

# CEMENTING A LEGACY



Mount Union is recognizing the career of former football player, alumnus, assistant coach, professor, head coach, and athletic director **Larry Kehres '71** by creating an endowment, building a plaza, and renaming the stadium in his honor. This achievement was marked with the dedication of Kehres Stadium and the unveiling of and the plans for the Larry and Linda Kehres Plaza on June 11.

## The Larry T. Kehres Coaching Endowment for Football

Established in 2022, this endowment was created by football players, coaches, and friends with the purpose to support the Mount Union football program by endowing coaching positions and complementary program needs, such as training or equipment expenses. The funds will be used at the discretion of the head coach in a manner consistent with the University's practices and policies. Donations to this fund are being accepted right now at [giving.mountunion.edu/kehres](http://giving.mountunion.edu/kehres).

## Larry and Linda Kehres Plaza

Just to the west of the main entrance on the south end of the stadium will sit a plaza honoring Kehres and his wife, Linda, and the importance of family both in their lives and the life of the Mount Union football program. A listing of former assistant coaches will be in the plaza as well.

## Kehres Stadium

Ohio's oldest college football stadium has also been renamed Kehres Stadium. Inside the stadium, he played quarterback,



worked both as an assistant coach and head coach, becoming college football's winningest coach. He also oversaw significant facility upgrades in the stadium over the years that have benefited men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse, and men's and women's track and field in addition to football.

## Coaching Career

His teams have won 23 Ohio Athletic Conference Championships (1986, 1990, 1992-2012) while posting 21 undefeated regular seasons (1986, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1995-2004, 2006-2012) and claiming 11 NCAA Division III National Championships (1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2012). From 2000-2013, Kehres compiled a record of 182-7 with seven national championships.

In total, Kehres' career coaching record of 332-24-3 (.929) makes him one of only 10 coaches in the history of college football to win at least 300 games. In 2017, he was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.



Photos from the dedications of the Dom and Karen Capers Football Coaching Center and Kehres Stadium on June 11. (Photos courtesy | Canton Repository, Ed Hall Jr.)



# Alumni Gatherings



TopGolf Cleveland



Denver



Florida



1996, 1997, 1998 National Championship Football Reunion



# CLASS NOTES

Class Notes to be included in the Fall/Winter 2022 Issue of *Mount Union Magazine* must be received before October 31, 2022.

Material for Class Notes is obtained online or through news passed along from alumni to the offices of Alumni Engagement, Advancement, and the Mount Union Fund. Notices sent by the Post Office are not printed in Class Notes. You may also submit your class note via email at [alumni@mountunion.edu](mailto:alumni@mountunion.edu) or the form found at [mountunion.edu/alumni](http://mountunion.edu/alumni).

## 1970s

**Jeannie (Fizet '73) Dieffenbaugher** retired on December 31, 2021 as director of volunteer operations for the PGA of America based in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

**Carol (Hrvatín '78) Hampu** was elected in November to her second term to the Salem City School Board in Salem, Ohio. She served as board president in 2020 and taught in Salem City Schools for 19 years, retiring in 2016.

**Diane (Hellock '76) Kuntzman** retired after 43 years of teaching kindergarten with Marlington Local Schools. She and husband **David '74** look forward to spending time with their family and grandsons.

## 1980s

**Anita (Mendat '87) Cabacar** recently retired after 31 years of service with the federal government after first being stationed in Washington, DC and then Baltimore, Maryland. She also celebrated 30 years of marriage with husband Ray. The happily retired couple now reside in Durham, North Carolina. Alpha Chi Omega sorority sister **Gayle (Sticha '86) Tsipis** lives three doors away.

## 1990s

**Hillarie (Stevens '99) O'Toole** began her new role as director of operations for community engagement and career services at The Juilliard School in January 2022. She will be part of a team responsible for connecting students and alumni to professional opportunities through fellowship programs, grant programs, the Hire Juilliard Performers program, and curricular and co-curricular offerings.

