THE THOMAS J. VUKOVICH AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

The Thomas J. Vukovich Award for Outstanding Leadership was established in 1990 to recognize fraternity men and sorority women for their achievements and contributions to The University of Akron’s fraternity and sorority community. The 2018 award winners are Hunter Pemberton (Phi Kappa Tau), Gabe Fuller (Phi Kappa Tau), Kirk Breithaupt (Sigma Nu), Patrick Kabasinski (Sigma Nu), Morgan Tropf (Alpha Delta Pi), Ryan Sharkey (Kappa Sigma), Claire DeBruin (Alpha Delta Pi), Morgan Mosiniak (Alpha Gamma Delta), Jon Ziga (Theta Chi), and Colin Barker (Theta Chi).

On February 9, The University of Akron received the Central Atlantic Affiliation of College and University Residence Halls (CAACURH) Regional School of the Year Award. This is the highest honor at the regional level. CAACURH is comprised of colleges and universities from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. The other School of the Year nominees were The Ohio State University, University of Maryland, Miami University, University of Delaware, and Wright State University. The University of Akron is now one of eight finalists for the National School of the Year Award which will be announced at the annual National Affiliation of Colleges and University Residence Halls (NACURH) Conference which will be held at Louisiana State University on May 31 through June 2. Previously, The University of Akron received the National School of the Year in 2000 and 1992.
USG hosted the Ohio Student Government Summit in the Student Union on February 9. With representation from 17 schools across states in the Midwest, participants had the chance to discuss challenges and best practices in round tabling sessions, engage in planning activities, and hear from guest speakers such as President Green and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Messina. With the hard work of USG’s members, the summit was a success and has funded their upcoming USG Gala.

The UA Internship and Career Fair was held on Wednesday, February 6 with almost 400 students in attendance. The 131 employers who attended included Goodyear, Progressive Insurance, Aldi, FirstEnergy Corp., Summa Health System, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Swagelok, Department of Defense, EY, GE Lighting, GOJO, InfoCision, IRS, Joann Stores, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Rocket Mortgage by Quicken Loans, Patriot Software, Sherwin-Williams, and KeyBank. Students were able to prepare for the fair in a “Student Prep” room where they were able to research employers on provided laptops and receive some last minute tips and courage from Career Services staff.
Career Services hosted their annual Etiquette Lunch on February 22. This Five Star Friday lunch event had record breaking numbers of students and employers! We hosted 22 employer-sponsored tables to include Tremco, GPD Group, Joann Stores, GOJO Industries Inc., Westfield, and Pepperl-Fuchs. There were over 200 students and employers in attendance.

A “Code Career” event for students in The College of Health Professions was held on Friday, March 1 as a pre-event to help students prepare their resumes and interview skills for the Social Work Career Fair scheduled for Thursday, March 7 and the Nursing Networking Night scheduled for Wednesday, March 13. “Code Career” was the first event held in the newly-opened Career Services office in the Polsky Building. This office will serve students who have classes in or near Polsky.

The Dean of Students Office and the Office of Employee Relations are jointly administering a three-year $300,000 grant awarded to The University of Akron by the United States Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women (OVW). The OVW grant requires grantees institution to achieve specified goals designed to strengthen response to and prevention of crimes related to gender (sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking). The grant requires progress on five specific goals:

- Ongoing training of all new university students;
- Ongoing position specific training for all University of Akron Police;
- Ongoing training for all student conduct staff, hearing boards, and equal employment opportunity and affirmative action staff;
- 24-hour victim services (provided through partnership with the Rape Crisis Center of Summit and Medina Counties)
- The establishment of a coordinated community response team (organized within the Sexual Assault and Violence Education Team).

The grant also requires the development of a strategic plan. There are seven UA staff and members of the planning team (Michelle Smith, Michael Strong, Daniel Nicolas, Dale Adams, Lt. Angela Paonessa, Ofc. Kevin Kabellar and Allison Franco) who traveled to San Diego to receive training required by the grant during February. The same
The team is leading the UA community in drafting a plan. The first of three required drafts is due April 12. The first of six semi-annual grant reports was submitted to OVW on January 30 and approved on March 9. The grant budget was also submitted to OVW with approval still currently pending. Once the budget is approved, a grant-funded coordinator will be hired to administer grant programs and activities.

