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MOUNT UNION KEEPS ITS COMMUNITY STRONG DURING COVID-19

STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND/CARES ACT

Thanks to the support of generous alumni and friends, a total of more than \$175,000 has been raised to support students as part of the Mount Union COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund.

The goal of the Student Emergency Fund is to aid the most vulnerable students with unexpected and urgent expenses related to COVID-19, with 100 percent of every dollar given aiding individual students with their most pressing needs.

As a result of federal funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Mount Union was also able to provide emergency grants to students. Those who were struggling and continue to struggle with living expenses or other unexpected financial challenges related to the transition to remote learning received assistance.

AULTMAN HOUSING/MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Mount Union entered into an agreement with the Aultman Health Foundation of

Stark County to temporarily house its employees. This was intended for employees who wanted to shorten their commutes between long shifts or wanted to avoid the risk of inadvertently transmitting the virus to their family members.

Mount Union's Departments of Art and Nursing, along with its Physician Assistant Studies Program, contributed items to Aultman Hospital, Salem Regional Medical Center, and local fire depart-

"We just felt like we are not so big that we can't call every single student and reach out to them and make sure they know that we are concerned for them."

- Michelle Gaffney
Associate Dean of Students,
on the campus liaison program

ments. Some of the donations included: 100 surgical gown and cap sets, 7,750 pairs of sterile surgical gloves, 37 boxes of latex exam gloves, seven boxes of surgical masks, and other necessary supplies.

CAMPUS LIAISON PROGRAM

In an effort to ease students into the transition to remote learning, Mount Union created a campus liaison program to connect all undergraduate students with a Mount Union staff member who was not their advisor.

FALL 2020 RESPONSIBLE REOPENING

Mount Union developed a comprehensive plan for the beginning of the fall semester that provides details related to safety and changes in procedures, programming, and policies that have been implemented to align with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's Responsible Restart Ohio.

The details of the plan can be viewed by visiting mountunion.edu/fall-2020-responsible-reopening.

DR. THOMAS BOTZMAN NAMED UNIVERSITY'S 13TH PRESIDENT

Dr. Thomas Botzman, who served as president of Misericordia University in Dallas, Pennsylvania from 2013-2020, began his official duties as president of Mount Union on July 1.

He and his wife, Vanessa, have returned to the Mount Union community they called home during his tenure as a faculty member and administrator from 1989 to 2004. He succeeds Dr. W. Richard Merriman, Jr., who concluded his service as president at the close of the 2019-2020 academic year.

“I have confidence that Dr. Botzman is the right leader for Mount Union at this time in our history,” said Matthew Darrah '84, chair of the Presidential Search Committee. “He brings with him an array of experience that complements the strategic direction of the University set forth by Dr. Merriman and the Board of Trustees. As a former Mount Union faculty member and administrator, he has a unique understanding of the institution’s strengths and opportunities. I fully expect him to hit the ground running and quickly prove himself an effective leader.”

“The Mount Union presidency appealed to me because I knew from my 15 years on the faculty how the strong academic and co-curricular programs supported the mission of preparing students for fulfilling lives,” said Botzman. “Further, recent years have witnessed the addition of strong healthcare and engineering programs in addition to the traditional liberal arts, business, and pre-professional programs. Mount Union is a strong institution that provides great value to students, families, and the local and regional community.”

During his service at Misericordia, a private institution of about 2,500 students, Botzman led many successful initiatives. Under his leadership, the institution undertook its largest fundraising campaign in history, raising more than \$35 million to date. Misericordia also renovated two academic buildings and acquired an adjacent property for future use by student life and academic programs.

“Vanessa and I felt so at home when we were at Mount Union and looked forward to coming back to the Purple Raiders. We were pleased when our daughter, Gabriela Botzman '17, chose to study elementary education at Mount Union, and we are thrilled to follow her lead back to Alliance.”

- Dr. Thomas Botzman



A native of Stow, Ohio, Botzman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Case Western Reserve University. He went on to attend Kent State University, where he earned both a Master of Arts degree in economics and a doctoral degree in business administration.