**Mary Lou (Horwood '98) Thewes** has joined the HW&Co., a regional CPA firm, as the director of human resources.



## 2000s

**Lisa (Bryan '07) and Eric Frazee** announce the birth of a son, Evan Vincent, on April 14, 2021.

## 2010s

**Brandon Alexander '10** has been admitted into the M.S./Ph.D. program for cybersecurity and strategic intelligence in the Center for Cyberdefense/Cybersecurity at APUS, West Virginia. The program is designated by The National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE).



**Chris Cugini '13** and wife Abigail announce the birth of a son, Matteo Joseph. Chris was also named one of the



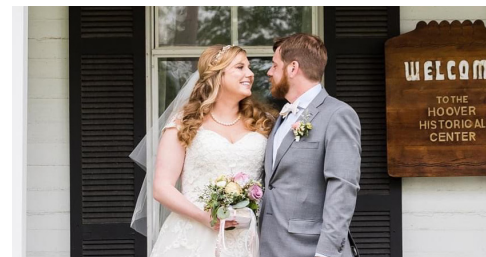
inaugural 40 Under 40 in Public Health Catalyst Award winners from the Boston Congress of Public Health.

**Natalie (Groff '18) and Tyler '17 Flynn** were married on October 9, 2021, in Macedonia, Ohio. The wedding party included fellow alumni **Dana Jackson '16, Devon Doran '17, and Anthony Sebok '17.**



**Ida Gorman '13** graduated with a Master of Science degree in educational leadership from Western Governors University, including a principal's license.

**Kaley (Smitley '10) and Jonathan Harris** were married on May 15, 2021. Members of the wedding party included **Caitlin Krentz '09, Metta (Warholyk '10) Matthews, Sarah Kufta '11, and Juliann (Trevorrow '12) Doerschuk.** The couple resides in Medina, Ohio.



**Michelle (Bryan '12) and Josh Kosko** announce the birth of a son, Simon Joshua, on March 7, 2022.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MESSAGE



The warmer days of spring bring nicer weather, family outings, sporting events, vacations, plus many other things we celebrate, but for the Mount Union community, it means the closing of another academic year and the celebration of Commencement.

In May, we held this year's graduate and undergraduate Commencement ceremonies and welcomed into our alumni ranks the members of the Class of 2022. On behalf of all alumni, I want to extend our congratulations

to these graduates and their families as we collectively celebrate all their accomplishments! While our time as students at Mount Union is limited, our ties to the institution are never ending, and I encourage all the recent (and former) graduates to stay connected to Mount.

The writing of this message represents an upcoming change for me, as this will be the last message I write

to all of you as Alumni Association president. Alumni Association officers serve limited terms, two years as vice president and two years as president, and so, my term is coming to an end this fall. I'm very fortunate to be able to hand over the baton to Jen (Thurin '03) Slack, the current Alumni Association vice president. I know she will do great things and I wish her well in her role at president. I know all alumni will provide her with as much support as was provided to me! I'd be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to extend my thanks to so many of you for all your guidance, counsel, and support throughout my term as president.

I look forward to seeing you all this fall for Alumni Weekend and Homecoming in October, where we once again will have the opportunity to come together as a Mount Union family and celebrate everything that is Mount Union!

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**

**Alexandra (Scali '17) Krakowiak** announces the birth of a daughter, Kenadie Nicole on November 11, 2021.



**Brenna (Brown '17) and Nicolas**

**Langowski '15** were married on October 26, 2019. The Langowski family also announces the birth of a son, Patrick Daniel, on August 27, 2021.

**Christine (McCauley '10) and Ian McLallen** announce the birth of a son, Nolan, on July 2, 2021.



**Kalyn (Budner '16) and Trevor '16 Wilson '16** announce the birth of a son, Cole Angelo, on February 1, 2022.



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[mountunion.edu/alumni!](https://mountunion.edu/alumni)

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# SAVE THE DATE! Alumni Weekend and Homecoming OCTOBER 7-9, 2022



We look forward to welcoming you back to campus! More details and registration will be available soon at [mountunion.edu/homecoming](https://mountunion.edu/homecoming).