**PEER EDUCATOR PROGRAM**

The Dean of Students Office and Student Health Services are working to establish certified peer education programming to The University of Akron. The program goal is to engage and train students to use their knowledge and skills to help students make healthy (or healthier) choices through programs, leadership development and advocacy. Staff were trained as certified peer education facilitators with the Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS) organization in collaboration with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). The core of the program is built around a team of highly-skilled, diverse students committed to providing accurate, non-judgmental health and wellness information to the University of Akron community.

Twelve students will be completing the 12-hour training, culminating in a certificate from NASPA as a certified peer educators by the end of Spring Semester 2019. The initial programming and outreach will focus on harmful alcohol consumption, underage drinking, and other drug use. These students will be role models for their peers, facilitators of warm hand-offs to campus professionals, and leading at least one outreach programming event per semester.

Two students that have already been identified as great candidates are Haley Vieltorf and Maggie Weber. They are members of Rachel’s Angels, and were honored by Congressman Tim Ryan for their work in presenting the dangers of opioids to 20 area schools. This group was also honored as best new grassroots program in Akron by Shari Bevan Walsh.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

The Sexual Assault and Violence Education team (SAVE) is preparing Sexual Assault Awareness Month events and activities to be celebrated throughout the month of April. Featured activities include:

- Keynote Speaker April 3: Beverly Gooden who will speak on the topic “Why I Stayed” following experiences of intimate partner violence.
- Take Back the Night Rally April 3;
- Student Theatre Guild Production April 4-6: Paula Vogel’s play “How I Learned to Drive”
- Male Engagement Program April 23: LIFT (Leverage, Insight, Freedom Truth) Bro
- Rape Crisis Center Fundraiser April 26: Walk of Heroes

In addition to planning programs and activities, the SAVE team will continue its assessment efforts and will participate in a state-wide Ohio Department of Higher Education benchmarking project. A 13-question survey will be distributed to all UA students during the month of April. Peer institutions across the state participate in the assessment allowing UA an opportunity to see how our education and prevention programs compare to sister institutions and how they have changed over time. The 13 questions address the prevalence of sexual misconduct as well as students’ experiences with violence prevention training and their assessment of University responses to incidents of misconduct.

The SAVE assessment team is also collaborating with students and faculty in the Sociology Department to administer three focus groups to better understand the thoughts of students and their experiences with bystander intervention. Bystander intervention is a key strategy required to ensure a safe experience for University students and refers to when someone steps in, speaks up, or reaches out in situations that are, or could be, harmful to a specific person or group of people.
COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT (CASA)

CASA is a student organization that works to prevent sexual assault and related gender-based misconduct at The University of Akron. This group of students is recognized as the student voice of the Sexual Assault and Violence Education team. In addition to assisting with SAVE programs and initiatives, CASA also continues to plan meaningful programs and activities aimed at raising awareness and preventing harm within the student community. At a recent Board Game Night activity, 30 students joined CASA in the Student Union to learn more about CASA programs and activities. The successful event was followed with a Karaoke Night two weeks later in the Student Union. CASA is led by senior honors student Kellie Lockemer. Kellie is majoring in social work and philosophy and was recently selected as the BSW Student of the Year for the Akron region. Kellie is completing her field placement at a clinic in our School of Law and plans to pursue a law degree after graduating.

Pictured from left to right: Nicole Merchant; Tyler Mattison; Andrew Smith; Brendan Mohan; and Alexander Janvier of CASA

ZIP ASSIST AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP, MONETARY GIFT, AND TWO GRANTS

The 2019 Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC) Certification scholarship was awarded to Taylor Sminchak, Coordinator of Outreach for ZipAssist. This scholarship was provided by the CashCourse program at the National Endowment for Financial Education. The AFC certification ($1,400 scholarship) is sponsored by the Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education.

ZipAssist was awarded a CashCourse Program Incentives Grant for a campus-wide financial literacy workshop on March 15. This program will provide participants the opportunity to hear from community and campus-based leaders about budgeting and financial wellness. The program will also highlight four diverse UA alumni who will share their stories and tips related to living on a budget while in college.

