This page includes various news items and features about the University of Akron (UA) and its various initiatives and programs. Here is a summary:

1. **News & Notes from the Dean**
   - The Dean highlights the importance of engaging with BCAS students and alumni to build awareness and fill organizations' needs.

2. **Regional Development**
   - The University of Akron is ranked #15 in the country for an affordable pre-med degree.
   - UA offers undergraduate STEM scholarships.
   - UA and Rubber City Theatre have formed a new partnership.

3. **Academic Programs and Research**
   - The College of Arts and Sciences is conducting archaeological research in collaboration with Summit Metro Parks.
   - Students are excavating at a site that serves as a hands-on lab for their criminal justice studies.

4. **Student Impact**
   - The UA Students Learning to Pay It Forward with LeBron James Family Foundation Project was launched.
   - Colleen Barnes, an assistant professor, was awarded a National Science Foundation CAREER Award and has been involved in developing curricula.

5. **Arts and Culture**
   - A performance involving snake locomotion research was featured, encouraging students to find autonomy and joy through ballet.

6. **Community Engagement**
   - The Akron Municipal Court Judge and assistant professor David Hamilton started serving his first term.
   - The University of Akron's Criminology program was awarded a $499,620 grant for K-12 tutoring.

7. **Technology and Innovation**
   - The Biomimicry Research & Innovation Center, an interdisciplinary group, collaborates with businesses, faculty, and graduate students to find nature-inspired solutions to complex human problems.

8. **Support and Engagement**
   - The Office of Alumni Relations and Development encourages alumni to engage with BCAS students and alumni to build awareness and fill organization's needs.

9. **Special Events**
   - The Greater Akron Small Business Summit is an event where young men find their way by providing opportunities that foster personal and professional development, while lowering recidivism rates.

10. **Career Development**
    - The Office of Career Services provides resources such as an Employer Toolkit to help students engage with employers.

11. **Institutional News**
    - The Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences News provides updates on various initiatives and programs at the University of Akron.