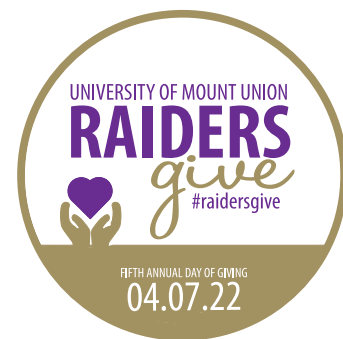
## Class of 1972 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion



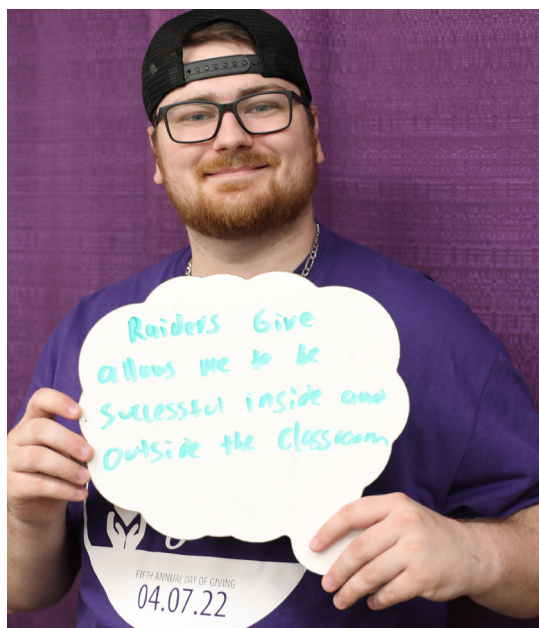
Members of the Class of 1972 gathered in May to celebrate their 50th Class Reunion and break ground on the new amphitheatre that was generously supported through their gifts.



# THANK you!



On April 7, 2022, the Mount Union community came together to collectively raise **\$333,596** in Mount Union Fund support to make a BIG impact on the lives of all current and future Purple Raiders in just 24 hours. On behalf of the entire Mount Union community, thank you to everyone who made this impactful day possible. We are one Mount Union, and together, we are stronger!



## MISSED #RAIDERSGIVE?

You can still invest in the lives and educational experiences of our students with a special gift to The Mount Union Fund today at [giving.mountunion.edu](https://giving.mountunion.edu).





# Deaths

## 1940s

**Marian (Wilson '48) Beck** of Salem, Ohio passed away on February 27, 2022.

## 1950s

**Clifford Anderson Jr. '57** of Mount Vernon, Ohio passed away on November 20, 2021.

**Vera (Olson '50) Bannasch** of Sarasota, Florida passed away on February 24, 2022.

**Sheila (Miles '59) Dimit** of Bristol, Virginia passed away on December 30, 2021.

**Jack Durham '53** of Granville, Ohio passed away on December 22, 2021.

**Joseph Ehret '56** of Massillon, Ohio passed away on March 1, 2022.

**Nellie (Leitch '55) Eshler** of Briny Breezes, Florida passed away on March 6, 2022.

**Bruce Feicht '59** of Columbiana, Ohio passed away on January 30, 2022.

**Howard Friend '50** of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on December 31, 2021.

**John Groat '59** of Marysville, Ohio passed away on January 22, 2022.

**Barbara (Cope '50) Kelly** of Orange, Texas passed away on January 11, 2022.

**Mariann (Cox '57) Landa** of Milwaukee, Wisconsin passed away on November 2, 2021.

**James Laughlin '55** of Salem, Ohio passed away on February 24, 2022.

**Carol (Parker '54) Mattison** of Erie, Pennsylvania passed away on August 17, 2021. She was married to **James Spenseller '55** until he passed in 1961. Carol was the mother of **Kristy (Seelinger '87) Kuches**.

