

CLASS NOTES

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1950s

Richard Horton '51 celebrated 70 years of marriage to his wife, Marilyn, on June 29, 2021.

1970s

Charles Hogue '76 recently semi-retired after working at an IT support company.

Dr. Martha (Wyatt '76) Springstead recently retired after teaching vocal music in the public schools of Ohio and Virginia for 40 years. She is now teaching voice, piano, and choir at Tidewater Community College, Old Dominion University, and Virginia Wesleyan University.

1980s

Cathey (Stricker '80) Graves was elected to the School Board for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District.



1990s

Amy McDevitt '96 and **Brian Chivers '95** were married on July 25, 2020.

Diana (Miller '90) Hennel was recently honored by the Dallas Business Journal as

one of Dallas' Top Women in Technology. She is currently serving as senior vice president, chief technology officer for Catalyst Corporate Federal Credit Union in Plano, TX.

Anna (Panteleyeva '95) Hedden was selected as a brand ambassador for Yonex USA. She was previously recognized by Patrick McEnroe, former head of United States Tennis Association (USTA) player development and ESPN/CBS commentator as "one of the top developmental coaches of the highest-level juniors in the country" and "an integral part of Team USA." She is a United States Professional Tennis Association Coach of the Year and a two-time Champion Coach of the USTA National tennis team championships.



Danielle (Penturf '94) Lamphier was recently promoted to enterprise vice president employer solutions at Atrium Health, overseeing direct-to-employer health and wellness solutions for the health system across North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. She lives in Winston-Salem, NC with her husband, Michael. They are the parents of Nick, 21, Connor, 17, and Griffin, 15.

Amanda (Shepherd '96) Shaffer was named principal at an elementary school in the Clark-Shawnee Local School District in Springfield, Ohio.

Jennifer (Langham '94) Troy of Lake In The Hills, Illinois, was named principal of Gilberts Elementary School in Community Unit School District 300.

2000s

Andrea (Bruno '09) and **Brian Warning** announce the birth of a daughter, Savannah Starlyn, on December 18, 2020.



Mackenzie Shay '08 and **Sean Trevino '07** were married on June 18, 2021, in Cleveland, Ohio.



2010s

Jennifer Book '15 and **Dillin Bradley '15** were married on August 7, 2021. Members of the wedding party included **Julie Book '15** and **Hailey Kufner '17**, the bride's Delta Sigma Tau sisters; and **Cory Ross '15**, **Jeff Parker '13**, **Colin Butcher '13**, **Zach Kisner '16**, and **Brian Lipovits '16**, the groom's Sigma Nu brothers.



Samantha (Furr '16) and **Ty Campbell** announce the birth of a son, Cole, on September 13, 2021.

Kristen (Hord '15) and **Patrick Costanzo** announce the birth of a daughter, Landry Francis, on August 18, 2021.



Jessica (Sopkovich '16) and **Andrew '17 Decker** announce the birth of a daughter, Josie Lynn, on August 11, 2021.



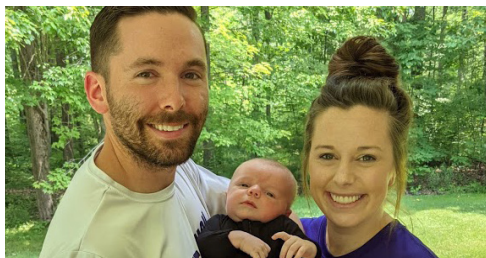
Samantha (Huffman '18) and **Andrew '18 Fisher** announce the birth of a daughter, Ellorie Piper, on July 27, 2021.



Olivia (Holt '14) and **Rosa '13 La-Mattina** announce the birth of a son, **Santino August**, on July 13, 2021.



Lindsey (Gibson '15) and **Joe '14 Parker** announce the birth of a son, **Myles**, on May 11, 2021.



Jillian (Panczyk '10) and **Chris Polley** announce the birth of their daughter, **Caitlin Elizabeth**, on June 9, 2021.



