

# Academic Organizations '22-'23

## Accounting Club

**Bradley Lloyd, president**

Mount Union's Accounting Club is open to all students whether you are majoring in accounting or have an interest in the field. We aim to provide learning experiences and grow within the field and create more opportunities for our members professionally, socially and academically.

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**Ruth Pogacnik, campus advisor**

## American Chemical Society (ACS)

**Ammar Keswani, president**

This organization is a student-affiliate chapter, open to any student working toward an undergraduate degree in a chemical science or related discipline.

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**Dr. Sheryl Mason, campus advisor**

## American Sign Language Club

**CarrieAnne Pataky, president**

The American Sign Language Club provides education about Deaf Culture and assistance to help develop signing skills to the students at University of Mount Union through weekly discussions, guest speakers, trips, and other similar activities. Membership is open to all interested students.

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**Susan McConnell, campus advisor**

## Aspiring Educator Association

**Alaina Provo, president**

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Debbie Fedyna, campus advisors**

## Association of Pre-Physician Assistant Students (APPAS) *Academic Organization*

**Jessica Knisley, president**

**Dana Domer, campus advisor**

APPAS promotes educational experiences and provide a route for students seeking to pursue continued education as a Physician Assistant (PA). APPAS provides members opportunities for shadowing, volunteering, and patient care as it relates to the PA profession. The organization seeks to help undergraduate students prepare for the application and interview process required for entry into a PA program.

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## Book Club

**Avery Wengertter, president**

The Book Club promotes an outlet for creativity and curiosity by hosting and attending intellectual and cultural activities pertaining to literature and/or writing that would be otherwise unavailable to students. Book Club is dedicated to

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**Frank Tascone, campus advisor**

Instagram: @UMU\_English

bringing authors and other interesting speakers to campus, conducting writing workshops, and gathering campus together for thought-provoking movies and discussions.

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## **Delta Mu Delta**

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**Ruth Pogacnik, campus advisor**

Delta Mu Delta is an international business honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence of students.

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## **Engineering Club**

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**Coreena Maynard, president**

**Dr. Loay Al-Zube, campus advisor**

The purpose of the EC is to create a social network of collaboration for engineers. This club will help students build connections with their engineering peers and with students and professionals from other disciplines while working towards gaining a better understanding of the field. Club members can benefit greatly from the social and professional interactions and exposures facilitated by the EC activities.

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## **Exercise Science Club**

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**Lauren Roncone, president**

**Dr. Katherine Spillios, campus advisor**

Instagram: @UMU\_EXS\_Club

The purpose of the Exercise Science Club is to provide its members with practical experiences with the field of exercise science. Membership is open to those majoring, minoring, or with an interest in exercise science.

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## **French Culture Club**

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**Dr. Bertrand Landry, campus advisor**

French Culture Club exists to promote the activities of the French Department and foster a community among students of the French language to broaden worldviews, improve language proficiency, and sponsor activities that feature French culture.

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## **Honors Council**

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**Avery Wengerter, president**

**Dr. David Thiele, advisor**

Twitter: @UMUHonors

Honors Council promotes social and service community amongst academic Honors Program members, extracurricular excellence within the Honors Program, University, and community, and strives to solidify the bonds between those students and faculty who recognize the important of being well-rounded individuals. Honors Program membership is limited to those who are following the academic path of Honors in the Major or University Honors.

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## **Inter-Science Research Club**

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**Abigail Stack, president**

**Dr. Tomas Barrett, campus advisor**

The purpose of the Inter-Science Research Club shall be to foster awareness and collaboration among health-related sciences, which includes, but is not limited to, Exercise Science, Biology, Biochemistry, and Chemistry departments across campus, to discuss current research in relevant fields, and to provide revenue for trans-disciplinary faculty-student research.

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## **Japanese Club**

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**Ayumi Karasuda, president**

**Dawn Adams, campus advisor**

The purpose of Japanese Club is to promote Japanese language and culture throughout the University of Mount Union by fostering a sense of community between Japanese majors/minors, Japanese international students, and all students interested in Japanese culture and cultural diversity.

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## **Kappa Delta Pi**

**Lauren Currie, president**

Instagram: @umu\_kappadeltapi

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society in education. It promotes excellence in and recognizes outstanding contributions to education. Members must be of sophomore standing with no less than 50 hours, 12 of these hours in professional education courses, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students must also exemplify worthy education ideals, express intention to continue in the education field, and show evidence of leadership abilities.

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**Dr. Mandy Capel and  
Dr. Jeremy Brueck, campus advisors**

## **Kappa Kappa Psi**

**Kay Carson, president**

This is a national band honorary that promotes the welfare of the University bands, cultivating at large a respect for their activities and achievements. Membership is by invitation.

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**Jeff Neitzke, campus advisor**

Instagram: @kkpsiotalambda;

Twitter: @kkpsiotalambda

## **Math Club**

**Nathan Ganger, president**

The Math Club will provide a fun and relaxed environment for those who enjoy mathematics. It will give students the freedom to explore and enjoy learning about different fields of math. In addition, while it is not just a club for math majors, the club will allow math majors to meet and interact with each other outside of the classroom. It will provide students with a group of people with similar interests and experiences to support them.

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**Dr. Katherine Ritchey, campus advisor**

## **Model United Nations**

**Emily Manski, president**

The purpose of the Model United Nations Club is to promote a better understanding of the United Nations and provide the grounds for an active simulation of the United Nations. A primary goal of this organization is an active participant in Model United Nations conferences and tournaments.

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**Dr. Francis Schortgen, campus advisor**

## **National Security & International Affairs Club**

**Zach Rankin, president**

**Jacob Nunamaker, president**

The purpose of the NSIA club is to promote a better understanding of the national security threats facing the United States, to discuss and actively participate in current national security threats through discussion, and to offer campus-wide programming in this arena through the area.