**James Nace '56** of Girard, Ohio passed away on March 6, 2022.

**Albert Prazniak '50** of Massillon, Ohio passed away on November 23, 2021.

**Marilyn (Boyer '55) Seibert** of Oakmont, Pennsylvania passed away on December 9, 2021.

**Lora Shank '59** of Apache Junction, Arizona passed away on February 14, 2022.

**Dorothy (Garlock '52) Shively** of Westminster, Colorado passed away on March 3, 2022.

**Martha (Frary '52) Svoboda** of Wayne, Nebraska passed away on December 25, 2021.

**Raymond Russell '51** of Plain City, Ohio passed away on December 30, 2021.

**Richard Taaffe '57** of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on February 20, 2022.

**Donna (Donaldson '52) Taylor** of La Marque, Texas passed away on January 31, 2022.

**William "Bill" Trask '53** of Lemon Grove, California passed away on November 2, 2021.

**Norman Wagy '52** of Homosassa, Florida passed away on February 23, 2022.

**Robert Weals '55** of Columbus, Ohio passed away on January 24, 2022.

**James Wise '57** of Ashland, Ohio passed away on November 3, 2021.

**Donna (Neel '52) Zelmer** of Canton, Ohio passed away on December 17, 2021.

## 1960s

**Leah Agnoni '64** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on November 30, 2021.

**James Anthony '62** of Kent, Ohio passed away on December 7, 2021.

**Marilyn Axtmann '66** of Fishers, Indiana passed away on January 24, 2022.

**Charles "Chuck" Bieri '63** of New Brighton, Pennsylvania passed away on January 19, 2022.

**Lynne (Eikenbary '60) Bracy** of Miamisburg, Ohio passed away on January 30, 2022.

**Carol (Meeks '61) Brown** of Bradenton, Florida passed away on January 24, 2022.

**Sally (Shears '65) Collins** of Sebring, Ohio passed away on April 17, 2022.

**Jerry Davis '69** of Homeworth, Ohio passed away on April 24, 2022.

**Mary (Piatt '66) Frischkorn** of Wellsville, Ohio passed away on December 16, 2021.

**Valre (Belden '66) Fuller** of Virginia Beach, Virginia passed away on March 8, 2022.

**Thomas George '62** of Medina, Ohio passed away on March 5, 2022.

**Eugene Haynam '61** of Westfield Center, Ohio passed away on January 14, 2022.

**Cathie (Franks '69) Johnson** of Fitchburg, Wisconsin passed away on February 9, 2022.

**Charles "Bud" McCall '69** of Canton, Ohio passed away on March 1, 2022.

**David Miller '63** of Canton, Ohio passed away on March 25, 2022.

**Ann Palmer '67** of New Kensington, Pennsylvania passed away on March 16, 2022.

**Dr. Carol (Shaffer '60) Pierce** of Lockport, New York passed away on November 1, 2021.

**Rev. Sandra (Waddell '66) Payette** of Bellville, Ohio passed away on October 30, 2021.



**John Rochus III '68** of Canton, Ohio passed away on March 31, 2022.

**Ralph Schwartz '66** of Lisbon, Ohio passed away on November 29, 2021.

**Roger Troike '63** of Sandusky, Ohio passed away on December 24, 2021.

## 1970s

**Carol (Vanek '74) Barry** of Marietta, Georgia passed away on September 30, 2021.

**Nicholas Bollas '78** of Canton, Ohio passed away on December 27, 2021.

**Deborah (Atkins '77) Damon** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on January 28, 2022.

**Kenneth Damon '79** of Miamisburg, Ohio passed away on April 15, 2022.

**Theresa (Bayer '79) Johnson** of Concord, Ohio passed away on November 12, 2021.

**Kenneth Patrick Jr. '71** of Baldwinsville, New York passed away on December 19, 2021.

**Thomas Russ '78** of Canton, Ohio passed away on November 29, 2021.

**Roxanne (Beery '77) Teague** of Wooster, Ohio passed away on February 20, 2022.

## 1980s

**Jonathan Freitag '82** of Fairlawn, Ohio passed away on March 21, 2022.

**Tommy Williams '86** of Bedford Heights, Ohio passed away on February 16, 2022.

**David "Opey" Thomas '80** of Meadville, Pennsylvania passed away on March 26, 2022.

## 1990s

**Deborah Raesler '96** of Amherst, Ohio passed away on December 21, 2021.

## 2000s

**Todd Michaels '00** of East Canton, Ohio passed away on January 14, 2022.

## 2010s

**Lane Clark '18** of Nashville, Tennessee passed away on February 13, 2022.

## Friends

Betty (Keller) Coleman of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 5, 2021. She attended in the mid-1940s.