Alexis Swartz '16, M'20 and **Collin Peters '16** were married on July 24, 2021, in Canton, Ohio. Members of the bridal party included the grandfather of the bride, **Larry**



Swartz '62, Evan Chrisman '13, Toren Moore '16, Nick Ameo '16, Dan Coffey '15, Megan (Werner '16) Valentine, and Jordan Warrick '16. The couple currently resides in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Kristin (Reeder '11, M'17) and **John Ryan** announce the birth of a son, **Trevor James**, on April 30, 2021. Trevor's grandparents are **Jill (Sawyer '85)** and **Larry '83 Reeder**.



Alexandra Baklarz '16 and **Jaret Spayd '16** were married on June 27, 2021.

Lisa (Brasdovich '14) and **Chase '15 Swisher** announce the birth of a son, **Micah**, on May 15, 2021.



Ashley (Pruitt '14) and **Adam Ward** announce the birth of a daughter, **Andie Iverne**, on February 8, 2021.



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**.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MESSAGE



As I sit down to write this message, I find myself gazing out my front window. I can clearly see that summer has passed to fall and know that fall

will inevitably pass to winter. The leaves are changing colors, the temperatures are falling (with frost on the ground), and soon our amount of daylight each day will get shorter. While these changes remind us that another year will soon end, it also offers us an opportunity to reflect on the year past.

As Mount Union celebrates its 175th anniversary, we have much to be thankful for and reflect on. Since the inception of Mount Union, its mission has been to prepare students for fulfilling lives, meaningful work, and responsible citizenship. This can only be achieved through the leadership, guidance, mentoring, and support from administrators, faculty, and staff, and a vibrant community of students, alumni, parents, and friends.

In October, we had the opportunity to celebrate everything that is Mount Union! Alumni Weekend and Homecoming was filled with numerous events, including the Alumni Brunch, sporting events, reunions, and Run-A-MUC, as well as the installation of Dr. Botzman as Mount Union's 13th president. It was nice to see so many of you back on campus!

As always, on behalf of the Alumni Association and Mount Union, I thank you for your continued commitment, loyalty, and support!

With Purple Raider Pride,

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

SCHOOLER LECTURE 2022

Featuring political strategists **Donna Brazile** and **Ana Navarro**

Thursday, April 21
7 p.m.,
Timken Gymnasium



ALUMNI WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENT



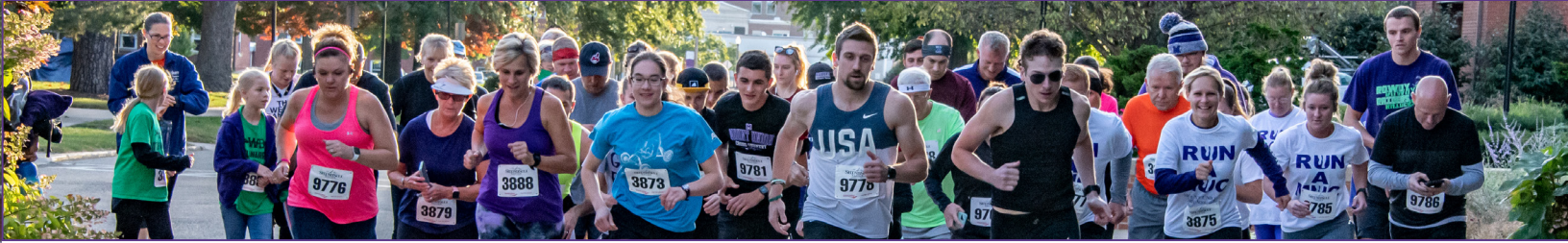
2021 ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Office of Alumni Engagement is proud to announce the 2021 Alumni Award recipients who were recognized at the annual Alumni Brunch: (l-r) Vince Van '14, Young Alumni Award; Dr. Jim Thoma, McKinley Fellow Award; Morgan Shivers '14, Young Alumni Award; and Phil Kiko '73, Dodie Davis Alumni Service Award.

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MEET THE MOUNT UNION FUND TEAM!

