



# U-CONNECT

A newsletter for the Parents and Family Association

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## Mark Your Calendar

### April

30 - SCHOLAR DAY/Honors Convocation, Classes Not in Session until 6 p.m.

*\*Parents are invited to attend in this celebration. More information is available below.*

### May

8 - Last Day of Classes, All Classes Operate on a Friday Schedule

9 - Reading Day, Finals Begin at 6 p.m.

9-15 - Final Exam Period, No Saturday/Sunday Final exams

18 - Commencement

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## Meet Our Students



### Tyler Stewart '19

**Major:** Early Childhood Education

**Hometown:** Paris, OH

**Involvement:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes, ITS Math, and Intramural Soccer

"I chose Mount Union for two reasons: it was close to home and the Education Program is top notch!"

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

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## Parent & Family Volunteers Needed



The Office of First Year Initiatives is looking for volunteers! Every summer, Mount Union welcomes new students and their family members to campus for Preview. One of our signature events for family members attending Preview is the "The Family Connection" which includes a panel of current or former parents and students answering questions that new family members have.

Preview dates for this summer include **June 28, June 30, July 12, and July 14**. We would ask that volunteers arrive in Campus Grounds in the Hoover-Price Campus Center no later than 6:45 p.m. The panel concludes around 8:15 p.m.

If you are interested in being a part of this panel, please contact Brian Hopkins, director of first year initiatives, at [hopkinbt@mountunion.edu](mailto:hopkinbt@mountunion.edu).

## What's Next On Campus?



**LIFE AFTER MOUNT UNION**  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP ON POST GRADUATION LIFE

**Saturday, April 27, 9:30 a.m.**  
Campus Grounds, Hoover-Price Campus Center

Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students: Please register using the QR code below by April 20, or email [campusgroundscareers@mu.edu](mailto:campusgroundscareers@mu.edu). We are happy to learn more about life once you depart the University, providing you the chance to meet some alumni in your field, and attend senior sessions such as:

- What not to wear: Workplace Edition
- Post Graduation Finances
- Cooking for One
- Careers and Vocations

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### Life After Mount Union

Saturday, April 27 at 9 a.m., *Campus Grounds, Hoover-Price Campus Center*

Life *after* Mount Union is a professional development event to help prepare students for their post-Mount Union life. It is a half-day workshop, offered to interested current juniors, seniors, and/or graduate students at no cost, to provide the chance to fine-tune some necessary skills needed in the workforce and/or graduate school interview process.

Students can register [here](#).

## SCHOLAR DAY and Honors Convocation

Tuesday, April 30

SCHOLAR Day is Mount Union's Student Celebration Honoring Our Latest Academic Research. Students and faculty set aside an entire day to learn from the undergraduate and graduate students on campus who have completed outstanding research projects. This event is celebrated by our students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and the greater community. Honors Convocation will be held on at 11:30 a.m. on April 30 in the Timken Gymnasium. Parents of award winners should have received a letter of invitation in the mail the first few weeks of April!

Click [here](#) to view the full presentation schedule, or visit our [website](#) for more information.

## Graduation

Saturday, May 18

Remind your students to check their email for all details regarding Commencement. 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 event, visit our [website](#).



## End-of-Semester Checklists

Article by College Parent Central

The last few weeks of spring semester on college campuses are hectic. Your student may drop off the radar while wrapping up classes and taking finals, so when you do make contact it's important to touch on the most

important things!

[Here](#) are some details on how you can help.

## 5 Summer Internship Tips

Article by College Parent Central

They did it — your college student landed a summer internship! Now the school year's winding down and they're getting excited about the upcoming adventure. For you, though, this may be a bittersweet moment.



[Here's](#) how you can support your student while making their internship the best it can be!

## What's New?



### Mount Union Announces Three-College Structure and Founding Deans

Adapting to the growth and success of its academic offering and the ever-changing landscape of higher education, the

University of Mount Union is reorganizing its academic structure into three colleges within the institution.

The College of Applied and Social Sciences, College of Arts and Humanities and College of Natural and Health Sciences will begin to be implemented July 1, 2019 when the recently hired founding deans arrive at Mount Union.

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

### Mount Union's Sports Business Degree Ranked Best in Ohio

The University of Mount Union's Bachelor of Arts Degree in sport business has been ranked as the best degree of its kind in Ohio and tenth in the nation according to Bachelor's Degree Center (BDC).



BDC's methodology for its ranking of the "25 Best Bachelor's in Sports Management Degree Programs for 2019" is rooted in programs that are accredited from the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation. From there, institutions were ranked based on reputation, cost, return on investment, graduation rate and employment rate.

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



### Mount Union Launches Virtual Campus Tour

We're pleased to announce the launch of our virtual campus tour! The tour offers a simulation of campus featuring a variety of media, including photography, 360-degree panoramas, video, text, narration, and more, creating a hands-on approach to traditional campus visits.

Check out the virtual tour [here](#).

### Mount Union Nursing, Chemistry Students Hosting Family Event

Students in the University of Mount Union's Departments of Nursing and Chemistry are hosting a Family Health and Science Fun Day on Saturday, April 27. Families in the Alliance and surrounding communities are welcome to enjoy free activities about health, games, prizes and science demonstrations.



View all the details on our website [here](#).

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## Financial Aid and Billing

Do you want your student to receive a 2019-2020 financial aid award letter?

- If so, file the [FAFSA!](#)
- If you are not going to file, please email us at [finaid@mountunion.edu](mailto:finaid@mountunion.edu).
- Have questions about the FAFSA? Check out these [videos](#) from Financial Aid TV.

Is your student graduating in May?

- If they borrowed federal loans, they need to complete [Direct Loan Exit Counseling](#) before graduation.
- If your student needs help completing this requirement, click [here](#) to schedule an appointment.

Accounts that are **not** current with the business office were placed on *hold*. Those on *hold* do not have access to view grades or to register for fall 2019 classes. Transcripts *will not* be released to any account on *hold*.

Accounts with balances at or below \$500, or those that are up to date on the monthly payment plan, are considered current.

Questions and concerns can be directed to 1-800-992-6682 extension 6554. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## The Mount Union Fund

24  
hours

885  
donors

\$260,680  
raised

### Raiders Give 2019 a Huge Success

Thanks to the generosity of the University community, [#RaidersGive](#), Mount Union's second annual day of giving, was a HUGE success!

On April 4, in just 24 hours, **885** alumni, parents, students, employees, and friends rallied together to make a collective impact on our students, raising **\$260,680** in total Mount Union Fund support. Additionally, **78** parents and family members participated in the day, helping unlock the Parent and Family Challenge and an additional **\$2,500** to benefit Mount Union students.

Thanks to everyone who took part in this special day. Your gifts help make dreams come true for current and future Raiders! Missed Raiders Give? You can still support our students with a [gift to The Mount Union Fund](#) today.



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## 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](#)

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## Helpful Links

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