ZipAssist was also awarded a Continuing Education Grant from CashCourse. This grant will provide the opportunity for five ZipAssist employees to participate in an online training offered by University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This 14-hour training, Financial Planning for Young Adults, provides an introduction to basic financial planning concepts and educates participants on how to relate these concepts to young adults. Topics covered include financial goal setting, saving and investing, budgeting, financial risk, borrowing and credit. Through partnership with the Department of Development, ZipAssist received a $5,000 gift from the Welty Family Foundation. This gift will provide emergency assistance grants to students facing financial hardships, so they may continue to fulfill their career goals and contribute to society and beyond.
The Counseling and Testing Center hosted its annual Taking Care Week event February 25 through March 1. The week was comprised of five themes. The first day was Taking Care of Yourself Emotionally which involved a stress management fair along with a “mini” flash mob in the Student Union. Taking Care of Yourself Physically consisted of health screenings in Polsky that were conducted by students in the College of Health Professions. Exercise programs such as high intensity training were conducted in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Students made get well cards for children at Akron Children’s Hospital as well as interacted with therapy dogs on Taking Care of Others Day, which also included a three-hour Safe Zone Ally training. Taking Care of your Future Self included a fair with offices such as Career Services and the Alumni office. Two workshops – Stress Hackers and The Link Between Mood and Food rounded off the week on Focus Friday.

Over one thousand people participated in Taking Care Week activities. Taking Care of Yourself Physically consisted of Health Screenings in Polsky that were conducted by students in the College of Health Professions. Exercise programs such as high intensity training was conducted in the SRWS. Students made get well cards for children at Akron Children’s Hospital as well as interacted with therapy dogs on Taking Care of Others Day which also included a three-hour Safe Zone Ally training. Taking Care of your Future Self included a fair with offices such as Career Services and the Alumni Office. Two workshops – Stress Hackers and the Link Between Mood and Food rounded off the week on Focus Friday. Over one thousand people participated in Taking Care Week activities.

Each spring, Residence Life and Housing Freshman Honorary Sigma Lambda hosts a speaker series called “UA Leads.” Student who attend multiple programs are honored at the LIFE Awards at different levels. Speakers for this semester include(d):

- The 2019 UA Leads kick-off had Barry Dunaway, President of Leadership Akron.
- The second program featured Brandi Davis, Principal of the I Promise School in Akron.
- UA Leads third program which featured Brandi Davis, Principal of the I Promise School in Akron.
- The fourth program was sponsored by Sigma Lambda and featured UA alum and Honors College donor Dr. Sarah Adams (Pediatrician, Akron Children’s Hospital).

Since July 2018, Residence Hall Program Board (RHPB), Residence Hall Council (RHC), Sigma Lambda, and the Richard L. Hansford chapter of National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) hosted a combined total of 169 programs with a combined attendance of 25,314. Highlights for January and February include:
RHPB and RHC sponsored Hypnotist Sailesh at 9:09 in EJ Thomas Hall with 534 attendees;
RHC sponsored the Spring Officer Training School in January with 58 attendees;
RHPB, RHC and NRHH sponsored tables at the annual MLK Activities Fair in the Student Union;
NRHH sponsored Bingo at 8:00am in Schrank South with 578 attendees;
HCORR (Sweats and Treats), South (South’s Got Talent), and Quaker (Winter Olympics) sponsored programs as part of Hall Fest 2019.
Hall Fest programs continue with Spicer’s Scavenger Hunt, Bulger’s Glow Carnival, Spanton’s Game Show, Exchange’s Minute to Win it, and Ritchie/Sisler’s Warm Up to the New Semester.
The Emerging Leaders sponsored singer Nelly’s Echo at a 7:17 program in the Student Union with 245 attendees;
RHPB and RHC sponsored comedian Derrick Knopsnyder at 9:09 in the Student Union Starbucks with 216 attendees.

STOP. ASSESS. SUPPORT: AN INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

The Office of Accessibility attended and presented information during the Five Star Friday workshop entitled: *Stop. Assess. Support: An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders* presented by the College of Applied Science and Technology and the College of Health Professions. Laurie Cramer, Executive Director from the Autism Society Greater Akron, presented an overview of Autism Spectrum Disorders. OA attended the “Autism on Campus” session where a scenario was presented regarding a potential college student who has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. After participating in the small group break-out discussion, OA presented to the larger audience the process involved in determining possible accommodations and campus supports which might be available, based on documentation and the individual needs of the student. Other topics of discussion within various situations included best practices of a First Responder and scenarios from a Health Care and Social Work perspective.

