Mount Union is recognizing the career of former football player, alumnus, assistant coach, professor, head coach, and athletic director Larry Kehres ’71 by creating an endowment, building a plaza, and renaming the stadium in his honor. This achievement was marked with the dedication of Kehres Stadium and the unveiling of and the plans for the Larry and Linda Kehres Plaza on June 11.

The Larry T. Kehres Coaching Endowment for Football
Established in 2022, this endowment was created by football players, coaches, and friends with the purpose to support the Mount Union football program by endowing coaching positions and complementary program needs, such as training or equipment expenses. The funds will be used at the discretion of the head coach in a manner consistent with the University’s practices and policies. Donations to this fund are being accepted right now at giving.mountunion.edu/kehres.

Larry and Linda Kehres Plaza
Just to the west of the main entrance on the south end of the stadium will sit a plaza honoring Kehres and his wife, Linda, and the importance of family both in their lives and the life of the Mount Union football program. A listing of former assistant coaches will be in the plaza as well.

Kehres Stadium
Ohio’s oldest college football stadium has also been renamed Kehres Stadium. Inside the stadium, he played quarterback, worked both as an assistant coach and head coach, becoming college football’s winningest coach. He also oversaw significant facility upgrades in the stadium over the years that have benefited men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s lacrosse, and men’s and women’s track and field in addition to football.

Coaching Career

In total, Kehres’ career coaching record of 332-24-3 (.929) makes him one of only 10 coaches in the history of college football to win at least 300 games. In 2017, he was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.
Alumni Gatherings

TopGolf Cleveland

Denver

Florida

CLASS NOTES

Class Notes to be included in the Fall/Winter 2022 Issue of Mount Union Magazine must be received before October 31, 2022.

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

Jeannie (Fizet ’73) Dieffenbaugher retired on December 31, 2021 as director of volunteer operations for the PGA of America based in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Carol (Hrvatin ’78) Hampu was elected in November to her second term to the Salem City School Board in Salem, Ohio. She served as board president in 2020 and taught in Salem City Schools for 19 years, retiring in 2016.

Diane (Hellock ’76) Kuntzman retired after 43 years of teaching kindergarten with Marlington Local Schools. She and husband David ’74 look forward to spending time with their family and grandsons.

1980s

Anita (Mendat ’87) Cabacar recently retired after 31 years of service with the federal government after first being stationed in Washington, DC and then Baltimore, Maryland. She also celebrated 30 years of marriage with husband Ray. The happily retired couple now reside in Durham, North Carolina. Alpha Chi Omega sorority sister Gayle (Sticha ’86) Tsipis lives three doors away.

1990s

Hillarie (Stevens ’99) O’Toole began her new role as director of operations for community engagement and career services at The Juilliard School in January 2022. She will be part of a team responsible for connecting students and alumni to professional opportunities through fellowship programs, grant programs, the Hire Juilliard Performers program, and curricular and co-curricular offerings.

Mary Lou (Hwood ’98) Thewes has joined the HW&Co., a regional CPA firm, as the director of human resources.

2000s

Lisa (Bryan ’07) and Eric Frazee announce the birth of a son, Evan Vincent, on April 14, 2021.

2010s

Brandon Alexander ’10 has been admitted into the M.S./Ph.D. program for cybersecurity and strategic intelligence in the Center for Cyberdefense/Cyberscruity at APUS, West Virginia. The program is designated by The National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE).

Chris Cugini ’13 and wife Abigail announce the birth of a son, Matteo Joseph. Chris was also named one of the inaugural 40 Under 40 in Public Health Catalyst Award winners from the Boston Congress of Public Health.

Natalie (Groff ’18) and Tyler ’17 Flynn were married on October 9, 2021, in Macedonia, Ohio. The wedding party included fellow alumni Dana Jackson ’16, Devon Doran ’17, and Anthony Sebok ’17.

Ida Gorman ’13 graduated with a Master of Science degree in educational leadership from Western Governors University, including a principal’s license.

Kaley (Smitley ’10) and Jonathan Harris were married on May 15, 2021. Members of the wedding party included Caitlin Krentz ’09, Metta (Warholyk ’10) Matthews, Sarah Kufta ’11, and Juliann (Trevorrow ’12) Doerschuk. The couple resides in Medina, Ohio.

Michelle (Bryan ’12) and Josh Kosko announce the birth of a son, Simon Joshua, on March 7, 2022.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MESSAGE

The warmer days of spring bring nicer weather, family outings, sporting events, vacations, plus many other things we celebrate, but for the Mount Union community, it means the closing of another academic year and the celebration of Commencement.