Gretchen (Schweikart) Cox of Alliance, Ohio passed away on March 26, 2022. She attended in mid-1950s.

Richard Davison of Steubenville, Ohio passed away on November 19, 2021. He attended in the early 1950s.

Randy Engle of Salem, Ohio passed away on January 9, 2021. He was the spouse of **Melissa (Meissner '69) Engle**.

Beverly (Cooke) Haymaker of Stony Point, North Carolina passed away on January 28, 2022. She attended in the early 1960s.

Lyn Hemminger of Youngstown, Ohio passed away on November 30, 2021. She was the spouse of the late **Michael Hemminger '69** until his passing in 2013.

Cameron Huth of Medina, Ohio passed away on November 11, 2021. He attended in the mid-2000s.

William (Bill) Luntz of Canton, Ohio passed away on January 1, 2022. He was on an advisory board through the Office of Advancement.

Kenneth Mahler of Ottumwa, Iowa passed away on February 13, 2022. He attended in the early 1960s.

Robert "Bob" Mang of Punta Gorda, Florida passed away on March 6, 2022. He was on an advisory board through the Office of Advancement.

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## Mount Union Employees

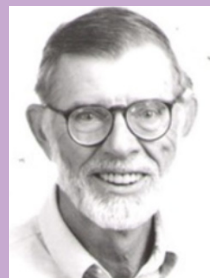
### Dr. Charles "Chuck" Brueske

**Dr. Charles "Chuck" Brueske** of Bellingham, Washington passed away on April 22, 2022. Dr. Brueske taught biology for 40 years until his retirement.



### Dr. Donald Buckey

**Dr. Donald Buckey** of Sebring, Ohio passed away on December 2, 2021. Dr. Buckey taught at Mount Union from 1973-1998.



### Lloyd Gray

**Lloyd Gray** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on January 1, 2022. He was a security officer.

### James Kinser

**James Kinser** of Homeworth, Ohio passed away on April 6, 2022. He was a plumber from 1986-2002.

### Helen "Sweetie" Miller

**Helen "Sweetie" Miller** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on April 22, 2022. She was a housekeeper until her retirement.

### Patricia Schmitt

**Patricia Schmitt** of Alliance, Ohio passed away on February 9, 2022. She worked in the business office.

### Barbara (Faber) Stoffer

**Barbara (Faber) Stoffer** of Butler, Ohio passed away on January 17, 2022. She worked in the cafeteria for 20 years.



Phyllis (Crutchley) Mayforth of Marion, Indiana passed away on January 12, 2021. She attended in the late 1950s.

William Nelson Jr. of Lisbon, Ohio passed away on November 19, 2021. He attended in the early 1990s.

William Ordway of Rockford, Illinois passed away on January 1, 2022. He attended in the early 1960s.

Craig Rice of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio passed away on December 6, 2021. He attended in the late 1980s.

Franklin Sanor of Beloit, Ohio passed away on December 22, 2021. He attended during the 1960s.

Barbara (Zuber) Scanlon of Alliance, Ohio passed away on December 27, 2021. She attended from the early 1950s through the mid-1970s.

Cloyd Warnes of Sacramento, California passed away on April 19, 2022. He attended in the early 1940s.

Albert "Tim" Wilson of Granger, Indiana passed away on March 28, 2022. He attended in mid-1960s.

# GET INVOLVED!

There are many ways to stay connected to your alma mater and enjoy Mount Union after leaving campus. Whether you like volunteering at events, mentoring students, or even gathering fellow alumni and friends together in your city, we have ways for you to be involved! A variety of time commitments allow you to customize your experience and impact our community. Consider joining the Alumni Association, M Club, or Mount Union Women today! For more information on how to get involved or make a gift, visit [mountunion.edu/alumni-organizations](http://mountunion.edu/alumni-organizations).



SCAN THIS WITH YOUR PHONE!