For the month of December 2018:
- Community Service Program—Good Luck Goodie Bags for Finals (sponsored by Sigma Lambda and NRHH)
- Custodial/Maintenance—Pat Walters
- Executive Board Member—Sydney Schermond (former Emerging Leader)
- Residential Community—Emma Harmon (former Emerging Leader)
- Spotlight—Heather Piper
- Student Staff Member—Rebecca Hohman (former Emerging Leader)

For the month of January 2019:
- Educational Program—UA Leads Kick-Off: Barry Dunaway (sponsored by Sigma Lambda and RHC)
- Executive Board Member—Abdul Muizz Kamal Mulli (former Emerging Leader)
- Institution Faculty/Staff—Becky Hartman
- Organization—Black Excellence Commission
- Social Program—Spicer’s Scavenger Hunt Experience (Part of Hall Fest 2019)
- Spotlight—Klay Kahle, Becca Hohman, Matt Hohman, Sara Caris (UA School of the Year Bid Team)
- Since January 2018 The University of Akron has received seventy-four (74) Regional and seven (7) National of the Month Awards.

DIRECT CONNECT

The Direct Connect Program has launched creating pathways for students transitioning from Stark State to UA. The framework includes partnered advising with an identified Akron advising team connecting with Stark State advisors, connection to current UA students, and engagement opportunities to invite participants to the UA campus, feature campus resources, and build additional touchpoints preparing for a student’s transition to Akron. Joint offices have been established in Simmons.
To welcome these students to Direct Connect Program and highlight these program benefits, a Welcome Event has been developed and will be offered multiple times throughout the year as students are continuously added to the program.

The Akron Major Explorers (AME Leaders) have sent individual postcards to 19 Direct Connect students welcoming and encouraging them to attend the event. Each postcard included a handwritten message from the AME Leaders to provide mentoring support to students as they participate in the Direct Connect program.

During the welcome event, students learned more about the program’s benefits, UA services and engagement opportunities available as a part of the program. Students received a special Direct Connect Zip Card and parking pass. Award benefits those students who seek out and take advantage of the engagement opportunities while preparing to transfer to UA.

A Direct Connect Microsoft Team Portal has been created for Admissions, Advisors, and Student Success Center staff to better facilitate communication and organize Direct Connect information.

**AKRON BEGINNINGS FIRST-YEAR PROGRAM SERIES**

Akron Beginnings is a comprehensive first-year programming series that utilizes events, programs and resources provided by units across campus and supports targeting first year participation. In addition, the programming series will include new programming initiatives to support the beginnings of a student’s Akron Experience. Targeting all aspects of a student’s experience, the programs/initiatives identified a part of the series will be focused on the student’s overall wellness and student success. Furthermore, the program series will work closely to be promoted/integrated with the Akron Experience: University 101 class and Learning Communities.

Three focus groups were conducted with student leaders around campus on January 23-25. A total of 16 student leaders participated in the focus group discussion to gather feedback and insight on the program series and what would have been beneficial their first year at Akron.

**50 GREAT COLLEGE GYMNASIUMS AND RECREATION CENTERS FOR 2019**

The Student Recreation and Wellness Center has found its way onto a list ranking the “50 Great College Gymnasiums and Recreation Centers for 2019.” Great Value Colleges rated UA at No. 50, describing the University’s appeal with an Olympic-size swimming pool, a leisure pool with a lazy river, a 30-person hot tub, a 1/10-mile indoor track, 250 pieces of cardio and strength-building equipment and a 53-foot climbing rock wall.

