HOMECOMING 2018

- Campus Programs and ZPN played an active role in the 2018 Homecoming Committee. ZPN held their traditional events including the Homecoming Comedian and Homecoming Tailgate, with a combined attendance of 1,325. New to the schedule this year was a cookout and Pep Rally which was introduced for students to gain a sense of belonging to UA.
- Homecoming Week ended with the announcement of Homecoming King and Queen:
  - Crowned Queen, Allie Stanley is a senior double majoring in Biomedical Engineering and Spanish. Allie was nominated by the University Ambassadors.
  - King Joseph Paolucci is a senior majoring in AYA Integrated Language Arts and was nominated by his fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi.

Homecoming Royalty: Back row (left to right): Colin Wilson, Nathan Hill, Peter Marshall, Juan Camacho, Ronold Simpson, Stephen Pierce II and Matthew Webb.
Front Row (left to right): Kelsey Hurley, Claire DeBruin, Morgan Trapf, Allie Stanley, Joe Paolucci, Abigail Watson, Kaleigh Shevchuk, Joanna Cardarelli, Haley Corey and Abieyuwa Uwadije.
FIVE-STAR FRIDAY AT THE REC

Student Recreation & Wellness Services (SRWS) has had many successful events focused on Five-Star Fridays:

- Club Sports held its annual president’s meeting to kick off the semester which was an opportunity to acknowledge achievements from last year and prepare and encourage new and returning club presidents in their roles as leaders.
- The rock wall staff hosted the first Climbing Works! Clinic. A top rope belay class was also held during the same time.
- SRWS hosted a “Deadlifting 101” presentation led by their student personal.
- A restorative yoga workshop was held.
- Outdoor Adventure led a five-star climbing trip to the Red River Gorge wrapping up with a hike to the Natural Bridge.
- A kayaking trip on the Cuyahoga River was held for residents of the Honors Complex.
- Student personal trainers led a workshop about nutrition and fitness.
- There was a Five-Star Friday waterfall hiking trip, sponsored by the Office of Accessibility, visiting Blue Hen Falls and Brandywine Falls.

TRUNK OR TREAT

- serveAkron and the Department of Student Life sponsored the annual Trunk or Treat at Leggett Community Learning Center. Over 16 student organizations dressed up using a Disney movie theme and passed out candy to over 428 Leggett students and their families.
USG student leaders passed out candy in the Field House to children before the football game on October 27, allowing them to enjoy a safe and friendly trick-or-treat experience.

RESIDENCE HALL PROGRAM BOARD/RESIDENCE HALL COUNCIL

- Residence Hall Program Board (RHPB) and Residence Hall Council (RHC) was recognized at the annual Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Mid-America Regional Conference with the following awards:
  - 2018 Outstanding Campus Collaboration
  - 2018 Educational Program

ACCESSIBILITY

OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY PRESENTATIONS

The Office of Accessibility (OA) participated in several events providing information about OA services:

- **FIRST ENERGY THRIVE FOCUS GROUP**: OA participated in the FirstEnergy Diversity and Inclusion Week, attending the THRIVE focus group. Information was provided about the office including services provided as well as available resources.

- **ALPHA PHI OMEGA EVENT**: OA student assistants attended a leadership event for Alpha Phi Omega, providing a brief presentation about what the registration process entails and information on being a notetaker.

- **CHAGRIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH**: OA had a table at Chagrin Falls High school providing information about their services as well as the laws surrounding disability services and the process that exists at the college level.

- **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**: OA presented at the College of Business Administration, providing professors information on services provided, as well as the role of OA in the classroom setting.

