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## Welcome Parents & Family!

The University of Akron Parents and Family Association's (P.F.A.) goal is to develop a dynamic collaborative relationship with our university parents and families. The distribution of this monthly newsletter is designed to share university dates, deadlines, announcements, news, and opportunities.

We believe that a productive collaboration among University families, students, administration, and faculty will lead to an enhanced learning environment and student success. The Association will strive to provide:

- **INVOLVEMENT** opportunities for our parents and families who seek more University participation.
- **INFORMATION** targeted to the needs and interests of our parents and families.
- Additional **SUPPORT** to parents and families as they encourage their students to take full advantage of University resources and opportunities.

We hope you find these newsletters helpful. With your feedback we can continue to sharpen our focus, and address the priority needs of our families. Please feel free to share any ideas or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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### P.F.A. Staff

**Ron McDonald** is the Director of Leadership, Development & Special Projects. His office, located within the Department of Student Life, is responsible for providing co-curricular programs and services such as student organization funding, development, and advising as well creating leadership training opportunities. Mr. McDonald is the creator and coordinator of the Oelschlager Summer Leadership Institute, a summer experience designed to help high school students prepare for success in college. Special projects include campus-wide service projects, alternate spring breaks, and the development of the UA Parents & Family Association. Mr. McDonald's student affairs career at The University of Akron spans nearly 30 years and includes administrative assignments in residence life and housing, student activities and development, leadership training, Greek life, and Judicial affairs.

**Kirsten Fitzgerald** is a student intern under the direction of Mr. McDonald. Having served as the Policy Council Chairperson, through Akron Summit Community Action's (ASCA) Head Start program, nominee for the Leona W. Farris Caring Award, and 2006 recipient of ASCA's Parent Volunteer Award, Mrs. Fitzgerald brings several years of expertise in the area of parent & family involvement. As a youth leader at her church, and (along with her husband and four children) an active performer of multi-generational community theatre, Mrs. Fitzgerald understands the importance of parents in the lives of their children.

Ron & Kirsten look forward to working with all parents & families involved with the association.

# Involvement

## **Homecoming and Family Weekend - Saturday, October 21st**

[Homecoming and Family Weekend](#) activities will be held in and outdoors throughout the campus. Breakfast with President Proenza, Kids Day Brunch, The Evasons Mentalist Duo, carnival, petting zoo, ping pong, rock climbing, swimming, or relaxing in the lazy river are only some of the fun activities planned for the day. You may even enjoy bowling, billiards, and video games located in the Student Union Game Room, **FREE** for the day! We hope to see you there!

## **Zips Athletics**

All University of Akron sports teams are off to a great start!

Cheer them on at their next game! [Please click here for complete UofA sports schedule](#)

## **Arts & Entertainment**

Got Art? The University of Akron does! Check out the following websites for more information:

[School of Music - Kulas Concert Series](#)

[School of Dance, Theatre, and Arts - Present Cabaret](#)

[Myers School of Art](#)

[EJ Thomas Performing Arts Hall & Akron Civic Theatre](#)

## **Parent and Family Association annual meeting -**

Join us **Saturday, October 21st, 2006** from **10a.m.—11a.m.** at the **Student Union, Rm. 312** for our annual meeting.

**Lori Reinbolt**, Director of New Student Orientation, will welcome your suggestions in planning next year's orientation at the annual meeting. We look forward to discussing what's important to *you*!

## Information

### **Academic Dates and Deadlines –**

The following are selected dates and deadlines:

#### **October 20th**

Last day to *withdraw* from Fall classes  
*Spring registration begins*

#### **Week of December 10th**

Final exam week!

[Please click here to view the full Academic Calendar.](#)

### **What is FERPA?**

**(Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)**

Over the summer, many families expressed frustration related to FERPA. At The University of Akron, we recognize that transitioning to college life is not always easy. The FYE ([First Year Experience](#)) site is designed to help guide students through the first-year experience and to provide information for family and friends of students. You will find answers & solutions about FERPA on their website.

### **Free student development opportunities –**

The Counseling, Testing and Career Center offers a wide variety of free personal, social, and academic development programs. For more information regarding this important resource, take a look at our [College Survival Kit](#).

## Support

P.F.A. members now have a phone line to call for University information! Call anytime and talk with our P.F.A. Intern, Kirsten Fitzgerald, or leave a brief message and we'll return your call within 24 hours.

P.F.A. info. line: **(330)972-6986** or email us at: [pfa@uakron.edu](mailto:pfa@uakron.edu)

In the case of an emergency, please contact the University Police at:  
**(330)972-7123**

### **P.F.A. website**

The P.F.A. website is currently under construction. Look for completion of the site towards the beginning of November!

## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#)

### **Need Academic Help?**

**You've Got Our Number!**

#### **Undergraduate College Offices**

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences.....	972-7880
College of Business Administration.....	972-7042
College of Education.....	972-6966
College of Engineering.....	972-7817
College of Fine and Applied Arts.....	972-7564
College of Nursing.....	972-7551
Honors College.....	972-7966
Summit College.....	972-6372
University College.....	972-7066
IDEAS—College of Engineering.....	972-7817
Office of Accessibility.....	972-7928
Office of Multicultural Development.....	972-6769
UA Adult Focus.....	972-5793
Counseling, Testing and Career Center.....	972-7082
Service Learning and Civic Engagement.....	972-6232
Transfer Services.....	972-7066
Academic Advisement Center—University College.....	972-7430
Advising Services—College of Business Administration.....	972-7042
Advising Services—College of Education.....	972-6970
Advising Services—International Programs.....	972-6349
Advising Services—Summit College.....	972-7220
Office of Student Affairs—College of Nursing.....	972-5103
University Library.....	972-5335
Science and Technology Library.....	972-7195
Department of Developmental Programs.....	972-7086
Tutorial Services.....	972-6552
Writing Lab.....	972-6548
Math Lab.....	972-5214
Learning Technology Support.....	972-6888