

CLASS NOTES

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1950s

George Ditch '57 recently retired and moved to Palm Springs, California after living in Mexico for 16 years.

Martha (Purviance '58) Sax of Portland, Maine is volunteering as a foster grandparent for a local first grade class.

1960s

Julie Cummins '61 wrote an article that was featured in the Fall 2020 issue of *Life in the Finger Lakes*, titled "Tomboy of the Air."

1970s

Tom Berlin '73 of Matthews, North Carolina recently retired from RSA Insurance as global claim manager after 47 years.



David Joachim '73 of Boardman, Ohio recently retired as a Presbyterian pastor (PCUSA). He is now a YMCA swim instructor and lifeguard with four children and six grandchildren.



Albert Smith '77 retired from Malone University after 37 years as a member of the accounting faculty. He was granted emeritus status and received the 2020 Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching.



1980s

Jim "Lep" Durham '82 of Columbus, Ohio recently retired from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency.

Tom Maderia '80 recently won his 200th game as a head football coach in New Jersey when Burlington Township defeated Highland 14-7 on October 25, 2019.

Bonnie (Rockenbaugh '80) Rodenberger shared a photo of her Mount Union family; pictured (l-r) are her daughter,



Christy (Rodenberger '04) Miller, Bonnie, and her son-in-law, **Nate Williams '07**. Nate is married to Bonnie's youngest daughter Mary Catherine.

1990s

Bret Adams '90 was recently named a regular contributor for *Vintage Guitar* magazine, sold in mainstream bookstores nationwide. He is also a recruiting specialist with Ohio Means Jobs Stark County.

Cenell (Munford '93) Boch recently published a book, *Living with the Double D's — Surviving Depression and Divorce*. It is available for purchase on Amazon.



David Edwards '98 leads Education International, a global teaching union organization comprised of 32 million teachers and other educators affiliated with unions and associations in 173 countries.



Danielle (Penturf '94) Lamphier of Winston-Salem, North Carolina recently accepted a position as CEO of Sneez, LLC, makers of Sneez, a real-time illness tracking app.



Kimberly (Helwig '97)

Stanislo earned her Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) from The Ohio State University in May 2019. She is a clinical assistant professor at Ashland University's College of Nursing and Health Sciences and serves as the program director for the graduate school nursing program.

2000s

Chad Baddeley '00 and his wife Shelby announce the birth of a daughter, Addilyn Sue, on June 17, 2020.



Zachary Bolitho '04 of Raleigh, North Carolina has joined Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP as of counsel in its White Collar and Criminal Defense Group.

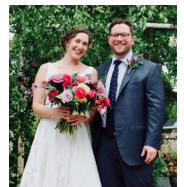


In addition to his of counsel role at CSH Law, he is an associate professor of law at Campbell University School of Law in Raleigh, where he teaches federal criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, and trial advocacy.

Erin Crandall '08 was named to Toledo's 20 Under 40 listing in October 2020. She manages roughly \$1 billion in sales annually at one of Dana Incorporated's largest facilities and is responsible for serving customers including Ford and Chrysler, as well as providing strategic financial leadership.



Maria Fesz '09 married Jesse Friedberg on September 12, 2020. Ketubah signers included **Alicia (Bousner '10) Hrubey**. The couple currently resides in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MESSAGE

Matt Hadgis '06 and wife Sandra announce the birth of a daughter, Clara, on November 28, 2019.

Correction: The Spring/Summer 2020 issue incorrectly spelled Matt's last name in recognizing his company, Qwickly.



Sarah (Brockett '09) and Ryan '09 McFeely announce the birth of a daughter, Lillian Mae, on September 5, 2020. She joins siblings Brooke, 10 and Addy, 8.



Jennifer (Bixler '05) and Kyle Miller announce the birth of a daughter, Evie Jean, on June 5, 2020. Evie joins sibling Elenore, 3.



Katie Hopkins '05 and Ben Gabelman were married August 10, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois. Katie is the daughter of **Marcia (Burr '76)** and **Kirk Hopkins** and the niece of **Marc '73 Burr** and **Nan (Foster '75) Burr**. The couple resides in Chicago.



Courtney (Sattler '04) Rees was recently published in the Summer/Fall edition of the Ohio Journal of English and Language Arts. Her article was titled *An Empty Building Awaits*.

