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Catherine “Cassie” Cunningham, MBA ’22, Assistant Director in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at The University of Akron, was recently awarded the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling (OACAC) New Member Award during the OACAC Annual Conference. Cunningham serves on the OACAC Executive Committee, sits on the Planning Committee for the OACAC Annual Conference, chairs the Professional Development Committee, and has served as a mentor for incoming admissions professionals.

Madison N. LaCourse, BSA ’22, has been hired as staff accountant, assurance and advisory services at Bober Markey Fedorovich, a national Top 200 CPA and advisory firm.

Kathy L. Murphy, BM ’22, was recently named high school band director at Chesterfield in South Carolina.

Sanjiv Tewari, MSL ’22, has been appointed chief medical officer (CMO) at HCA Florida Blake Hospital. Tewari brings a wealth of experience and expertise in clinical medicine and health care administration to this key leadership position. Tewari will oversee all aspects of medical operations, playing a crucial role in maximizing the hospital’s clinical performance and patient experience while fostering a culture of excellence and continuous improvement.
The following UA alumni were selected to the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2024:

- **Tenille N. Kaus**, JD ’05, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Advancement at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
- **Mindy S. Marsden**, BSA ’08, Partner at Bober, Markey, Fedorovich
- **Laura J. Paszt**, MT ’09, Managing Partner at Cleveland, Deloitte
- **Tari S. Rivera**, AAS ’81, BCT ’82, MBA ’88, President at Regency Construction Services, Inc.

The Greater Akron Chamber’s "30 for the Future" awards recognized the following UA alumni for their achievements in 2023.

- **Tyler M. Adams**, BA ‘15, Director of Corporate Partnerships, Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio
- **Michael J. Appleman**, MAE ’15, Director of Primary Care Education, NEOMED
- **Rebecca A. Cool**, BASW ’16, MSW ’19, Director of Services, Victim Assistance Program
- **Thomas J. Dolezal**, BA ’09, Investor Relations Consultant, FirstEnergy
- **Brittany Ferguson-Mike**, MSE ’13, Director, Student Life, The University of Akron
- **Amina Hall**, BA ’11, VP of Fund Development and Marketing, Akron Urban League
- **Daniel J. Hampu**, BA ’09. MBA ’14, President and CEO, Burton Morgan Foundation
- **Kerri A. Stephen**, BA ’13, Chief Development Officer, United Way of Summit & Medina

The largest annual gathering of Cleveland’s ethnic leaders and grassroots assembled April 18, 2023, for the annual Cleveland International Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The 2023 Class of the Cleveland International Hall of Fame consist of the following UA alumni:

- **Sudarshan R. Sathe**, MS ’83, MBA ’89 – Indian community inductee
- Mayor **Georgine Welo**, BA ’95 – Serbian community inductee
Akron Municipal Court partnered with Akron-Summit County Public Library and joined forces in creating storybook weddings for local couples this past April. The judges officiating were:

- Judge Annalisa J. Williams, MA ’80, MD ’84
- Judge Nicole A. Walker, BA ’98, JD ’06

Additionally, April 6, 2023, marked National Library Workers Day and National Library Week ran April 23 through April 29, 2023. Both judges are avid readers and passionate about literacy.

Alumni Marlena M. Gouin, MS ’11 and husband Phillipp J. Gouin, BS ’12, welcomed their son, Robert Thomas “Robbie” Gouin into the world on January 30, 2023.