*Great Value Colleges* ranked the nation’s college gyms and recreation centers based on similar lists from other publications that put a spotlight on education or fitness and have a range of ranking criteria.
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Campus Programs continues to strive to raise awareness amongst the campus community in different programming efforts. For the month of February, Campus Programs organized the Black History Month calendar of events. Black History Month is a collaborative effort with 11 departments or student organizations hosting a total of 15 programs throughout the month. The total attendance for Black History Month programs/events was over 2,000 with the largest events of the month being the films “Blackkklansman” and “Green Book,” sponsored by ZPN, LeadAkron, and Campus Programs; “Lawrence Ross: Know Better/Do Better: The Blackballed Lecture on Campus Racism,” sponsored with the Division of Student Affairs, Fraternity and Sorority Life, and Campus Programs. Campus Programs and ZPN played an active role in Rethinking Race 2019, including the execution of the Film Festival.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Women’s History Month is taking place in March with a total of 16 events being executed by 14 different departments or student organizations. Programs will touch base on topics, such as international women’s rights, wage gap, feminism, and women empowerment. Highlights of this month include the International Women’s Day: Women of Vision Panel and Quest for Rights, sponsored by Undergraduate Student Government and ZPN.

UA REMEMBRANCE DAY

As planning continues to evolve for UA Remembrance Day on April 24, the Department of Student Life and Undergraduate Student Government (USG) have developed several opportunities to remember members of the UA community who have passed away this past calendar year. These plans include the remembrance ceremony, a dedication ceremony for the UA Remembrance Garden, and offering the Husein-Unternaher Service Event on April 26 at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. Additional campus partners assisting with this event are Physical Facilities and the Department of Development.

GREEK LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Fraternity and Sorority Life celebrated the 43rd annual Greek Leadership Awards on March 10. Thirteen chapters submitted award applications in the areas of academic programming, alumni outreach, campus and Greek involvement, member development, recruitment excellence, public relations, risk management, and commitment to service. The Dean’s Cup Award, recognizing one Infraternity Council (IFC) fraternity for overall chapter excellence, went to the men of Phi Gamma Delta. The Praestantia Award, recognizing one Pan-Hellenic Council (PHC) sorority for overall chapter excellence, went to the women of Alpha Delta Pi. Joe Paolucci of Phi Kappa Psi was recognized as IFC Chapter President of the Year, Jazmine Lambert of Zeta Phi Beta was recognized as NPHC Chapter President of the Year, and Haley Corley of Delta Gamma was recognized as PHC Chapter President of the Year. We were also pleased to recognize UA alumni with individual awards for their ongoing contributions to fraternity and sorority life. Dennis Campbell (2009) received the Chapter Advisor of the Year award for his work with Sigma Nu Fraternity and Rob Caudill (2004) received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award for his service and leadership to his organization Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI), where he serves as the Executive Director Designate, for the impact he has had on fraternal world both at UA and across the nation.
CHAPTER PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Created in 2002, the Chapter President of the Year Award recognizes one outstanding chapter president from each council for their leadership within their chapter, the fraternity and sorority community, and the campus community. This year’s award went to Tori Strobel, Coordinator Fraternity and Sorority Life; Jazmine Lambert, Zeta Phi Beta-NPHC Chapter President of the Year; Haley Corley, Delta Gamma-PHC President of the Year; Joe Paolucci, Phi Kappa Psi, IFC Chapter President of the Year; and Katelin Brendel, Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life.

GREEK MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The Outstanding Greek Man and Woman of the Year Awards annually recognize a premiere senior man and woman within the fraternity and sorority community. These students have made significant contributions to their chapters, Fraternity and Sorority Life, the campus, and surrounding Akron community as a whole, all while balancing academic success and peer leadership. The 2018 Greek Woman of the Year Allie Stanley (Delta Gamma) and 2018 Greek Man of the Year Colin Wilson (Phi Delta Theta) are pictured with Dr. Messina, Vice President of Student Affairs.

GREEK LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Greek Leadership Program is off to a great start as participants are halfway through the eight week leadership development course. Now in its third year, the program covers topics on personal growth and leadership development including the theories of servant leadership, group development, and transformational leadership.

This year’s facilitators – Haley Corley of Delta Gamma, Kolton Ebright of Lambda Chi Alpha, Jessica Leyva of Alpha Gamma Delta, and Tom Nicolella of Tau Kappa Epsilon – work in small groups each week with the 26 participants representing 15 chapters.

ASSOCIATION OF FRATERNAL LEADERSHIP AND VALUES (AFLV) CONFERENCE

Leaders from the Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, and National Pan-Hellenic Council traveled to Indianapolis, IN for the annual Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) Conference on February 7-10. The students were able to network with peers from across the country and bring new ideas back to this campus. The families of Tim Piazza, Max Gruver, and Marquise Braham shared their sons’ stories and gave a keynote address challenging all fraternity/sorority members to take up the fight to end hazing now. The University of Akron’s Interfraternity Council received national recognition at the two star level for their educational programming.