During his initial tenure at Mount Union, Botzman served as a business faculty member and was named the Great Teacher in 1998. He also directed international studies from 1993 to 1997 and held the role of associate academic dean during the 2003-2004 academic year. He was a visiting professor and Fulbright Scholar at the University of the Americas in Mexico City, Mexico, teaching there four times from 1992 to 1996. He was named an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow in 2002.

“It was a pleasant surprise to find that not only were many of my treasured faculty and staff colleagues still at Mount Union, but that they have been joined by many of my former students as faculty, staff, trustees, and active alumni,” said Botzman.

KEHRESES DEPART FOOTBALL PROGRAM

For the first time since 1986, a Kehres will not be the head coach of the Mount Union football program.

Larry Kehres '71 retired from Mount Union after being involved with athletics at the institution for 45 years. He was named to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2017 and was ranked 28th on ESPN's list of the 150 Greatest Coaches in College Football History.

His .929 winning percentage is the highest in college football history, and he won 11 national championships during his tenure.

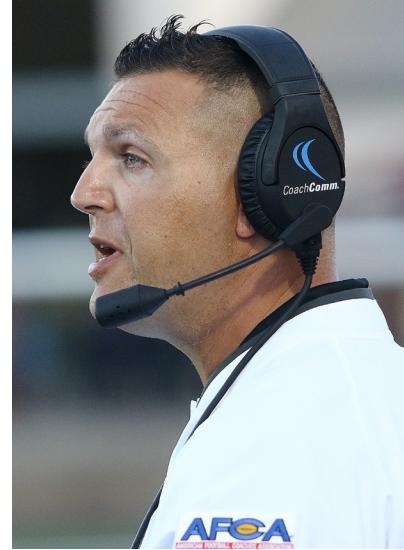
Vince Kehres '98 stepped down from his position as head coach upon accepting a position with the University of Toledo's football program. He was named defensive coordinator and linebackers coach and will work under head coach Jason Candle '03, who was a Purple Raider wide receiver and coach in the early 2000s.

Vince led Mount Union to seven NCAA playoff appearances, six Ohio Athletic Conference titles, and five national championship game appearances with two national titles. He is a three-time OAC Coach of the Year, three-time Lee Tressel Ohio College Coach of the Year, and the Columbus Dispatch Ohio College Coach of the Year.

Read more about several other notable Mount Union retirees and their more than 700 years of combined service by visiting mountunion.edu/2020-retirees.

KEHRESES BY THE NUMBERS:

- 13 national championships (Larry, 11; Vince, 2)
- Overall record of **427-30-3**
- Lost fewer games (**30**) than they have coached seasons (**34**)
- **31** Academic All-American selections from 1984-2018 (most by an OAC school)



DARTT '08 NAMED HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Geoff Dartt '08 has been named the head football coach at the University of Mount Union. He will be the 24th coach in school history and fourth since 1962.

He has spent seven years as an assistant coach for the Purple Raiders and five of those years as offensive coordinator.

In his five years as offensive coordinator, his unit has led the nation in nine different statistical categories, including scoring in three different seasons – most recently in 2019.

A native of Port Clinton, Ohio, Dartt was a three-year letter-winner as an offensive lineman at Mount Union. He was part of three national championship teams (2002, 2005, 2006) and was an All-Ohio Athletic Conference selection in 2007. He graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education.

From 2008-2012, he was an assistant football coach at Wheaton College. He came back to Mount Union in 2012 as offensive line coach and then became offensive coordinator from 2013-2016. In 2017, he was the offensive line coach at Western Kentucky University but returned to Mount Union in 2018 as an assistant coach and was named Ohio Athletic Conference Assistant Coach of the Year. In 2019, he became offensive coordinator again.



2020 OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Haley Crews '20, a sociology major of Wellsville, Ohio, and William Luca '20, a computer science, French, international affairs and diplomacy, and national security and foreign intelligence analysis quadruple major of Tallahassee, Florida, were named the Outstanding Seniors for 2020.