New Year. Same Purpose.

Caitie Shimp '17, M.Ed. is a Northeast Ohio native who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Mount Union and a Master of Education degree in higher education and student personnel from Kent State University. Caitie joined the advancement team at Mount Union in 2018 as the assistant director of the Mount Union Fund. In September 2021, she assumed a new role and currently serves as the director of the Mount Union Fund. She enjoys connecting with alumni and friends and is passionate about making a Mount Union education accessible for all students.

Logan Cooper '20 is from Cleveland, Ohio and studied sociology and education at Mount Union. Currently, he is completing a Master of Science degree in higher education administration at Duquesne University. Logan joined the Mount Union Fund team immediately upon graduation as the Wayne Manzilla Diversity Intern. In September of 2021, he assumed his current role of assistant director of the Mount Union Fund. Logan is extremely excited to oversee the Raider Relations Call Center and connect with proud Purple Raiders across the globe.

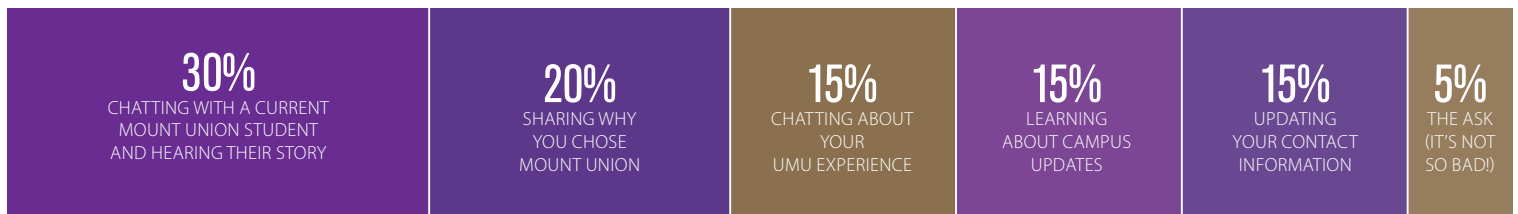


Ring, Ring...Our students are reaching out to you!

If you have received a phone call from one of our student callers, then you have experienced our Raider Relations Call Center hard at work. These students are tasked with representing the University and growing support for The Mount Union Fund. Our callers would love the opportunity to hear about your own Mount Union experience, share campus news, and invite you to give back to your University.

It's an Annual Effort: Here's What to Expect When Our Students Call

If you haven't heard from a student yet, be prepared for a call in the new year. They are not only calling to ask for support but also to share updates and to thank our generous donors for the great opportunities and experiences they are enjoying at Mount Union.



100% MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS!

RAIDER *collective*

From freshman roommates and fraternity brothers to young alumni, **Cody Rohaley '18 and Brandon Lucas '18** are dedicated to making a collective difference at Mount Union by giving monthly to their alma mater.

The Mount Union experiences for both Rohaley and Lucas began because of donor support, but their journeys to campus were a bit different. Rohaley fell in love with Mount Union when his fifth-grade class took a field trip to campus.

“I remember playing with my classmates in the quad thinking, ‘this is the best place ever,’” Rohaley said.

Years later, when he was admitted, Rohaley needed additional funds to make his Mount Union dream a reality.

“I received a call from my admission representative sharing that I qualified for an additional grant and thought, ‘Wow, this really is the best place ever!’” he said.

Lucas was set on attending another institution until his mom encouraged him to look at Mount Union. He fell in love the moment he stepped foot on campus, but it all came down to affordability.

“Little did I know that it was more affordable for me to attend Mount Union,” Lucas shared. “It was great to see a multitude of scholarships available that reflected the work I put into my academics.”

Rohaley and Lucas connected early on in their Mount Union journey and became not only freshman roommates, but brothers of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. Rohaley was a preview and orientation guide, a member of the American Marketing Association, and a student tour guide.

Lucas was a part of the Raider Student Media, Dynamo, Public Relations Student Society of America, and Inter-



fraternity Council, and served as a senior class officer. Both shared that being involved in a variety of organizations helped them develop time-management skills, find their own purpose and drive, and foster love for the communities they serve.

