

U-CONNECT

A newsletter for the Parents and Family Association

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Dear friends,

It goes without saying that the 2018 calendar year was another exceptional one at the University of Mount Union. It is exciting to be part of an institution where successes are achieved and celebrated. The University's success stems from the loyal support of the Mount Union community - dedicated students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends who make it all possible.

[View 2018 Highlights](#)

And now, a new year is upon us and there are many exciting and challenging opportunities at hand. With the support and involvement of the entire Mount Union community, 2019 will be an exciting year of significant achievement for the University.

Best wishes to you and yours for an exceptional 2019!

Dick Merriman

Student Spotlight

Nora Idbaih '19



Major: International Business

Hometown: Rouen, Normandy, France

“Mount Union is a big family. People pay attention to each student, and I truly believe that a lot is done to ensure that students are making the most out of their college experience.”

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

News



Inclement Weather Policy

Members of the campus community are encouraged to read the institutions [Inclement Weather Policy](#) and [Cold Weather Statement](#) as winter continues. We thank you in advance for your assistance in preparing for the impacts of the weather.



Students Named to Mount Union's Fall 2018 Dean's List

Congratulations to all of our outstanding students who made the Fall 2018 Dean's List. Find the full list [here](#).



Mount Union Faculty Named to Ohio Magazine's "Excellence in Education" for 2018

The University of Mount Union recently had four of its outstanding

faculty members named to the 2018 “Excellence in Education Honorees” list from Ohio Magazine.

The four faculty members were: Dr. Lori Braa, associate professor of human performance and sport business, Kevin Kern, associate professor and chair of the Department of Theatre, Roger Kunes, assistant professor of physician assistant studies and Gwen Gray Schwartz, associate professor of English.

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

Student Life

[View, Print, or Download the 2020 Academic Calendar](#)

Career Fest - All Ohio Job and Internship Fair

Friday, February 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Columbus Expo Center, Cardinal Hall, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211
Transportation available - Sign-up no later than January 29 in HPCC 113

Because of travel time, this fair may require you to miss classes. **Talk to your professors now** to secure an excused absence. PRE-REGISTRATION is recommended in the Center for Student Success (HPCC 113) or [online](#).

Greater Canton Collegiate Job and Internship Fair

Thursday, February 14 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Conference Center at Kent State University, Stark Campus, 600 Frank Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720

There is no need to pre-register for this fair but information about employers is available [online](#).

Little Sibs Weekend

April 5-6

This is a great time for little siblings, cousins, and family friends to visit Alliance with their big "sib!" During this weekend, the Raider Programming Board, in conjunction with several other campus organizations, provides many fun and exciting activities for sibs and kids of all ages! Check back early in the spring semester for registration information and a tentative schedule of events! Please visit our [website](#) for updates.

Financial Aid and Billing

It is time to file the 2019-2020 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). In order for students to receive federal financial aid (including direct loans and Pell grants) and/or any other need-based aid, students are required to file the FAFSA for each school year. Please complete the FAFSA for 2019-2020 as soon as possible by going online at fafsa.gov and using your FSA ID and password. Note that the FAFSA for 2019-2020 will require the use of parent and student tax information from 2017.

1098-T Form Now Available

The student 1098-T form is now available for viewing/printing on the Heartland ECSI [website](#).

A Calendar Year Statement (for tax purposes) is also available through the student's Self-Service portal under the Finances Tab>Statements. NOTE: This is a different location than the monthly statements they see on the Student Account Online Page in Self-Service. Students that have consented to receive their 1098-T electronically will or have received an email notification (unless otherwise agreed upon). Students that have **NOT** consented to receive the 1098-T electronically will have a paper 1098-T statement mailed by January 31.

The dollar amounts reported on your Form 1098-T may assist you in completing IRS Form 8863 – the form used for calculating the education tax credits that a taxpayer may claim as part of your tax return. The University of Mount Union is unable to provide you with individual tax advice, but should you have questions, you should seek the counsel of an informed tax preparer or adviser.

Please feel free to contact Student Accounts with any questions regarding your account.
Office of Business Affairs – Student Accounts
Phone (330)823-6554 FAX (330) 823-3457
billing@mountunion.edu

Upcoming Events

Faculty Lecture: Kevin Meyer

Wednesday, February 13 at 7 p.m., Giese Center for the

Dr. Meyer, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience, will present *Humor, Seriously: Exploring the Connections between Humor and Well-being*. He will discuss how research in the field of humor studies enhances our understanding of how a more rigorous and positive sense of personal well-being is developed and nurtured.