The Mount Union Alumni Association operates under a three-committee structure. No matter your location or time-commitment, there's something for you!

- Connecting to Alumni
- Connecting to Campus
- Alumni Weekend and Awards



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

M Club is the varsity letter winners' association. A student-athlete lettering in a varsity sport (men's or women's) at Mount Union is automatically a member upon graduation. The group serves to keep athletes connected with each other and raise funds to support the current student-athletes (and teams) on campus!



M Club provides opportunities to get involved by attending meetings, athletic competitions, and events, as well as supporting Raider athletics. Up to 100% of each gift can be designated to the sport(s) of your choice or the general M Club fund!

The Mount Union Women organization has been supporting the education of women at Mount Union since 1933.

MOUNT UNION

Women

The group raises funds to provide scholarships to deserving students on campus identifying as female.

As a nonprofit organization, Mount Union Women staffs the concession stands at home football games and hosts various social events for alumni and friends. Any female graduate or friend of Mount Union may join! For information on how to get involved or to donate to the scholarship fund, visit [mountunionwomen.org](http://mountunionwomen.org). You can also see what the group is up to by following along on Facebook and Instagram!





# SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWED TO HONOR DR. PAT (FOLEY '73) MATTHEWS



A former student of Dr. Patricia (Foley '73) Matthews has made an anonymous gift of \$25,000 to endow a scholarship in honor of Matthew's exceptional service to Mount Union and its students.

After 40 years of teaching at Mount Union, Matthews retired as professor of economics, accounting, and business administration in 2015. She

earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Union in 1973, as well as Master of Arts and Doctor of Business Administration degrees from Kent State University.

The lead donor of the scholarship insisted on remaining anonymous, feeling strongly that this scholarship should be entirely about Matthews and the incredible impression her teaching and support had on each of her students.

When Matthews learned a former student was choosing to honor her in this way, she was shocked.

"I don't even know what to say. I can't believe someone would do something like this with me in mind," said Matthews. "My days at Mount Union were awesome. I really appreciate the honor, and I hope whoever receives the scholarship appreciates their experience. Mount Union is such a special place to me."

To many of her former students and colleagues, this honor is hardly a surprise. Dr. Amber (Hutchinson '03) Hunt, assistant professor of finance at Mount Union, remembers Matthews fondly.

"Dr. Matthews has a gift for connecting with students, and her dedication to all students, past and present, transcends beyond the classroom," said Hunt. "I am honored to continue her work as a finance faculty member at Mount Union. I know the caliber of program I inherited is top notch since I saw firsthand, as one of her former students, how dedicated she was to the preparing finance leaders for meaningful careers and responsible citizenship."

Matthews' influence on her students, the business program, and the institution is undeniable, and this scholarship is a well-deserved honor in recognition of her loyal generosity.

The award will benefit a student studying business or mathematics with a minimum 3.5 GPA. Preference will be given to a female upperclassman and/or first-generation college student with financial need. This renewable scholarship will be selected by the Office of Student Financial Aid in accordance with the approved procedures of Mount Union.

To make a gift to the scholarship, please visit giving.mountunion.edu/Matthews.



"I really appreciate this honor...Mount Union is such a special place to me."

-Dr. Pat (Foley '73) Matthews

There are so many ways you, too, can make a lasting difference at Mount Union.

For more information, contact The Office of University Advancement at (800) 992-6682, ext. 2286 or advancement@mountunion.edu.

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

### ENDOWMENT

An endowment fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding that is essential for long-term financial stability.



### TRUST FUND

Invested to ensure longevity and lasting security



### STRONG FOUNDATION

Needed to increase the future growth of the University



### LONG-TERM IMPACT

Investment over time, maximizes financial stability

### THE MOUNT UNION FUND

Annual gifts to The Mount Union Fund are critical to the day-to-day operations of the University.



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### EASILY ACCESSIBLE

Used for annual expenses not covered by student tuition



### SHORT-TERM IMPACT

Small gifts make a big impact

Your gift to the University of Mount Union is an investment in current and future students. To learn more, visit [mountunion.edu/giving](http://mountunion.edu/giving).