Since graduating in 2018, Rohaley moved to Washington, DC and began working with Bully Pulpit Interactive, while Lucas moved to Lakewood, Ohio where he works for Hyland as a sales support representative. Although their paths split after graduation, they stayed in touch and now live together once again as they both work remotely.

“Every three years Cody and I must live with each other – from freshman year in 2014, to senior year in 2017, and now in 2021.” Lucas shared with a laugh. “It’s in our contract somewhere, but it is always a good time.”

Giving back monthly allows Rohaley and Lucas the opportunity to keep the Raider tradition alive – the same one that made Mount Union possible for them.

“It’s easier for me to give monthly,” Rohaley said. “Month after month and year after year, it adds up and is a reliable source of funds for Mount Union.”

“I know how far a dollar can go,” Lucas said. “To be able to give back and see students succeed while leaving their own footprint to improve the University in their own unique way is pretty cool. You don’t want to forget that Raider tradition because if you do, then there will be no Mount Union.”

For Rohaley and Lucas, giving back is what it means to be a proud Purple Raider. Collectively, their support makes a significant impact on the lives of current and future Mount Union students, and the tradition lives on.

Deaths

1950s

Barbara (Atkin '51) Ablondi of Warren, Ohio passed away on October 2, 2021.

Lorna Andre '53 of Hillsborough, New Jersey passed away on August 21, 2021.

Genevieve (Clark '54) Caton of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania passed away on June 8, 2021.

Patrick Clelland '58 of Longs, South Carolina passed away on July 11, 2021.

Gail (Pearson '57) Connor, spouse of the late **Jack Connor '56**, passed away on September 10, 2021. She is the mother of **Kevin Connor '87** and **Jill (Connor '89) Kalata**.

Bruce Ensminger '53 of Akron, Ohio passed away on June 13, 2021.

Emily (Lutz '58) Hennen of Stow, Ohio passed away on July 10, 2021.

Carolyn (Krabill '53) Huntsberger of Chardon, Ohio passed away on September 16, 2021.

Lewis Johnson '53 of Himrod, New York passed away on May 2, 2021.

Jack Miller '50 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on August 14, 2021.

Robert Rodgers '59 of Williamsburg, Virginia passed away on August 5, 2021.

Ronald Russell '55 of Minerva, Ohio passed away on October 22, 2021.

Phyllis (Morr '51) Talbott of Sebring, Ohio passed away on September 8, 2021.

Janet (Whalen '57) Weil of Asheville, North Carolina passed away on October 18, 2021.

Edwin Weimer '52 of Hendersonville, North Carolina passed away on October 16, 2021.

Mary Lou (Hukill '56) Wells of Uniontown, Ohio passed away on June 19, 2021.

John Wreford '53 of Menomonie, Wisconsin passed away on August 24, 2021.

1960s

Lawrence Ahlman '64 of Wake Forest, North Carolina passed away on June 16, 2021.

Robert Blackwood II '61 of Merced, California passed away on August 7, 2021.

Chester "Chet" Bojanowski '68 of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina passed away on September 26, 2021.

Lois (Ritenbaugh '64) Bush of Birmingham, Alabama passed away on August 25, 2021.

David Denny '67 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on October 19, 2021.

John Gotshall '63 of Marlboro, Ohio passed away on July 25, 2021.

Martha (Bower '66) Kennedy of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on October 7, 2021.

Kenneth Luce '62 of Mansfield, Ohio passed away on August 18, 2021.

Lawrence Marazza '65 of Novelty, Ohio passed away on September 23, 2021.

Katrina (Grimm '63) Moore of Frankfort, Indiana passed away on July 31, 2021.

William "Bill" Resek '68 of Newcomerstown, Ohio passed away on July 25, 2021.

Babette (Kline '67) Schad of Willoughby, Ohio passed away on August 24, 2021.