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## **National Student Nursing Association**

**Ryleigh Jones, president**

The Student Nursing Organization provides academic and nonacademic services to nursing students and the nursing department. includes student picnics and orientation, social gathering and support, fundraising and community service projects.

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**Perry Concialdi and  
Kelly Schwendiman, campus advisors**

## **Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association (OCMEA)** *Academic Organization*

**Samuel Darrin, president**

**Dr. Patricia Boehm, campus advisor**

Instagram: @ocmea\_mountunion

OCMEA provides the benefits of a professional association and help to foster a professional attitude toward the profession of music educator.

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## Peace Building Society

**Sidney Chaffee, president**

A group for advocates and civic leaders committed to social change and lasting peace. Our initiatives include indigenous rights, minority inclusion, voter participation, and interfaith work.

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**Dr. Nicole Johnson, campus advisor**

## Physical Therapy Pre-Professional Club

**Megan Zody, president**

*The purpose of Physical Therapy Pre-Professional Club (PTPC) shall be to provide a supportive network for students interested in careers as a DPT. Through the association, students will have the opportunity to meet practicing physical therapists, connect with volunteer experience, participate in physical therapy events, learn about physical therapy educational requirements, and meet with other students and faculty involved in PT.*

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**Dr. Megan Salvatore, campus advisor**

## Pre-Dental Club

**Tori Fanello, president**

The purpose of the Pre-Dental Club is to provide a community of individuals who share a common interest in the field of dentistry. Pre-Dental Club shall educate, prepare, and support students as they continue their journey to dental school.

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**Dr. Phil LaScola, campus advisor**

## Pre-Law Society

**Farrel Murphy, president**

Pre-Law Society is an organization open to all students expressing an interest in understanding legal issues. The purpose of the organization is to provide a forum for discussion of matters pertaining to law. The organization is open to all students, not just those looking to attend law school.

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**Dr. Lee Dionne, campus advisor**

## Pre-Medical Professions Club

**Ammar Keswani, president**

Pre-Medical Professions Club provides a central community for students who are passionate about medicine, to come together. This organization informs and guides students through the many facets of the medical school application process including, but not limited to, preparation for the MCAT, interview tips, and guidance in writing a personal statement.

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**Dr. Keith Miller, campus advisor**

## Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) *Academic Organization*

*Madison Wilke, president*

*Dr. Andrea Ferraro, campus advisor*

*Twitter: @UMU\_PRSSA*

PRSSA is established on campus to encourage the understanding of current theories and procedures in the practice of public relations; provide students of public relations with the opportunity to become acquainted not only with their peers but with professional practitioners as well; encourage students to adhere to the highest ideals and principles of the practice of public relations, and instill in them a professional attitude.

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## Raider Racing / SAE Baja Club

**Anthony Costanzo, president**

Instagram: @umuraiderracing

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**Dr. Chad Korach, campus advisor**

The purpose of Raider Racing is to educate students on how to work in a professional team setting, offer hands-on experience through a technical design project, become leaders, and to engage in friendly competition with other schools.

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## **Raider Robotics**

**Oscar (Obioma) Okechukwu, president**

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**Dr. Chad Korach, campus advisor**

Instagram: @raider\_robotics

The purpose of The Raider Robotics Team shall be to promote the growth of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. The team looks to accomplish this by providing students at the University of Mount Union, a platform to explore those areas through the participation in competitions.

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## **SHAPE (Students in Health & Physical Education)**

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**Courtney Beckley, president**

**Dr. Bruce Pietz, campus advisor**

SHAPE provides students that have an interest in health and physical education with development opportunities to enhance skills, knowledge, and professional growth. The organization is positively promoted through contributing needed services related to health and physical education in the University and surrounding community. Members also can stimulate professional growth through professional memberships, conference attendance, and involvement in club functions.

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## **SHRM**

**Joseph Haas, president**

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**Dr. Anne Christo-Baker, advisor**

Twitter: @Shrumumu

The University of Mount Union chapter of SHRM provides students with opportunities to gain knowledge and insight into the effective management of human capital in the field of Human Resources. This organization is affiliated with the national organization, SHRM.

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## **Society of Physics Students (Sigma Pi Sigma)** *Academic Organization*

*Emmett Davis, president*

*Dr. Richelle Teeling-Smith, campus advisor*

Society of Physics students is a student organization promoting the study of physics.

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## **Society of Women Engineers**

Elisa Summaner, president

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**Dr. Shehla Arif, campus advisor**

The purpose of The Society of Women Engineers is a focus on issues of interest to women specializing in engineering and technical careers.

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## **Student Society of the American Academy of Physician Assistants**

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**Betsy Ekey, campus advisor**

The purpose of SAAAPA is to serve as the official organization for the students of the University of Mount Union Physician Assistant Program, to promote academic achievement and clinical excellence, and to promote the physician assistant as a member of the health care delivery team. Students who are members of the UMU PA program are eligible for membership.

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**Dr. Donna Bishop and Mrs. Debbie Fedyna, campus advisors**

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## **UMU Cyber Security Club**

**Noah Godfrey, president**

The UMU Cyber Security Club is for anyone who would like to learn more about the Network/Cyber Security field. In this club, we will hear from professionals in the field and learn how Network/Cyber Security works. This club is open to anyone that is interested so feel free to join to learn about a growing field.

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**Ken Smith, campus advisor**

## **World Service Club**

**Haley Hunt, president**

**Christina LaRoy, president**

World Service Club seeks to provide experience working with a diverse group of people by helping communities in developing world countries through service-based projects. World Service Club provides international design opportunities which will further our education to help us become more well-rounded individuals.

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**Dr. Hans Tritico, campus advisor**