Florida Alumni + Parents Gatherings

Thursday, February 21- **Naples Reception**

Friday, February 22 - **Sarasota Luncheon**

Alumni and current parents in Florida are invited to join us for a gathering of conversation including a campus update by President Merriman. RSVP [online](#) or to the Office of Alumni Engagement by February 14.



Mount Union Day at Kalahari Indoor Waterpark

Saturday, February 23

Escape the winter blues by booking a weekend at Kalahari on Feb. 23, 2019! Enjoy a discounted room rate through the Office of Alumni Engagement for alumni, parents, and friends.



Reserve a room by contacting Kalahari directly at (419) 433-7200 and ask for the "Mount Union Alumni block" (limited availability)! For more information, visit the [website](#) for more details.

Theatre Production: Anything Goes

Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m., *Giese Center for the Performing Arts Presser Recital Hall*

Friday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m., *Giese Center for the Performing Arts Presser Recital Hall*

Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m., *Giese Center for the Performing Arts Presser Recital Hall*

Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m., *Giese Center for the Performing Arts Presser Recital Hall*



"Anything Goes" was created in 1934 with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The play tells the story of an ocean liner, the S.S. American, traveling from New York to London. On board is a cast of passengers, whose romantic lives intertwine with comedic effect. It debuted in 1934 at the Alvin Theatre on Broadway. Later the play was revised for the big screen in 1936 and 1956. The play will be directed by Mount Union Department of Theatre Lecturer Craig Joseph.

View more information about the production and order tickets online [here](#).

M Club Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 23 at 6 p.m., *Skyland Pines Banquet Center, 3550 Columbus Road NE, Canton, OH 44705*

All Raiders, family, and friends are welcome to attend and participate in the raffle. Come play the sideboard,



bid on auction items, and visit with current coaches, former teammates, community members, and so much more! \$2,500 available in prizes. Winner need not be present.

The annual M Club Reverse Raffle is the signature fundraiser to support current Raider athletic programs. All proceeds from the event are invested in projects that support current student-athletes and the Hall of Fame Ceremony.

To purchase tickets and for more information, click [here](#).

Schooler Lecture

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

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

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



Helpful Information

Graduation

Remind your graduating student to check his/her email for all details regarding commencement.

Commencement folder pick-up event for students is February 20, 2019 from 4-6 p.m. in the Alumni Room of HPCC. Folders containing an array of information will also be sent home to parents at the address listed on record.



Commencement is confirmed for Saturday, May 18, 2019, for August, December, and May graduates. In addition to the University ceremony, students and their families are also invited to attend school-specific gatherings and celebrations. To view the full schedule of information and events, visit our [website](#).

New Year's Resolutions for College Parents - and Their College Students

The New Year is a time for new beginnings, so whether you're about to be a college parent, you're a new college parent, or you've been at this for a while, it's the time of year to take stock and make a fresh start. And don't forget to share a few of these with your students as well. A new year also brings a new semester for many students - the perfect time for their fresh start as well. Here's a [helpful article](#) from *College Parent Central* to help you get started

Words of Wisdom from 2018

Below is a list of some helpful links to resources and information from *College Parent Central*:

- [When Your College Student's Class Isn't Going Well](#)
- [Undecided, Undeclared, Open, Exploring: Your College Student's Search for a Major](#)

- [15 Tips to Help You and Your Student Cope with Change](#)
- [When your College Senior Hates Her Major](#)
- [Ten Reasons Why Your Student May Have a Case of the "Second Semester Blues"](#)

The Mount Union Fund



New Year, New Opportunities

With the start of a new year comes new opportunities to make an impact! In planning for 2019, we hope you will consider the students of Mount Union. Your [gift to The Mount Union Fund](#) today helps ensure scholarships are awarded, campus and learning environments are kept up-to-date, and academic and extracurricular opportunities are enhanced.

As you make your New Year's resolutions, we invite you to *make a difference* in the lives and educational experiences of current and future students, who will become the leaders of tomorrow.



Parents and Family Facebook Group

The Parents and Family Association at Mount Union exists to provide an environment for you to be actively involved, engaged, and committed to the life and mission of the University of Mount Union and the success of all students.

Parents and family members are invited to join this private group as a way to start conversations, ask questions, and more.

[Join the Facebook Group](#)

Helpful Links

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