Helen (Weingard '66) Shipley of Dewitt, Michigan passed away on July 19, 2021.

Robert "Blaine" White '64 of Whitehall, Pennsylvania passed away on July 10, 2021.

1970s

David "Dave" Bobak '76 of Solon, Ohio passed away on September 11, 2021.

John Dannemiller '75 of Massillon, Ohio passed away on October 5, 2021.

Jaqueline (Chandler '76) Evans of Akron, Ohio passed away on July 7, 2021.

Thomas Joseph '71 of New Kensington, Pennsylvania passed away on May 31, 2021.

Michael Simington '71 of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on August 25, 2021.

Genevieve (Harlan '72) Sivula-Phillips of Willoughby, Ohio passed away on August 23, 2021.

1980s

David Cameron '81 of Dayton, Ohio passed away on October 8, 2021.

Kathleen Ringley '81 of Massillon, Ohio passed away on July 28, 2021.

1990s

Allen Daugherty '93 of Canton, Ohio passed away on June 13, 2021.

Juliet (Blackford '96) Drotleff of Chardon, Ohio passed away on July 26, 2021.

James "Jimmy" Gresko '96 of Girard, Ohio passed away on September 18, 2021.

2000s

Justin Selock '02 of Zanesville, Ohio passed away on July 28, 2021.

2010s

Kera (Lemasters '12) Leskovec of Ravenna, Ohio passed away on November 2, 2021.

Kevin Leskovec '13 of Ravenna, Ohio passed away on August 20, 2021.

Friends

Roberta “Bobbye” (Arison) Barth of Richardson, Texas passed away on May 22, 2021.

David Clark of Gainesville, Florida passed away on July 26, 2021.

Marianne Dodson of Canton, Ohio passed away on May 27, 2021.

John Firestone of Canton, Ohio passed away on May 29, 2021.

Judith (Irish) Johnson of North Canton, Ohio passed away on October 16, 2021.

Karen (Balough) Kersmarki of Alliance, Ohio passed away on October 11, 2021.

Mary Klein of Fairfield, Ohio passed away on June 26, 2021.

Bernard Peroz of Louisville, Ohio passed away on June 6, 2021.

Gary Rininger of Alliance, Ohio passed away on June 6, 2021.

Terry Slingerland of Alliance, Ohio passed away on August 6, 2021.

Chely (Burnip) Street of Alliance, Ohio passed away on June 20, 2021.

Dennis Thompson of Alliance, Ohio passed away on July 22, 2018.

Carl Waltenbaugh of Oak Park, Illinois passed away on August 28, 2021.

Stephen M. Zamagias of Alliance, Ohio passed away on February 12, 2021. He attended Mount Union in the 1950s. Stephen proudly watched all five of his children (plus two of their spouses) graduate from Mount: **Julie (Zamagias '77) Clapper; Stephenie (Zamagias '79) Skolosh; Michele (Zamagias '81) Valentine; Stephen G. Zamagias '84;** and **Alicia (Zamagias '91) Davis;** as well as son-in-law **Jeffrey Davis '92** and daughter-in-law **Anna (Pachan '96) Zamagias.**

Donna (Elliott '51) Ermlich

Donna (Elliott '51) Ermlich of Alliance, Ohio passed away on September 12, 2021. She was an avid supporter of the University of Mount Union and received the Alumni Service Award in 1996. She generously supported the Mount Union Fund and Shakespeare at the Castle each year, established two endowed scholarships: The Evan M. Jones and Donna Jean Elliott Jones Scholarship and The Ermlich Memorial Scholarship Fund, named the Evan M. and Donna Jean Elliot Jones balcony in the Geise Center of Performing Arts, and alongside her late husband Ted Ermlich '40 made a substantial gift to build the new Sigma Nu house. Donna was a member of the Heritage Society, the 1846 Society, the Forever Mount Society, and the Diamond Circle.