Mark '05 and Laura (Vesco '05) Hubert, announce the birth of a son, Kade Kenneth, born June 16, 2020.



Amanda (Chick '06) and Joe '08 Rettig announce the adoption of a son, Jay Sutton. He joins siblings Owen, 9, Graham, 7, and Reid, 5.



Thomas Jefferson '03 of Stow, Ohio recently earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Kent State University.



Donna (Dercoli '00) and Daniel Rogers announce the adoption of two children, Aniyah, 8 and K'ream, 7.



Elizabeth (Hadgis '09) and James Kirby, announce the birth of a son, Andrew, born July 6, 2020. Andrew joins sibling Henry, 4.



Angela LoBue '09 and **Thomas O'Donnell, Jr.** were married on August 1, 2020 in Cleveland, Ohio.



2010s

Gina (Mayer '11) and David '11 Keifer announce the birth of a daughter, Kennedy, born June 10, 2020.



Chelsey (Bruce '14) and Matthew '14 Kirkland, announce the birth of a son, Daniel, on July 3, 2020.



Michelle (Bryan '12) and Josh Kosko, announce the birth of a son, Samuel Joseph, on March 18, 2020.



As the fall academic semester draws to a close, I can't help but reflect on how the campus community (especially the administration, faculty, staff, and students)

adjusted to the current environment in which we find ourselves. Their actions are a clear example of how we as a Mount Union community (and family) can band together to get through any challenges and obstacles we face!

While not the way we had hoped to celebrate Alumni Weekend and Homecoming, I hope you were able to join us in celebrating our Virtual Alumni Week back in October. Throughout the week, we were able to celebrate our alma mater through campus videos and messages, announcements of the recipients of the **Dodie Davis '62 Alumni Service Award**, **McKinley Fellow Award**, **Young Alumni Award**, and **Susie (Oberholzer '73) Buckel Alumni Association Scholarship** recipients, along with a **Run-A-MUC Virtual 5K**, reunion celebrations, and regional club gatherings, among many other highlights.

I want to close by offering my deepest thanks for the support of all of our alumni. Throughout the course of the past several months, we've seen so many alumni offering their support when it is most critically needed for Mount Union students. Support received through donations to **The Mount Union Fund**, **Dick Merriman** and **Margot Kelman President's Rescue Fund**, **Student Emergency Fund**, and other giving areas are being immediately put to use to support students. On behalf of the Alumni Association and Mount Union, I thank you for your continued commitment, your loyalty, and your support!

With Purple Raider Pride,

- **Chad Johnson '07**
Alumni Association President

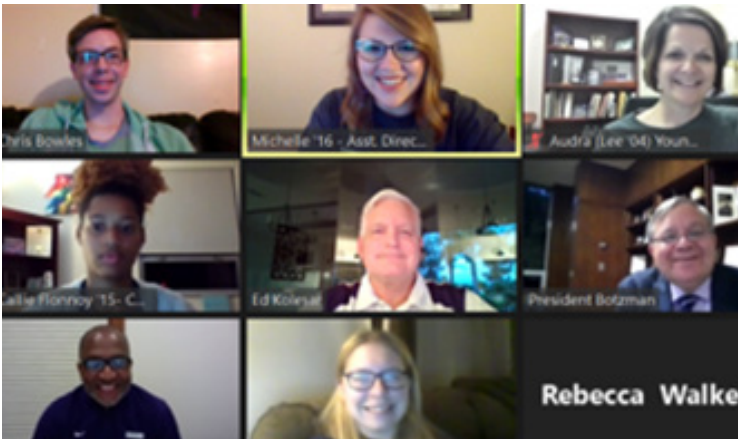
Alumni across the country joined the University for a Virtual Alumni Week celebration – October 4-10, 2020 – for online events that incorporated tradition with new and exciting updates! From gatherings and reunions to virtual tours and cooking demonstrations, hundreds of alumni participated from the comfort of their homes, reconnecting and engaging with fellow Mount Union family members. In addition, Alumni Weekend and Homecoming favorites – the Run-A-MUC 5K race and 2020 Alumni Awards – were part of the celebration. While the institution missed the opportunity to welcome its alumni and friends to campus in person, it was great to connect in a manner that ensured the safety and well-being of the entire community.