In May, we held this year’s graduate and undergraduate Commencement ceremonies and welcomed into our alumni ranks the members of the Class of 2022. On behalf of all alumni, I want to extend our congratulations to these graduates and their families as we collectively celebrate all their accomplishments! While our time as students at Mount Union is limited, our ties to the institution are never ending, and I encourage all the recent (and former) graduates to stay connected to Mount.

The writing of this message represents an upcoming change for me, as this will be the last message I write to all of you as Alumni Association president. Alumni Association officers serve limited terms, two years as vice president and two years as president, and so, my term is coming to an end this fall. I’m very fortunate to be able to hand over the baton to Jen (Thurin ’03) Slack, the current Alumni Association vice president. I know she will do great things and I wish her well in her role at president. I know all alumni will provide her with as much support as was provided to me! I’d be remiss if I didn’t take this opportunity to extend my thanks to so many of you for all your guidance, counsel, and support throughout my term as president.

I look forward to seeing you all this fall for Alumni Weekend and Homecoming in October, where we once again will have the opportunity to come together as a Mount Union family and celebrate everything that is Mount Union!

As always, on behalf of the Alumni Association and Mount Union, I thank you for your continued commitment, loyalty, and support!

With Purple Raider Pride,
-Chad Johnson ’07
Alumni Association President

Alexandra (Sca-li ’17) Krakowiak announces the birth of a daughter, Kenedie Nicole on November 11, 2021.

Brenna (Brown ’17) and Nicolas Langowski ’15 were married on October 26, 2019. The Langowski family also announces the birth of a son, Patrick Daniel, on August 27, 2021.

Christine (McCaulley ’10) and Ian McLallen announce the birth of a son, Nolan, on July 2, 2021.

Kalyn (Budner ’16) and Trevor Wilson ’16 announce the birth of a son, Cole Angelo, on February 1, 2022.

Submit your class notes at mountunion.edu/alumni!
SAVE THE DATE!
Alumni Weekend and Homecoming
OCTOBER 7-9, 2022

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus! More details and registration will be available soon at mountunion.edu/homecoming.

39th Annual Run-A-MUC 5K
Academic, athletic, and class year reunions
MUcaw FunZone
Multicultural Tent and Tailgate

Class of 1972 50th Reunion

Members of the Class of 1972 gathered in May to celebrate their 50th Class Reunion and break ground on the new amphitheatre that was generously supported through their gifts.
On April 7, 2022, the Mount Union community came together to collectively raise $333,596 in Mount Union Fund support to make a BIG impact on the lives of all current and future Purple Raiders in just 24 hours. On behalf of the entire Mount Union community, thank you to everyone who made this impactful day possible. We are one Mount Union, and together, we are stronger!

MISSED #RAIDERSGIVE?
You can still invest in the lives and educational experiences of our students with a special gift to The Mount Union Fund today at giving.mountunion.edu.
Deaths

1940s

Marian (Wilson ’48) Beck of Salem, Ohio passed away on February 27, 2022.

1950s

Clifford Anderson Jr. ’57 of Mount Vernon, Ohio passed away on November 20, 2021.

Vera (Olson ’50) Bannasch of Sarasota, Florida passed away on February 24, 2022.

Sheila (Miles ’59) Dimit of Bristol, Virginia passed away on December 30, 2021.


Joseph Ehret ’56 of Massillon, Ohio passed away on March 1, 2022.

Nellie (Leitch ’55) Eshler of Briny Breezes, Florida passed away on March 6, 2022.

Bruce Feicht ’59 of Columbiana, Ohio passed away on January 30, 2022.

Howard Friend ’50 of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on December 31, 2021.

John Groat ’59 of Marysville, Ohio passed away on January 22, 2022.

Barbara (Cope ’50) Kelly of Orange, Texas passed away on January 11, 2022.

Mariann (Cox ’57) Landa of Milwaukee, Wisconsin passed away on November 2, 2021.

James Laughlin ’55 of Salem, Ohio passed away on February 24, 2022.

Carol (Parker ’54) Mattison of Erie, Pennsylvania passed away on August 17, 2021. She was married to James Spon-selling ’55 until he passed in 1961. Carol was the mother of Kristy (Seelinger ’87) Kuches.

James Nace ’56 of Girard, Ohio passed away on March 6, 2022.

Albert Praziak ’50 of Massillon, Ohio passed away on November 23, 2021.

Marilyn (Boyer ’55) Seibert of Oakmont, Pennsylvania passed away on December 9, 2021.

Lora Shank ’59 of Apache Junction, Arizona passed away on February 14, 2022.

Dorothy (Garlock ’52) Shively of Westminster, Colorado passed away on March 3, 2022.

Martha (Frary ’52) Svoboda of Wayne, Nebraska passed away on December 25, 2021.