Dr. Craig George '53

Dr. Craig George '53 of Canandaigua, New York passed away on August 4, 2021. He was a trustee of the institution for more than 50 years and was married to Shirley (Overholt '53) George for more than 67 years. He was a member of the Heritage Society and received the Alumni Service Award in 1984. He served as a chair for both the Progress for Tradition and Foundation for Tomorrow Campaigns.



Harold Hall '49

Harold Hall '49 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 5, 2021. He worked in the Office of Admission from 1983-1991 as director of admission and director of international programs. He recruited students internationally, helped admitted students with their immigration process to enter the U.S., and he and his surviving wife Alyce Ann '47, looked after and opened their home to each student throughout the duration of their studies at Mount Union. In 2018, former students, colleagues, friends, and family established the Harold and Alyce Ann Hall International Scholarship in honor of the Halls' extraordinary contributions to Mount Union's international program.



Lois Calloway (Everett '46) Myers

Lois Calloway (Everett '46) Myers of Beloit, Ohio, wife of former Board of Trustees member Richard Myers '44, passed away August 27, 2021. Richard and Lois generously named the Myers Lounge in the physician assistant studies program in Gallaher Hall. The Myers Sanctuary of the Dewald Chapel is named in honor of Lois and Richard, who were married for 70 years prior to his death in 2015. Lois was a member of the Forever Mount and Heritage Societies and was a beloved member of the Mount Union community.



John “Jack” Peters

John “Jack” Peters of Alliance, Ohio passed away November 28, 2021. He was an adjunct professor of business in the 1970s and served as a trustee from 1987 until his passing. Jack and his surviving wife, Madge, were members of the Diamond Circle and endowed the Madge Patterson Peters Scholarship benefiting Alliance High School students attending Mount Union. In 1995, he was the recipient of the Mount Union's McKinley Fellow Award. Most recently, Jack and Madge endowed the Visiting Artist Series to bring theater professionals to campus to mentor current students and generously supported the Student Emergency Fund which continues to aid Mount Union students with immediate needs resulting from the pandemic.



Mount Union Employees

Dr. Joseph Beck

Dr. Joseph Beck of Saint Louis, Missouri passed away on August 2, 2021. He taught choral and vocal music at Mount Union.

Dr. Donald Buckey

Dr. Donald Buckey of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 2, 2021. He was a professor of philosophy and religious studies for 25 years until his retirement in 1998.

Eleanor Earley

Eleanor Earley of Alliance, Ohio passed away on October 19, 2021. She worked in housekeeping for 32 years until her retirement in 2006.

Virginia Gaines

Virginia Gaines of North Benton, Ohio passed away on May 29, 2021. She was a housekeeper and receptionist until her retirement in 2014.

Mary Kimble

Mary Kimble of Alliance, Ohio passed away on June 12, 2021. She worked in the Food Service Division.

Clyde Ross

Clyde Ross of Weirton, West Virginia passed away on August 16, 2021. He coached football for 19 years.

John Strefeler

John Strefeler of North Canton, Ohio passed away on September 26, 2021. He was a professor of accounting from 1997-2013.

Eliza Williamson

Eliza Williamson of Alliance, Ohio passed away on June 6, 2021. She worked at Mount Union for 20 years until retiring in 1994.

MOUNT  UNION

Women

Mount Union Women, a 501(c)3 non-profit, has been supporting women's education at Mount Union since 1933. Each year, the organization awards scholarships to outstanding students who are highly involved on campus and excelling in their academic studies. Scholarship funds are raised through donations, concession stand sales and a variety of fundraising efforts.



Current officers are Deana Allen '00, president; Kathy (Davis '75) Hopkins, vice president; Mary (Albright Fisher '98) Swartz, treasurer; and MaryBeth (Reighart '88) Manns, secretary. Anyone interested in getting involved can send a message to mountunionwomen@gmail.com for information. You can stay connected via the Mount Union Women Facebook page and the new Instagram account as well.

Donations to the scholarship fund are always welcome and appreciated and can be made online at 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.

The following individuals comprise the leadership team of M Club: Paul Cotton '83, president; John "Buddy" Gasparik '85, vice president; and Bob Atkinson '73, secretary.