- **DRE3aM CONFERENCE**: OA participated in Akron Public School's 3rd Annual DrE3aM Conference which focuses on the three paths the class of 2019 seniors will take upon graduation ... Enrollment, Enlistment, or Employment. This outreach offered information to students who are planning to attend UA and currently receive some type of accommodation.
CAREER SERVICES

Student Connections for September and October 2018:
- 787 Students exploring careers with our online assessment tool, Focus2
- 699 Student Appointments (272 were Walk-Ins without pre-scheduled appointments)
- 60 Mock Interviews
- 4,625 Students used Handshake (job board)

Employer Connections for September and October 2018:
- 14,262 Employers using Handshake (job board)
- 7,195 New Job Postings on Handshake (full-time and part-time)
- 1,898 New Internship/Co-op Job Postings on Handshake
- 9,093 Total full-time, part-time and internship/co-op Job Postings on Handshake

CAREER CLOSET

The Career Closet is now in full operation! Through the generosity of JCPenney, Career Services (CS) obtained 140+ new, professional jackets at greatly reduced prices to stock a Career Closet located in Career Services in the Student Union. There were 40 students who borrowed jackets for the career fairs in early October. These jackets are free to students. Fussy Cleaners is discounting their dry cleaning services for the Career Closet.

AMAZON VISITS UA

For the first time, Amazon’s corporate office sent a recruiter to our campus. She visited for two days and said that our students were “rock stars.” This was the first time Amazon sent a recruiter to Northeast Ohio and we were the only school they visited.

2018 MAIN EVENTS

- The JCPenney Suit Up Event on September 23 attracted 525 UA students who were able to purchase career clothing in time for the Career Fair at greatly reduced prices.
The UA Internship and Career Fair was held October 3 with 725 students attending. The 136 employers who attended included PolyOne, GOJO, Goodyear, Huntington National Bank, Progressive Insurance, Oriana, Summa, Swagelok, Department of Defense, and KeyBank. Students are able to prepare for the fair in a “Student Prep” room where they can research the employers and receive some last minute tips (and courage).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Best Practices Event for Education Majors** will be held November 7 in conjunction with The LeBron James Family Foundation College of Education. Teachers from over 20 schools will meet with our students to conduct mock interviews. A panel of local educators will share best practices in hiring.
- **Etiquette Lunch** is scheduled for November 9 as a Five-Star Friday lunch event rather than the usual evening dinner event. Some employers in attendance will be Cintas, Rocket Mortgage by Quicken Loans, and Pepperl-Fuchs.
- The third **Part-Time, Seasonal Job Fair** of the semester will be held in the Student Union on November 13 to connect students with part-time jobs that do not require a degree. Altogether, 70+ employers participate in the three events such as L’Oreal, FedEx, Akron Zoo, Sherwin-Williams, and AT&T.

COUNSELING AND TESTING CENTER

NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY

- CTC offered two workshops to address LGBTU Coming Out Day in October.
- CTC hosted National Depression Screening Day in the Student Union and Polsky Building where students and other campus community members took brief screenings to assess for depression and obtained mental health information.
• CTC assisted a student to develop a Stand Up to Suicide event on Coleman Common, which included a display of 123 empty chairs upon which people taped messages encouraging folks to seek options to suicide. CTC support and guidance was part of the mandated HB28 suicide prevention efforts for higher education in the State of Ohio.

**EXPLORATORY ADVISING AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT (EAAS)**

**iLLUMiNATE UA MAJORS AND MINORS FAIR**

Exploratory Advising and Academic Support partnered with members of the Student Success Center, Career Services, Alumni Relations, and the Student Union hosting the inaugural iLLUMiNATE UA Majors and Minor Fair Conference on October 19. The conference was a two-part event that consisted of a majors fair tabling session in the morning showcasing over 30 degree programs offered at UA and an afternoon portion that included a keynote address by Jon Washington ’94, Founder and Proprietor of The Innovation Garage, and presentations by eight faculty/staff. Student Success Center plans to host this event in 2019 and will include it as part of the new Akron Beginnings program, which will be conducted by Learning Communities/Akron Experience.

**AKRON MAJOR EXPLORERS**

Leaders for Akron Major Explorers (AME), an initiative launched by EAAS this fall, continue to meet with students in the Exploratory Learning Communities to help address any academic struggles, navigate majors and minors at UA, and offer student perspective on involvement and academic success in college. At present, over 70 percent of these students have met with their respective AME Leaders to discuss these and other matters.