BLACK STUDENT UNION REUNION



NEW ENGLAND GATHERING



PRIDE REUNION



CLASS OF 1975 REUNION



CAMPUS TOUR



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2020 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

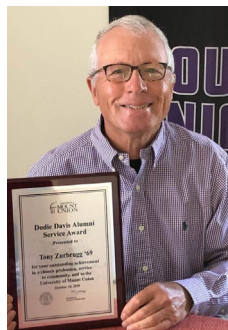
As part of Virtual Alumni Week, the Office of Alumni Engagement recognized the 2020 Alumni Award Recipients through a web page and series of videos honoring the winners. All videos and acceptance letters can be viewed at: mountunion.edu/virtual-alumni-week-2020.

DODIE DAVIS ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

The Alumni Service Award was established in 1942 and is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in a chosen profession and for service to the community or to the University of Mount Union. The award represents the highest non-academic honor an alumnus/alumna can receive from Mount Union. In 2003, the award was renamed in honor of Dodie Davis '62 for her 35 years of service and dedication to the institution.



Debbly (Fish '69)
Rowland



Tony Zurbrugg '69

MCKINLEY FELLOW AWARD

The McKinley Fellow Award is named for former U.S. President William McKinley, who was a member of the Mount Union Board of Trustees and worked as a friend of the University for many years. This award honors a select group of individuals who have had a significant impact on Mount Union as non-alumni.



Blaine Lewis,
Physical Plant Director

YOUNG ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

The Young Alumni Service Award honors and recognizes those who, at very early stages in their chosen careers or callings, exemplify what Mount Union hopes all alumni will strive to achieve upon graduating from Mount Union. The award is given to graduates within the past 15 years for their outstanding support, leadership, and dedication to the University as young alumni.



Andrew Rothermel '15

AuBree LaForce '14 was recently named a Piscano Scholar 2020 at NEOMED. She is a fourth-year medical student and one of six scholars chosen this year.



Jessica (Colby '14) and Gregg Strasser announce the birth of a daughter, Hattie Faye, on July 10, 2020.



Wilbur Davidson '52 of Fleming Island, Florida passed away October 13, 2020.

Lynne (Lehnis '58) Davison, spouse of **Edward "Ted" Davison '62**, of Pinehurst, North Carolina passed away August 22, 2020.

Lauren (Shaub '10) and Brian '10 Mogs announce the birth of a son, Maverick, on April 24, 2020. He joins sibling Madison, nearly 2.



Josh '14 and Stephanie Winn, announce the birth of a daughter, Rylee Jean, on August 23, 2020. She joins siblings Preston, 4, and Weston, 1.

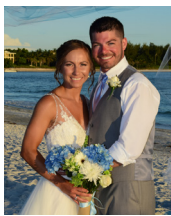


Joseph Drotovick '51 of Canton, Ohio passed away August 20, 2020.

Robert Gempler '50 of Alliance, Ohio passed away July 21, 2020.

Raymond Graham '53 of Bradford, Pennsylvania passed away August 31, 2020.

Jessica Moracz '16, M'19 and Shawn Collins '15, M'19 were married on June 19, 2020 in Longboat Key, Florida.

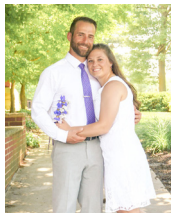


Christina Woofter '13 recently started as an attending physician at the Akron Children's Pediatrics office in Tallmadge, Ohio after completing her pediatric residency at Akron Children's Hospital.

Carl Johnson '57 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania passed away October 22, 2020.

William Long '55 of Brooklyn, NY passed away August 29, 2020.

Kaylah Nieschwitz '15 and Alexander Shaheen '11 were married on June 6, 2020. The couple reside in Canton, Ohio.



2020s

Sarah Oakes '20 and Jovan Mirkovic were married on October 24, 2020. The couple reside in Parma Heights, Ohio.



George Mani '50 of Canton, Ohio passed away August 20, 2020. George was preceded in death by his wife **Martha (Zumkehr '50) Mani**.

Walter Mueller '52 of Westlake, Ohio passed away November 2, 2020.

Stephanie Porten '13 and Morgan Pritchett were married on March 24, 2020, "Singin' in the Rain" Day, in a private elopement ceremony on their apartment balcony. The couple resides in Beavercreek, Ohio.



Ryan '20 and Jennifer Sanderbeck announce the birth of a daughter, Amelia, on May 22, 2020. She joins sibling Clare, 4.

