Our bright future is dependent on/created by current and historical successes of this institution.

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
- The College took the leading role in establishing Test Prep Tutorial classes to help students earn credits through Credit by Exam – in response to completion agenda
- The University of Akron Jazz Trombone Group has won the 2013 Kai Winding Jazz Trombone Ensemble Competition of the International Trombone Association and been invited to give the featured performance at the association's festival in Columbus, Ga., in July.

College of Business Administration
- Recognized last month as one of the best undergraduate business schools in the nation for the fifth consecutive year by BusinessWeek magazine. The only public business program in Northeast Ohio to be recognized. Only 124 out of more than 1,800 nationwide were recognized.

College of Education
- Woodrow Wilson fellows in the College continue to succeed in bringing career expertise in STEM disciplines into the classroom. A current fellow graduating next week is featured in a recent U.S. News and World Report story.
- STEM Middle and High Schools

College of Engineering
- The Conquer Chiari Research Center (CCRC), part of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, has opened the doors to its new center. The CCRC is the world’s first center solely dedicated to the advancement of research on the painful neurologic system disorder Chiari malformation.
- Julie Zhao, director of the College’s Increasing Diversity in Engineering Academics Program (IDEAs) is a recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Minority Engineering Program Administrator Award by the National Association of Multicultural Engineering Program Advocates.

College of Health Professions
- The College is accepting applications for its first class of Doctor of Nursing Practice to begin study this fall. The program is flexible, offered in a hybrid format.
- The RN to BSN is now offered online as well as in six different locations.

Law School
- The Law School has expanded its community outreach - partnering with UA Lakewood to bring free and discounted legal advice to small startup businesses in the Lakewood area.
- The Law School is freezing law school tuition for the Fall 2013 entering class until they graduate, and greatly discounted tuition to out-of-state students.
College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

- Integrated bioscience doctoral candidate Alyssa Stark and her research colleagues received recognition from National Geographic for their work with geckos that are bringing us closer to developing a synthetic adhesive that sticks when wet.
- The College has reached an all-time high in graduate enrollment, with total graduate enrollment for Fall 2013 exceeding 300 students.

Summit College

- Summit College has made the Bachelor of Organizational Supervision one of our most flexible degrees to earn – now making it available in 7 locations through delivery methods that include, on-site, evening/weekend, hybrid and distance learning formats.

University Libraries

- Bierce Libraries is bringing groundbreaking technology to campus. Its Emerging Technology Lab is now home to the MakerBot Replicator 2 – the easiest, fastest and most affordable 3D printer for making professional quality models.

Wayne College

- John Roncone, sport science and wellness educator at Wayne College, was named 2012 Health Professional of the Year for the State of Ohio and the 2013 Midwest District Health College/University Teacher of the Year by the American Alliance for Health and Physical Education.

Outstanding Teachers/Researchers

- Presented with awards yesterday
- Campus announcement soon
- Will be honored at Founders Day tomorrow
  - Outstanding Teacher: Michelle Boltz, Clinical Instructor in the School of Nutrition and Dietetics
  - Outstanding Teacher – Mentor of First Year Students: Mary Verstraete, Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Biomedical Engineering
  - Outstanding Researcher: John Huss, Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy
  - Exemplary Service Award for Staff: Simon Stakleff, NMR Electronics Specialist in the Department of Chemistry
  - Exemplary University Service Award for Contract Professionals: Charlene Kemp-Queener, Assistant Director of Adult Focus

Graduation is next week – it’s why we are here and a testament to the faculty of the University.