**FALL VISIT DAY**

EAAS and Career Services shared information on career and major exploration resources available at UA to approximately 70 prospective students and their families at Fall Visit Day on November 3.

**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION – LEARNING COMMUNITIES – AKRON EXPERIENCE**

**LEARNING COMMUNITIES/AKRON EXPERIENCE**

**FUTURE ZIPS CONFIRMATION FEE AWARD AND WORKSHOP**

• Of the 24 students who attended the summer workshops, all students are currently enrolled in classes for the fall semester.
Assessing feedback from workshop attendees and campus partners who supported the program, the workshop will be expanding its target audience to include new students beyond the award recipients required to attend. Beginning spring 2019, the Future Zips Financial Workshop will be offered regularly and will be available to any accepted students with the hopes for interested students wishing to discuss affordability and resources for financial planning to reduce financial barriers in the future. The launch of summer 2018 workshops were designed to help address some of the financial barriers that students face when beginning college. During the workshop, students explore MyAkron, speak with financial aid and student accounts, learn about student employment opportunities, do some hands-on activities, and find out more about living on campus or commuting from home.

The Akron Beginnings (first year program series) will launch fall 2019 and will feature exposure to campus life and resources for students to engage with during their first year of their Akron Experience. Looking at existing programs offered by other departments/units, traditions, and critical tasks (i.e. – completing FASFA, course registration, etc.), this series will bring experiences to the forefront for students in a complete package. The series will be marketed to all new students and will be targeted within the learning communities and Akron Experience: University 101 course. The Akron Experience will be intended to be a first-year mentoring student group of upperclassmen who have a diverse set of Akron experience stories and involvements to help make connections with new students throughout their first year.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

AD ASTRA SCHEDULE AND PLATINIMUM ANALYTICS

The Office of the University Registrar is nine months into the implementation of Astra Schedule and Platinum Analytics (AdAstra, collectively). To date, we have been impressed with the functionality and intuitiveness of the new software. While there have been some delays with Astra Schedule regarding event scheduling we are expecting to meet all applicable deadlines.

Implementation of academic space assignment in Astra Schedule is exceeding expectations in both timeline and functionality. All other areas on campus that had formerly utilized Live25 for event and space planning are expected to be integrated with Astra Schedule by the end of 2018.

As of October 2018, academic units gained access to dynamic course demand data based on historical enrollment (previous year and three-year trend), degree progress, and simulated new-student enrollment. The new course demand analysis provides insight that allows academic departments and schools to proactively construct a student progress focused course offerings prior to any registration.

In 2019, the Office of the University Registrar will work collaboratively with our academic colleagues to leverage the new course demand analyses across all academic units.
RESIDENCE LIFE AND HOUSING

EMERGING LEADERS AKRON EXPERIENCE PROGRAM SPEAKER SERIES

As part of the Emerging Leaders Akron Experience course, the department of Residence Life and Housing hosts a series of top-notch speakers to enhance the classroom experience during the fall semester:

- September 5 – Tom Varano presented on “Emotion into Art”
- September 12 – Hoan Do presented on “Succeeding in College and in Life”
- October 24 – Elaine Pasqua presented “Sex and Excess: Surviving the Party”
- October 31 – Curtis Hill presented on “Managing the Chaos”

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Residence Hall Program Board, Residence Hall Council, Sigma Lambda and National Residence Hall Honorary hosted a combined total of 96 programs with a combined attendance of over 16,000 attending. Highlights from the fall semester include:

- A capella group The Filharmonic at the 9:09 in EJ Thomas with 510 attendees;
- Hypnotist Michael C. Anthony at the 9:09 in EJ Thomas with 970 attendees;
- Singer Will Champlin at the first 7:17 Coffeehouse of the year with 255 attendees;
- The LEAP mentors conducted study tables for Emerging Leaders with 22 attendees;
- Singer Kristen Merlin (The Voice) at a 7:17 in Starbucks with 23 attendees;
- Bingo in Schrank Hall South with 335 attendees;
- Make a Difference Day volunteers numbered 100;
- Comedian Samuel J. Comroe at EJ Thomas which was part of Disabilities Awareness Week, whose humor revolved around his living with Tourette’s Syndrome with 505 in attendance.

