

# Connections

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## UA Saves!

**University-wide initiative aimed to educate employees about thrift and money issues.**

The Human Resources Department is offering a new and unique learning opportunity for all employees at The University of Akron. "UA Saves" is an initiative aimed at providing our employees with the information needed to increase their personal savings while decreasing their debt through education and thrift.

Over the past several months, members of HR's Learning, Development, and Communication Services have performed needs assessment throughout the University. Personal financing and how to manage money were the most requested trainings that our employees sought. This need for greater education in finances is not exclusive to just our employees. We share in this need with countless people across our country.

In recent months, a nation-wide initiative has been launched, in which the city of Akron has been chosen to be a "Savings Community" by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and America Saves, a nonprofit group that encourages consumer savings. The Akron Beacon Journal has featured this initiative in a series title "Reclaim the Dream," profiling area Akron area families who have pledged to make financial amends by improving their savings while minimizing debt. We encourage our employees to make this pledge also. The pledge "card" can be accessed online at <http://ab8.thebeaconjournal.com/Pledge/>.

To provide information and practical tools to improve personal financing, The University of Akron's Human Resources Department is offering a series of seminars, **free of charge**, to all employees. Among the topics that will be covered are: Learning to Save, Holiday Spending, Understanding Credit Reports, ID Theft Prevention, and How to Save a Million Bucks.

The seminars will be conducted by Terri Campanelli, Community Outreach Director for the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, and each will feature an introduction by various financial experts from our Finance and Administration Division. All seminars will be offered in brief, fifty minute formats during the eleven and twelve o'clock lunch hours. These hours have been chosen to offer greater flexibility to our employees.

We encourage all employees to take advantage of this unique learning opportunity. Listed on the following page are descriptions of all of the seminars as well as the dates and times they are offered. To secure your spot we ask that you R.S.V.P. online at [www.uakron.edu/seminars/](http://www.uakron.edu/seminars/). If you have any questions please contact Kathy Batchelder by phone at x2320 or by email at [ksbatch@uakron.edu](mailto:ksbatch@uakron.edu).

## Personal Financial Planning Series

### Presenter:

\*All seminars will be instructed by Terri Campanelli, Community Outreach Director for the Consumer Credit Counseling Service. Mrs. Campanelli has over 20 years experience in finance and financial education. Consumer Credit Counseling Service provides comprehensive personal finance education and credit counseling services to help consumers learn to manage their finances, balance budgets and get out of debt.

### “Dollar Wise”- Learning to Save

Participants learn to identify financial goals and develop plans to reach them. It will include worksheets that can be used in their daily lives. Tracking spending, prioritizing expenses, and incorporating goals into one’s everyday spending plan will be discussed.

**Introduction by:** A.G. Monaco, AVP, Human Resources

**Dates Offered:** Mon, September 15, 2008 11:00am-12:00pm  
Tues, September 16, 2008 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Location:** Student Union Room 312

### Holiday Spending

Participants learn to identify the emotional as well as financial issues in holiday spending. How to take control, plan to spend, and to enjoy gift giving without the worries of what the holiday costs. It will include tips for this year, and concrete plans for the future.

**Introduction by:** Brian Davis, AVP, Treasury and Financial Planning

**Dates Offered:** Wed, November 5, 2008 11:00am-12:00pm  
Thurs, November 6, 2008 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Location:** Nov 5-Student Union 314, Nov 6-Student Union 312

### Understanding Credit Reports and Credit Scores

Participants learn the importance of taking charge of one’s credit identity. Participants leave knowing how to access their personal credit report and obtain their credit score, as well as how to use the information contained on the reports to impact their financial lives.

**Introduction by:** Gaston Reinoso, Director AA/EEO & Employee Selection

**Dates Offered:** Mon, November 17, 2008 11:00am-12:00pm  
Tues, November 18, 2008 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Location:** Student Union Room 312

### ID Theft Prevention

Participants will learn how to protect their identity and what to do if personal data has been stolen or personal information breached.

**Introduction by:** John Kovatch, AVP & Controller

**Dates Offered:** Wed, Jan 21, 2009 11:00am-12:00pm  
Thurs, Jan 22, 2009 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Location:** Student Union Room 312

### How to Save a Million Bucks

We’ll discover the secret of millionaires around us, and how it’s easier than you think to become one of them. What they really own, really drive, and how they got that way

**Introduction by:** F. John Case, Vice President, Finance & Administration/CFO

**Dates Offered:** Wed, Feb 25, 2009 11:00-12:00pm  
Thurs, Feb 26, 2009 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Location:** Student Union Room 312

To register go to: [www.uakron.edu/seminars/](http://www.uakron.edu/seminars/)

### \*Coming Spring 2009\* Investing in Your Retirement

“Saving for you Retirement” used to be the common slogan when it came to preparing for your retirement. Simply put, saving is not enough! To win the race against inflation you must “invest for your retirement.” Coming soon, in the 2009 Spring Semester HR’s Learning, Development, and Communication Services will be offering Retirement Investment training seminars to all employees at The University of Akron.