Robert Ruth '50 of Alliance, Ohio passed away August 20, 2020.

Mary (Bennett '50) Scamman of Pittsfield, Massachusetts passed away September 19, 2020.

Eva (Laino '15) and Andrew '15 Rothermel announce the birth of a daughter, Scarlett Grace, on February 25, 2020.



Deaths

1940s

Ruth Ball '49 of North Canton, Ohio passed away October 1, 2020.

H. Gene Shafer '51 of Salem, Ohio, spouse of the late **Ruth (Matin '54) Shafer** and father of **Harold Shafer '80** and Carol (Shafer) Brown, passed away September 16, 2020.

Betty (Annabell '49) Fiocca of Akron, Ohio passed away October 21, 2020.

Joy (Colley '58) Silverhart of Canton, Ohio passed away July 14, 2020.

Amber (Rinaldi '10) and Dan '10 Schrader announce the birth of a daughter, Ellie, on August 28, 2020.



1950s

Jerald Baker '55 of Medina, Ohio passed away October 25, 2020.

Jane (Douglass '51) Staley of Hagerstown, Maryland passed away August 26, 2020. She is survived by her brother **Samuel Douglass '55** and was preceded in death by her sister **Mary Delle (Douglass '49) Hale**.

Arthur Murray Cunningham '57 of Home- worth, Ohio passed away July 15, 2020.

Roger Smith '52 of Beloit, Ohio, spouse of the late **Jean (Kiser '52) Smith**, passed away May 31, 2020.

Jacquelyn (Weiser '52) Cunningham of Schofield, Wisconsin passed away July 6, 2020.

Mount Union Employees

Ralph Daily

Ralph Daily of Alliance, Ohio passed away November 2, 2020. He was professor emeritus in the Department of Education.

David Deutsch

David Deutsch of Sebring, Ohio passed away October 18, 2020. He taught part time at Mount Union in the early 2000s.

Patricia Morrow

Patricia Morrow of Alliance, Ohio passed away August 13, 2020. She retired in 2010 after 42 years with AVI/food service at Mount Union.

Thomas John O'Malley

Thomas John O'Malley of Louisville, Ohio passed away September 27, 2020. He was an associate professor of mathematics until 2011.

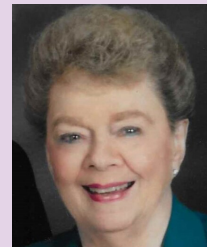
Mary (Shilts '42) Boster

Mary (Shilts '42) Boster of Rohnert Park, California, spouse of the late **Davis "Gene" Boster '42**, passed away August 15, 2020 at the age of 100. A member of the Forever Mount Society, she was one of 16 family members to attend Mount Union, including her father, William 1903, a 53-year member of the Board of Trustees.



Martha "Nickie" (Nicholson '42) Orwick

Martha "Nickie" (Nicholson '42) Orwick of Carmel, Indiana and spouse of the late **Carl Orwick '42**, passed away November 13, 2020. Nickie and Carl are the parents of **Phil Orwick '71** and **Nancy (Orwick '76) McCamon**. She was a sister of Alpha Chi Omega and proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during WWII. Her family is the namesake for Orwick Court located along State Street.



Robert Smith '53 of Colerain, Ohio passed away September 27, 2020.

Richard Tickner '55 of Fort Pierce, Florida passed away August 18, 2020.

Robert Tolle '58 of Statesville, North Carolina passed away October 1, 2020.

Charles Trettel '59 of Lilburn, Georgia passed away September 28, 2020.

Ward "Bud" Tuttle '51 of Alliance, Ohio passed away **July 28, 2020**. He was preceded in death by his wife **Arden (Davis '52) Tuttle**.

Regis Valentine '55 of Old Greenwich, Connecticut passed away October 7, 2020.

Russell Williams '56 of Huntsville, Ohio, spouse of **Lois (Tenney '54) Williams**, passed away April 26, 2020.

Ronald Zimmerman '60 of Dover, Ohio passed away November 2, 2020.

1960s

Joyce (Romig '66) Capobianco of The Woodlands, Texas passed away July 6, 2020.

William Clarkson '68 of Newcastle, Indiana passed away August 27, 2020.