STUDENT LIFE

GIFT OF LIFE

The University of Akron and Kent State University went head-to-head in a friendly competition to benefit Gift of Life, a bone marrow and blood stem cell registry. During the Rivalry Week competition, the UA community completed 405 bone marrow swabs while KSU collected 269, for a grand total of 664 swabs. With the help of 35 volunteers and the participants who took time to join the worldwide registry, Gift of Life is one step closer to giving someone with severe health issues a second chance.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

The mission of Alcohol Awareness Week is to educate the campus community to think and act responsibly when participating in activities where alcohol is being served. During the week, there were 12 events with a total attendance of 1,177, the most popular events being Mocktails and Don’t Snicker about Sobriety.
FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

GREEK WEEK

- All 13 Interfraternity Council (IFC) and six Panhellenic Council (PHC) chapters participated in this year’s Greek Week with the theme “Survivor.” Events included a dodgeball tournament with 102 participants, Trivia Night in the Student Union (127 participants), and a social media challenge in which participants posted 98 photos to either Instagram or Twitter.
- The Annual Greek God and Goddess pageant was held with 259 students attending. Katie George from Delta Zeta and Kolton Ebright from Lambda Chi Alpha were crowned this year’s Greek God and Goddess.
- There were 70 students who gave back to the community by volunteering at a service event at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.

SERVE AKRON

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

- Over 720 students, staff and faculty volunteered for the 14th Annual Make a Difference Day with over 1,700 hours and over $14,000 of minimum wage work performed, benefiting 25 volunteer sites and two on-campus service projects – Operation Evergreen and Replay for Kids. UA volunteers have assisted more than 9,407 students and staff over the past 14 years, dedicating more than 30,208 hours of service to the Greater Akron area.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (USG)

- NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURE (NCSL): USG President Taylor Bennington, Vice President Andrew Barry, Chief Justice Katie Mills and Senate Chair Joe Roth participated at NCSL in New Orleans to discuss governance and leadership.
- STUDENT LEADER LUNCH: Several student leaders from USG, CAST and Nursing gathered for the second in a series of lunches with President Green to discuss UA and leadership.
- STUDENT LEADER SUMMIT 3.0: Approximately 75 students attended the Student Leader Summit 3.0. This gathering of student leaders was tasked with providing a constructive forum for discussing important topics that affect the lives of students. Discussions focused on Five-Star Fridays, school
spirit and the Academic Program Review, and committees were formed to continue discussions and to develop these topics.

STUDENT RECREATION & WELLNESS SERVICES

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE (OA)

The Outdoor Adventure program provides experiential education and quality adventure-based recreational programs that enhance the academic and recreational experience for the University community to help individuals and teams learn and grow. Some highlights of the semester thus far:

- OA had four kayaking programs on the Cuyahoga River starting at Fred Fuller Fields and finishing at Water Works Park. For many on the trip, this was their first time kayaking. All 52 participants had a very positive experience.
- OA ran a stand-up paddleboard yoga event on Mogadore Reservoir.
- Aspiring trip leader training covered trip preparation and planning, waivers.
- OA outfitted a Geosciences field day on the Cuyahoga River by providing canoes, PFDs, paddles and a trailer.
- OA staff have been working hard to meet the deadline for an Ohio Division of Watercraft Boater Education and Safety Grant. If approved, the grant will provide needed kayaks and stand-up paddleboards to support our continuing efforts to run a high-quality paddling program.

CLUB SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

RIFLE CLUB

- The Rifle Club had their first match of the season with Akron’s Liz Bark shooting her personal best of 1112 with 28 Bullseyes. Quinn Combs, Lauren Kadooka and Chrissy Holden followed up with a 1073-24, 1070-15 and 1064-14 respectively.
- Six members of the Rifle Club traveled to Purdue placing first overall. Liz Bark placed first in Air Rifle with a score of 579, followed by Christina Holden and Colton Peters in second and
third places each scoring 570. In small-bore, Christina Holden placed second with a score of 547. Following in third, fourth and fifth places were Lauren Kadooka (545), Colton Peters (545) and Quinn Combs (542).

