



GREG KING '89 INAUGURATED AS THE 14TH PRESIDENT OF MOUNT UNION

In front of a crowd that featured students, faculty, staff, alumni, former institutional presidents, and community members, Gregory L. King '89 was inaugurated as the 14th president of Mount Union during a ceremony held on Friday, May 12.

"To our incredible students: none of this matters without you. You are the reason we do what we do. I am not in the business of making promises, but to you, I will

promise that the decisions we make moving forward will center around you, and how it makes your experience better," King said.

The day also featured a breakfast and luncheon for all campus community members, alumni, and friends in attendance. Read more about King and his Mount Union career, as well as his vision for Mount Union moving forward, on page 6.



ONLINE MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE RECOGNIZED FOR PRESTIGE IN ONLINE LEARNING

Mount Union is proud to have been tied as the number one private institution in Ohio for online master's in education (M.Ed.) programs by U.S. News and World Report.



M.Ed. Graduate and Alliance Early Learning School Principal Cory Muller '11, M'17

Mount Union's program was also ranked number five overall for all online master's in education programs in Ohio and moved up 56 spots in the national rankings, placing it in the top 22% of all online master's in education programs nationwide. The University was also the highest-ranking Northeast Ohio institution.

One of the M.Ed.'s courses, Foundations of Leadership, was also recognized with a national certification in online learning from Quality Matters.

"The M.Ed. program at Mount Union was the first fully online program at the University and has grown exponentially since its inception. We pride ourselves on developing strong relationships with our students in an environment that helps prepare them for leadership roles and responsibilities."

**-Dr. Mandy (Geddis '97) Capel
Professor and Director of Graduate Programs,
School of Education**

DR. JAMIE CAPUZZA '85 PUBLISHES NEW BOOK

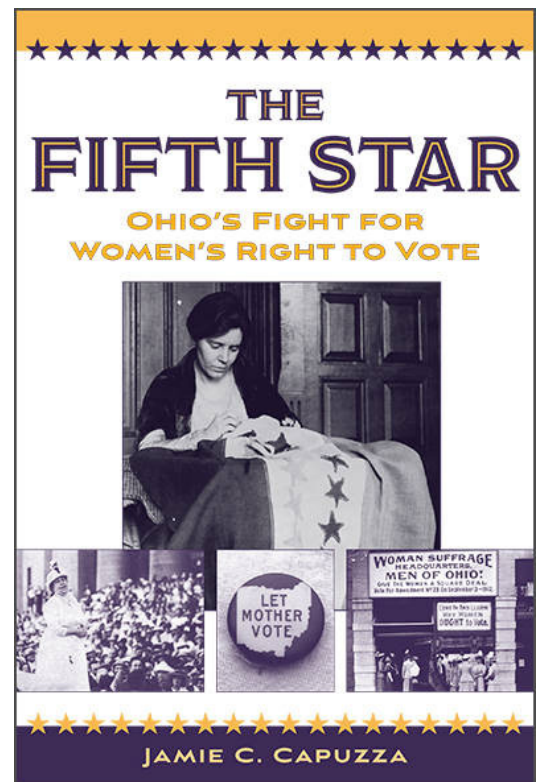
For more than three years, Dr. Jamie Capuzza '85 has been working on a new book, entitled "The Fifth Star" from Kent State University Press. The book explores how the women of Ohio were essential to the national women's suffrage movement and how the struggle for women's voting rights, in particular, required persistence in the face of defeat.



Dr. Jamie Capuzza

"I had books on suffrage in New York, Wyoming, Tennessee, and many other states but there was nothing from Ohio," said Capuzza. "I thought I simply hadn't reserved that book yet, but when I went to do so, there wasn't one. I knew then I had to devote my project to this topic so as to address this significant oversight."

The book is available for purchase at kentstateuniversity-press.com/2022/the-fifth-star/.



