well-respected certified public accountant and a beloved professor of accounting from 1967 until his retirement in 1996. He was honored with the Great Teacher Award in 1971.



PAST EMPLOYEES

George Di Sabato passed away on September 18, 2025. He taught courses in art at Mount Union in the 1980s.

Paulette Kachilla passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. She was a faculty member, teaching intelligence analysis and First Year Seminar courses.

Donna Russell passed away on April 22, 2025. She worked for many years as a church secretary and served in positions at Mount Union and Mercy Hospital.



THE COLUMBARIUM IN THE SERENITY OF VICTORIA'S GARDEN

At the heart of Mount Union's scenic 123-acre campus is De-wald Chapel, and to its immediate south lies Victoria's Garden, named in memory of the late Victoria Haupt, the spouse of longtime Board Chair Fred Haupt '63. The garden, home to the University's Columbarium, is a peaceful and picturesque site that serves as a meaningful tradition for alumni, faculty, staff, trustees, and their families.

Designed with dignity and timelessness, the Columbarium harmonizes beautifully with the Chapel and its surroundings. Walkways ensure easy access, while its proximity to the Chapel provides a private space for services, visits, and quiet reflection. As names are inscribed on the granite plates that cover the niches, those individuals and their stories become woven into the University's rich and distinguished legacy.

PEACE OF MIND

The benefits of planning ahead are widely recognized and go beyond just financial considerations. The comfort that comes with knowing a loved one's final wishes are being honored provides reassurance during difficult times. Many people make decisions about their final arrangements when creating their wills, experiencing a deep sense of accomplishment and relief when their plans are in place.

When Dr. Steve Kramer, professor emeritus of psychology, and his wife, Kathy, first heard about the Columbarium, they were intrigued, especially by the environmental benefits. Originally hailing from Kansas and New Jersey, with family scattered across eight different states, they never had a family plot. They also wanted to relieve their children of the decision-making concerning their future. The Columbarium helped solidify those plans.

"We've devoted most of our lives to Mount Union," Steve said. "Whatever meaning our lives have, much of it occurred here, so it's natural for us to reside here permanently. Mount Union has and will forever be our home, and knowing that makes our connection to this community even deeper."



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— DR. STEVE AND KATHY KRAMER

A FINAL RESTING PLACE

The Columbarium consists of individual niches, each designed to hold up to two urns. Each niche is covered with a granite panel, which can be engraved with the individual's name, birth date, and date of death – similar to a traditional gravestone – at the time of inurnment. Inurnment in the Columbarium is reserved for alumni, degree-seeking students, faculty, retired faculty, staff, retired staff, trustees (current, former, and emeriti), and persons residing with the qualified individual at the time of death, as well as children and parents of the qualified individuals.

To learn more, contact the Office of University Advancement at (330) 823-2286 or advancement@mountunion.edu.

WEEK OF WELCOME

Mount Union kicked off the new academic year with strong support and welcomed our students to campus with care during Mount Union's Week of Welcome! In just one week, the Mount Union community came together, raising \$11,841 in Student Emergency Fund support, surpassing our \$5,000 goal for the week and successfully unlocking a \$5,000 matching gift, made possible by the generosity of an anonymous donor.

The University is grateful for those who provided students the opportunity to continue their Mount Union education, ensuring that they have the resources they need to thrive this academic year. Week of Welcome donors showed Mount Union students the strength and generosity of the Raider community and that, together, the Raider community is stronger!

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THANK YOU, RAIDER NATION

Mount Union celebrated Purple Raider athletics in November with teams competing in the University's Power the Purple campaign (formerly known as the Virtual Stadium Sell Out). In just one week, our Purple Raider fans came together, raising \$86,984 in support of the M Club and our student-athletes.

The competition was fierce all week, and all the Raider teams are thankful for the overwhelming support provided. At the top of the leaderboard was women's golf, which raised \$24,235 and secured an additional \$1,000 for its program, thanks to Athletic Director Mike '83 and Karen Parnell.

Team captains were also hard at work, inviting friends and family to join in the fun. Student Amanda Fedor '27, a member of the women's golf team, took the trophy for the \$1,000 Team Captain Challenge after inspiring 89 referrals. Thanks to President Greg '89 and Callie (Livengood '09) King for their generous challenge gift.

LEADERBOARD

Sport	Donors	Total Raised
Women's Golf	44	\$24,235
Men's Wrestling	66	\$8,020
Men's Lacrosse	49	\$6,558
Men's Golf	22	\$5,850
Women's Lacrosse	19	\$4,245

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