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB**
- The Ultimate Frisbee club sent 18 volunteers to work at the Akron Marathon, with a combined total of 72 volunteer hours for the day.
- The Ultimate Frisbee Club traveled to Columbus for the annual Fall Brawl. This event always has good competition with top tier programs like Ohio State and Cincinnati. The club played well finishing the day with four wins and two losses.

**ENGLISH EQUESTRIAN CLUB**
- The English Equestrian Club traveled to the University of Findlay for their first show of the season. Akron finished the weekend third and fifth place in Novice over fences. Overall, everyone rode well with two riders’ placing in their class.

**WOMEN’S CLUB VOLLEYBALL**
- The Women’s Club Volleyball team hosted Cleveland State University, Northern Kentucky University, Ashland University, Case Western Reserve University, and John Carroll University in a volleyball tournament. Akron finished the day with five wins and only one loss. The A team placed second and the B team placed fifth.

**RUNNING CLUB**
- The Running Club sent 17 members to Lansing, Michigan to compete in 5- and 8-k races for both men and women. These races are building blocks for their bigger races taking place in the spring. Overall the club finished in sixth place.
- Six men and three women from the Akron Running Club traveled to Shelbyville, Indiana for a cross country race for both men and women runners. The men finished in 14th place.

**STUDENT ACADEMIC SUCCESS – TUTORING SERVICES**
- Over 1,700 students have used the Bierce and/or Polsky tutoring labs through October, with 221 students using e-Tutoring.
- There have been 640 students attending the Learning Assistants study tables and/or review sessions this semester thus far.
- Through the Office of Multicultural Development, over 40 students meet biweekly for their study tables at Bierce Tutoring.

**HELP-A-ZIP**
The Help-A-Zip early alert system continues to assist students. Primarily help is needed for textbook assistance, mental health, academic concerns, campus resources, financial aid/tuition concerns, and emergency financial assistance.
FINANCIAL WELLNESS

ZipAssist launched the Ballin’ On A Budget financial wellness series of programming in August 2018. Through partnerships on-campus and within the community, ZipAssist provides workshops, webinars, a monthly newsletter, and weekly challenges to keep students engaged and educated about financial wellbeing – specifically related to budgeting, debt reduction, and credit scores. So far through the program, ZipAssist had 698 touchpoints with students including 36 Akron Experience courses.

STUDENT EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE [SEFA] PROGRAM

The Student Emergency Financial Assistance [SEFA] program, supported by the Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation & Affiliates – Dash Emergency Grant, provided over $192,000 to 252 students in FY18. Since the start of the 2018-2019 academic year, 31 students have received the SEFA grant – equating to over $23,000.

FAMILY WEEKEND

ZipAssist hosted Family Weekend the beginning of October and collaborated with Homecoming for the slogan “two UA traditions, one great weekend.” We had a record number of visitors with over 875 attendees to all of our combined events over Family Weekend. Events such as the carnival, pumpkin painting, tie dye, bingo, trivia, and tailgating were some of the popular events that took place over the weekend.

US PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY

As a means to generate revenue for the office, ZipAssist serves as an approved U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility by the Department of State. Students and community members are able to process passport applications and/or receive official passport photos in the ZipAssist suite. Since the beginning of the semester, ZipAssist has processed over 90 applications on behalf of our community.

UNITED WAY OF SUMMIT COUNTY

The partnership with the United Way of Summit County launched on September 5 and students are beginning to take advantage of free, one-on-one financial counseling with a staff member from the Financial Empowerment Center. So far United Way has been able to personally assist over 15 UA students with many more students scheduled throughout the semester. This partnership is part of a citywide program, known as BankOn Rubber City, which provides free financial empowerment counseling to Summit County residents.