

Young Alumni Award Acceptance

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I am honored to have received the Young Alumni Award from the University of Mount Union. It feels a bit surreal, as I look at the list of previous winners and feel as though that is some incredible company with which to see my name. Mount Union has done so much to help prepare me for success, and I was given so much guidance from the staff and students. I think of the hours I spent studying in the library with my friends so that I could understand complex principles that I now use today as a Portfolio Manager. I think of all the time that my professors took to mentor and shape me into who I am today. I think of the cafeteria staff, housekeepers, and other faculty members who set the high standard that we have as a university, by creating a welcoming environment built on the value of respecting others. Each one of these people are really what made my experience at Mount Union so special.

Because of this foundation, I strive both at Huntington and with the University of Mount Union, to extend a hand and try to help others like I was helped. I like to think of it as “paying it forward” and guiding the next one in line. Assisting with the Investment Team and the Business Advisory Council has allowed me to keep that connection to campus, and even do some hiring from Mount!

In summary, I think back to the mission of the University of Mount Union, which is to prepare students for fulfilling lives, meaningful work, and responsible citizenship. I reflect on how well Mount Union does with this mission, even amidst what must be a difficult time for any institution educating students. I hope to continue to do my best to live out that mission in my home as a dad and husband, at work as a coworker and leader, in my community, and at my home-away-from home in Alliance, Ohio!

-Andrew