Diane (Bukovinsky '64) Geiger of Canton, Ohio passed away September 1, 2020. She is survived by her husband **Gilbert Geiger '63**.

Ralph Hunter '63 of Augusta, Kansas passed away October 2, 2020.

John Phillippi '63 of Wooster, Ohio passed away September 30, 2020.

Judith (Kures '67) Treacy of Stow, Ohio passed away August 10, 2020.

1970s

Joseph Dugan '78 of Louisville, Ohio, formerly of Georgia, passed away October 23, 2020.

Diana (Gray '77) Fitzenrider of Concord, North Carolina passed away August 23, 2020.

Betty Loudin '76 of Deerfield, Ohio passed away May 13, 2020.

Kevin Monroe '74 of Navarre, Ohio passed away October 12, 2020.

1980s

R. Bradford Daugstrup '86 of Rocky River, Ohio, passed away October 2, 2020.

Barbara Watson '87 of Mentor, Ohio passed away August 7, 2020.

David Williams '80 of Lexington, Maryland passed away September 29, 2020.

1990s

Samuel L. Belden '92 of Cleveland, Ohio, spouse of **Molly (Malloy '93) Belden**, passed away August 11, 2020.

Anthony Stewart '93 of Martin, Tennessee passed away November 15, 2020.

Friends

John Adams of Braddock, Pennsylvania passed away October 19, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1940s.

Lloyd Barker of Alliance, Ohio passed away August 18, 2020. He was the spouse of the late **Evelyn (Shuster '49) Barker** and father of **Janice Barker-McLaughlin '80**.

Melvin "Nick" Bove, Jr. of Land O' Lakes, Florida passed away August 8, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1960s.

Jack Dawson of Canton, Ohio passed away August 11, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1940s when his service was interrupted by WWII.

Deaths (cont.)

Peggy (Wolfe) Ferguson of Lisbon, Ohio passed away August 24, 2020. She attended Mount Union in the mid-1990s.

Eugene R. Harden of Concord, Ohio, father of **Eugene C. Harden '98**, passed away October 29, 2020.

James Kepley of Alliance, Ohio passed away August 2, 2020.

Brandyn Murtaugh of Uhrichsville, Ohio passed away October 10, 2020. He attended Mount Union in 2011.

Alice Neuman-Schaefer of Canfield, Ohio passed away October 4, 2020. She earned a teaching certificate at Mount Union in the 1960s.

John Pothorski of Wellington, Ohio passed away October 18, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1960s.

Nancy (Hartenstein) Raker of Marion, North Carolina passed away October 14, 2020. She attended Mount Union in the 1960s.

Eleanor (Lambert) Simpson of Renton, Washington passed away October 11, 2020. She attended Mount Union in the 1950s.

Sharon Smith, spouse of **Richard Smith '62**, passed away on February 7, 2017.

Tristan Taylor of New Carlisle, Ohio passed away August 27, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the mid 2010s.

Howard Thompson of North Canton, Ohio passed away August 19, 2020. He attended Mount Union in the 1940s when his service was interrupted by WWII.

Veronica (Reale) Wise of Ravenna, Ohio passed away August 27, 2020. She attended Mount Union in the late 1940s.

MOUNT  UNION

Women

Mount Union Women has been supporting the education of female students attending Mount Union for more than 87 years. Each year, Mount Union Women awards scholarships to outstanding students who are highly involved on campus and excelling in their academic studies. Funds for scholarships are raised through donations and a variety of fundraising activities.



Mount Union Women is a nonprofit organization led by a Board of Directors and a leadership team. Meetings are held a few times per year and social and fundraising activities occur throughout the year. Anyone interested in participating in activities or joining the leadership team can send a message to mountunionwomen@gmail.com or connect via the Mount Union Women Facebook page.

Donations to the scholarship fund are always welcome and can be made via the group's website: mountunionwomen.org.



M Club is the varsity letter-winner's association at Mount Union. A student-athlete lettering in a varsity sport (men's or women's) at Mount Union is automatically a member of M Club upon graduation.

For those who qualify, we encourage you to get involved with M Club by attending meetings, athletic competitions, and events such as the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and social gatherings. Support can also include a monetary gift.

Please welcome (as of January 1) the following individuals as the new leadership team of M Club: Paul Cotton '83 as president, John "Buddy" Gasparik '85 as vice president, and Bob Atkinson '73 as secretary.