Crews was on the Dean's List all eight semesters and was the 2019 Homecoming Queen. She was the recipient of the 2019 Carl D. Orwick Fraternal Values Award, and the 2019 Outstanding Sorority Chapter President Award, and she was named the Outstanding Sorority Woman for 2019. She held leadership positions in Alpha Delta Pi, Emerging Leaders, Greek Leadership Institute, Kappa Kappa Psi, and the Mount Union Student Senate.

Luca was also named to the Dean's List all eight semesters and was the recipient of the Alumni Computer Science and Information Systems Prize, the International Student Travel Prize, and the Outstanding Fraternity Chapter President Award. He held leadership positions in Emerging Leaders, the Mount Union Student Senate, Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, and Sigma Iota Rho Honorary.

Other nominees included Logan Cooper '20, a sociology major of Cleveland, Ohio; Tobin Huffman '20, a biochemistry major of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; and James Novinc '20, a marketing and public relations double major of Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

DR. ANDY BAIN SELECTED AS 2020 GREAT TEACHER

Dr. Andy Bain, associate professor of sociology and criminal justice and director of criminal justice studies, was named the 2020 Great Teacher.

A member of the Mount Union faculty since 2013, Bain earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Portsmouth; a post-graduate diploma in psychology from the Open University, Milton Keynes, UK; a Master of Science degree in criminal justice studies from University of Portsmouth; and a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology/psychology from Southampton University.

One student nominator said, "Dr. Bain has been an incredible professor. He challenges his students on a daily basis. He has helped me figure out what I might want to do next along with helping me get the most gratifying internship I could imagine."



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Since the Inspiring Minds, Transforming Lives Campaign kicked off its public phase during Alumni Weekend and Homecoming 2019, the University has received more than \$5 million in additional funds to support campaign initiatives. In conjunction with the *Compass 2021* strategic plan, this five-year, \$50 million-dollar comprehensive campaign currently stands at \$38.5 million, slightly surpassing the annual goal to reach \$35 million by June 30, 2020.

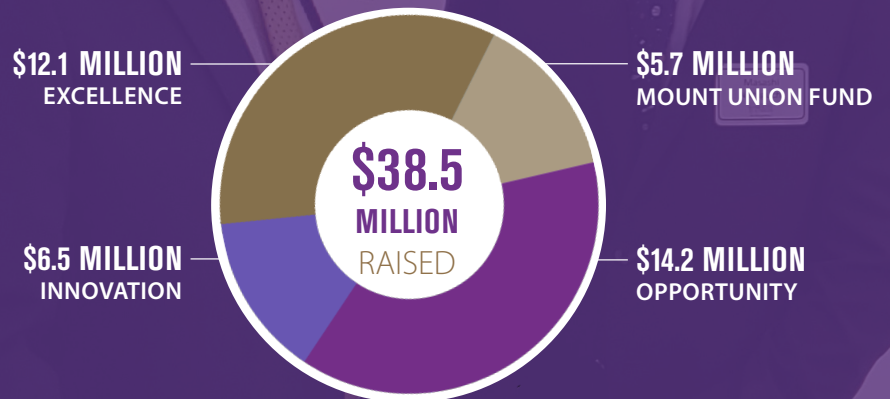
Addressing affordability is Mount Union's largest campaign priority. The cost of college, increasing student debt, and recent financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic pose significant barriers between deserving students and an exceptional education. With about one-third of Mount Union students eligible for the federal Pell Grant, which is designated for students with high financial need, scholarship support is critical.

Since the campaign launched in 2016, Inspiring Minds, Transforming Lives has resulted in the creation of 53 new scholarships and raised more than \$14.1 million toward a \$25 million scholarship support goal. More support is needed, however, to keep a Mount Union education within reach of hardworking students and families.

CAMPAIGN GOAL



CAMPAIGN PROGRESS



Learn more about the Inspiring Minds, Transforming Lives Campaign

mountunion.edu/inspire

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED:
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