Raymond Russell ’51 of Plain City, Ohio passed away on December 30, 2021.

Richard Taaffe ’57 of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on February 20, 2022.

Donna (Donaldson ’52) Taylor of La Marque, Texas passed away on January 31, 2022.

William “Bill” Trask ’53 of Lemon Grove, California passed away on November 2, 2021.

Robert Weals ’55 of Columbus, Ohio passed away on January 24, 2022.

James Wise ’57 of Ashland, Ohio passed away on November 3, 2021.

Donna (Neel ’52) Zelmer of Canton, Ohio passed away on December 17, 2021.

1960s

Leah Agnoni ’64 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on November 30, 2021.

James Anthony ’62 of Kent, Ohio passed away on December 7, 2021.

Marilyn Axtmann ’66 of Fishers, Indiana passed away on January 24, 2022.


Lynne (Eikenbery ’60) Bracy of Miamisburg, Ohio passed away on January 30, 2022.

Carol (Meeks ’61) Brown of Bradenton, Florida passed away on January 24, 2022.

Sally (Shears ’65) Collins of Sebring, Ohio passed away on April 17, 2022.

Jerry Davis ’69 of Homeworth, Ohio passed away on April 24, 2022.

Mary (Piatt ’66) Frischkorn of Wellington, Ohio passed away on December 16, 2021.

Valre (Belden ’66) Fuller of Virginia Beach, Virginia passed away on March 8, 2022.

Thomas George ’62 of Medina, Ohio passed away on March 5, 2022.

Eugene Haynam ’61 of Westfield Center, Ohio passed away on January 14, 2022.

Cathie (Franks ’69) Johnson of Fitchburg, Wisconsin passed away on February 9, 2022.

Charles “Bud” McCall ’69 of Canton, Ohio passed away on March 1, 2022.

David Miller ’63 of Canton, Ohio passed away on March 25, 2022.


Dr. Carol (Shaffer ’60) Pierce of Lockport, New York passed away on November 1, 2021.


Lyn Hemminger of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on November 30, 2021. She was the spouse of the late Michael Hemminger ’69 until his passing in 2013.

Cameron Huth of Medina, Ohio passed away on November 11, 2021. He attended in the mid-2000s.

William (Bill) Luntz of Canton, Ohio passed away on January 1, 2022. He was on an advisory board through the Office of Advancement.

Kenneth Mahler of Ottumwa, Iowa passed away on February 13, 2022. He attended in the early 1960s.

Robert “Bob” Mang of Punta Gorda, Florida passed away on March 6, 2022. He was on an advisory board through the Office of Advancement.

John Rochus III ’68 of Canton, Ohio passed away on March 31, 2022.

Ralph Schwartz ’66 of Lisbon, Ohio passed away on November 29, 2021.

Roger Troike ’63 of Sandusky, Ohio passed away on December 24, 2021.

1970s

Carol (Vanek ’74) Barry of Marietta, Georgia passed away on September 30, 2021.

Nicholas Bollas ’78 of Canton, Ohio passed away on December 27, 2021.

Deborah (Atkins ’77) Damon of Alliance, Ohio passed away on January 28, 2022.

Kenneth Damon ’79 of Miamisburg, Ohio passed away on April 15, 2022.

Theresa (Bayer ’79) Johnson of Concord, Ohio passed away on November 12, 2021.


Thomas Russ ’78 of Canton, Ohio passed away on November 29, 2021.

Roxanne (Beery ’77) Teague of Wooster, Ohio passed away on February 20, 2022.

1980s

Jonathan Freitag ’82 of Fairlawn, Ohio passed away on March 21, 2022.

Tommy Williams ’86 of Bedford Heights, Ohio passed away on February 16, 2022.

David “Opey” Thomas ’80 of Meadville, Pennsylvania passed away on March 26, 2022.

1990s

Deborah Raesler ’96 of Amherst, Ohio passed away on December 21, 2021.

2000s

Todd Michaels ’00 of East Canton, Ohio passed away on January 14, 2022.

Friends

Betty (Keller) Coleman of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 5, 2021. She attended in the mid-1940s.

Gretchen (Schweikart) Cox of Alliance, Ohio passed away on March 26, 2022. She attended in mid-1950s.

Richard Davison of Steubenville, Ohio passed away on November 19, 2021. He attended in the early 1950s.

Randy Engle of Salem, Ohio passed away on January 9, 2021. He was the spouse of Melissa (Meissner ’69) Engle.

2010s

Lane Clark ’18 of Nashville, Tennessee passed away on February 13, 2022.