AGUINIGA, CLARK '07 NAMED VICE PRESIDENTS OF ADVANCEMENT, ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Two new vice presidential appointments were announced following the naming of Greg King '89 as president. **Logan Aguiniga**, director of planned giving, was named vice president for university advancement. **Caitlin Clark '07**, director of enrollment services, was named vice president for enrollment services.

Aguiniga joined the advancement team in 2017 and has more than 10 years of experience in annual giving, major gift fundraising, planned giving, campaign management, and donor relations.



Aguiniga

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations, advertising, and applied communication from Marietta College and a Master of Education degree in higher education administration from Kent State University. In this new role, she will oversee all aspects of our fundraising operation.

Clark was integral in leading the admission team to a strong new student class this past fall. She joined the Mount Union staff in 2013 and has also served in roles within the Office of the President and Office of Athletics.



Clark

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Mount Union, a Master of Science degree in exercise science and health promotion from California University of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Education degree from Kent State University.



BLUECOATS AND MOUNT UNION ANNOUNCE SPRING TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps and Mount Union announced the relocation of Bluecoats' annual Spring Training to the Mount Union campus. The six-week event, held each summer, is the pre-season training camp for the world-champion Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps. All 170 performers, and more than 50 instructors, designers, operations staff, and executive leadership utilized the campus for nearly six weeks.

The move to Northeast Ohio allowed Bluecoats to bring two other key programs back home and also allowed the organization to create a new hometown event that featured the worldwide debut of the 2023 Bluecoats alongside other Stark County performing arts programming.

The Blue Way Summer Arts Camp is an annual two-day summer camp for high school and college students eager to learn from the Bluecoats instructional team and spend two days living alongside the Bluecoats at Spring Training.

PURPLE RAIDERS HAVE HISTORIC SPRING SEASON

The Mount Union Purple Raiders concluded the Spring season impressively strong. In addition to senior **Kenadee Wayt '23** and the outdoor track and field team's historic performances at the NCAA Outdoor Championships (see page 14), softball won the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Tournament Championship and advanced to the NCAA Regional Championship game for the first time in school history.

Women's lacrosse won the OAC regular season crown and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, and men's volleyball clinched a share of its first-ever Midwest Collegiate Volleyball League regular season title to name a few incredible performances by our student-athletes.

Other top individual performances include men's volleyball senior outside hitter **Cameron Ternent '23** earning the program's first All-America honor; the 4x400 Men's Relay team consisting of seniors **Matt McBride '23, Jared Storm '23, Tyler Gill '22, and Justin Knoch '23** won the event at the NCAA's with a national record. McBride anchored the victorious team coming back from being behind 20 meters for the dramatic finish.

Numerous other records and All-American and All-Region honorees were earned by Mount Union athletes this spring. Visit athletics.moun-tunion.edu for more recognitions and details on the upcoming fall season.

HUNT '23 NAMED OUTSTANDING SENIOR, PRICE NAMED GREAT TEACHER AT HONORS CONVOCATION

Haley Hunt '23, a nursing major of Kenton, Ohio, was named the 2023 Outstanding Senior.

Hunt is a member of, or holds a leadership position within, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, American Sign Language Club, Cru Bible Studies, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, Roundnet Club, Spiritual Life Leadership, Student Nursing Organization, and Student Senate.

She has participated in both the Wilderness and Social Responsibility trips as a trip leader, was Homecoming royalty and has served as a resident assistant and pre-view and orientation guide.

Dr. Andrew Price, professor of English and chair of the Department of Literature and Communication Arts, was named the Great Teacher for 2023.

Price has been a member of the Mount Union faculty since 1990. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from St. Anselm College, and Master of Arts and Doctoral degrees in English from the University of Notre Dame.

One student nominator said of Price, "I have had the privilege of taking four classes he has taught. In each course, I have felt challenged not only academically, but also personally as I considered my own values as well as the values of society."



Hunt



Price