Mount Union Employees

Dr. Charles “Chuck” Brueske

Dr. Charles “Chuck” Brueske of Bellingham, Washington passed away on April 22, 2022. Dr. Brueske taught biology for 40 years until his retirement.

James Kinser

James Kinser of Homeworth, Ohio passed away on April 6, 2022. He was a plumber from 1986-2002.

Helen “Sweetie” Miller

Helen “Sweetie” Miller of Alliance, Ohio passed away on April 22, 2022. She was a housekeeper until her retirement.

Patricia Schmitt

Patricia Schmitt of Alliance, Ohio passed away on February 9, 2022. She worked in the business office.

Barbara (Faber) Stoffer

Barbara (Faber) Stoffer of Butler, Ohio passed away on January 17, 2022. She worked in the cafeteria for 20 years.

Lloyd Gray

Lloyd Gray of Alliance, Ohio passed away on January 1, 2022. He was a security officer.
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Phyllis (Crutchley) Mayforth of Marion, Indiana passed away on January 12, 2021. She attended in the late 1950s.


Craig Rice of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio passed away on December 6, 2021. He attended in the late 1980s.

Franklin Sanor of Beloit, Ohio passed away on December 22, 2021. He attended during the 1960s.

Barbara (Zuber) Scanlon of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 27, 2021. She attended from the early 1950s through the mid-1970s.

Cloyd Warnes of Sacramento, California passed away on April 19, 2022. He attended in the early 1940s.


GET INVOLVED!

There are many ways to stay connected to your alma mater and enjoy Mount Union after leaving campus. Whether you like volunteering at events, mentoring students, or even gathering fellow alumni and friends together in your city, we have ways for you to be involved! A variety of time commitments allow you to customize your experience and impact our community. Consider joining the Alumni Association, M Club, or Mount Union Women today! For more information on how to get involved or make a gift, visit mountunion.edu/alumni-organizations.

M Club is the varsity letter winners’ association. A student-athlete lettering in a varsity sport (men’s or women’s) at Mount Union is automatically a member upon graduation. The group serves to keep athletes connected with each other and raise funds to support the current student-athletes (and teams) on campus!

M Club provides opportunities to get involved by attending meetings, athletic competitions, and events, as well as supporting Raider athletics. Up to 100% of each gift can be designated to the sport(s) of your choice or the general M Club fund!

The Mount Union Women organization has been supporting the education of women at Mount Union since 1933. The group raises funds to provide scholarships to deserving students on campus identifying as female.

As a nonprofit organization, Mount Union Women staffs the concession stands at home football games and hosts various social events for alumni and friends. Any female graduate or friend of Mount Union may join! For information on how to get involved or to donate to the scholarship fund, visit mountunionwomen.org. You can also see what the group is up to by following along on Facebook and Instagram!
A former student of Dr. Patricia (Foley ’73) Matthews has made an anonymous gift of $25,000 to endow a scholarship in honor of Matthews’s exceptional service to Mount Union and its students.

After 40 years of teaching at Mount Union, Matthews retired as professor of economics, accounting, and business administration in 2015. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Union in 1973, as well as Master of Arts and Doctor of Business Administration degrees from Kent State University.

The lead donor of the scholarship insisted on remaining anonymous, feeling strongly that this scholarship should be entirely about Matthews and the incredible impression her teaching and support had on each of her students.

When Matthews learned a former student was choosing to honor her in this way, she was shocked.

“I don’t even know what to say. I can’t believe someone would do something like this with me in mind,” said Matthews. “My days at Mount Union were awesome. I really appreciate the honor, and I hope whoever receives the scholarship appreciates their experience. Mount Union is such a special place to me.”

To many of her former students and colleagues, this honor is hardly a surprise. Dr. Amber (Hutchinson ’03) Hunt, assistant professor of finance at Mount Union, remembers Matthews fondly.

“Dr. Matthews has a gift for connecting with students, and her dedication to all students, past and present, transcends beyond the classroom,” said Hunt. “I am honored to continue her work as a finance faculty member at Mount Union. I know the caliber of program I inherited is top notch since I saw firsthand, as one of her former students, how dedicated she was to the preparing finance leaders for meaningful careers and responsible citizenship.”

Matthews’ influence on her students, the business program, and the institution is undeniable, and this scholarship is a well-deserved honor in recognition of her loyal generosity.

The award will benefit a student studying business or mathematics with a minimum 3.5 GPA. Preference will be given to a female upperclassman and/or first-generation college student with financial need. This renewable scholarship will be selected by the Office of Student Financial Aid in accordance with the approved procedures of Mount Union.

To make a gift to the scholarship, please visit giving.mountunion.edu/Matthews.

“I really appreciate this honor...Mount Union is such a special place to me.”

-Dr. Pat (Foley’73) Matthews