The Alpha Omicron Chapter of Order of Omega was recognized at the AFLV Central Leadership Conference as an Outstanding Chapters for 2018, making this the third year in a row the chapter has received this award. This recognition comes with a $1000 grant to be used for programming.
The 6th Annual E.D.G.E. Leadership Conference was held on February 16. Over 50 students participated in the event which included training on True Colors personality assessment, a keynote speech by Megan Vermillion on the “because I said I would” social movement, and the opportunity to choose three educational breakout sessions. Fifteen students from neighboring universities also attended, as did several guest presenters.

ZPN has planned and implemented 16 events with a total attendance of 1,264 engaged students since the beginning of the spring semester. ZPN appreciates the importance of collaboration, therefore has co-sponsored six programs with eight different on-campus organizations. ZPN is always looking for new and inventive ways to cultivate the campus in efforts to enhance student experience.

- **For the Culture**
  The ZPN Diversity chair collaborated with the Black Excellence Commission to host “For the Culture” in celebration of Black History Month. This event aimed to shed light on African American culture, where students learned different dances, tried new foods, and observed the National Pan-Hellenic Council chapters stroll.

- **Super Bowl Party**
  One of the highlights of the semester was the Super Bowl Watch Party, which was a new initiative. ZPN provided a place for students to not only watch the game but enjoy free food, play yard games, and meet new peers. The first 60 students received a Super Bowl LIII souvenir cup.

**ORIENTATION LEADER TRAINING COURSE**

The Orientation Leader Training Course (OLTC) is held on Fridays from 10am-12pm. The team has covered many training topics so far, including orientation’s impact on retention, expected behaviors, UA traditions and pride, campus safety, customer service, financial aid, group facilitation, communication, on-campus housing, dining services, health services, and student employment.

The team also took the 2019 postcard picture. Orientation Leaders write personalized postcards to every student in his or her group that day, providing the leader’s email address so students can get in touch with any questions or concerns prior to the start of classes.
There will be a total of 44 Learning Community experiences available for new students to participate in this fall. As a result of meetings being held with individual colleges, there have been some adjustments made to some of the current LC opportunities and four new LC experiences expected to roll out this fall:

- **NEW Converged Media Learning Community**: This opportunity is for any student with any major interest who wants to obtain media skills, which includes storytelling, information gathering, journalism, television production, radio production etc., or for any student who is interested in being part of the student newspaper, radio station or television station. In the first semester, students will take a special Akron Experience course geared toward journalistic writing, take Introduction to Communication and participate in the student newspaper. In the second semester, students will take Newswriting and select between participation in the television station or the radio station. Students will complete the learning community prepared to participate at a high level in any of the media outlets, and will take away skills that will serve them across many careers.

- **NEW Cyber Security Learning Community**: Provide support to students entering into the cyber and digital forensics field. Students will be required to participate in open lab times and tutoring and will be able to interact with faculty.

- **NEW Fundamental Math Learning Community**: Provide wrap around support services for students in Fundamental Math III/IV. Students will be required to attend tutoring sessions and open lab tabs.

- Additional Business Learning Community opportunity with Fundamental of Math V and study table support.

- Revamped Engineering Learning Communities focusing on engineering students placing into Pre-Calculus and providing academic support through study tables.

- Revamped Pre-Med Learning Community incorporating math (Pre-Calculus and Calculus) into the existing Learning Community Experience.

The Office of the University Registrar has asked the campus community to come together to spread the word about fall 2019 registration. Just over 400 staff, faculty, administrators, and student assistants have agreed to serve as Registration Champions. Each registration champion will wear an eye-catching t-shirt and/or magnet-backed button during the month of April and will engage students with the question, “Have you registered?” It is our hope that the Registration Champions will incite our continuing students to register as soon as their registration window opens, reinforcing that there is no need to wait for spring semester’s final grades or for a formal financial aid award. It is far more productive for our students to modify their fall 2019 registration than it is to navigate the unknown. We know that students are three times more likely to return in the fall if they commit to their education with enrollment prior to leaving campus for summer break. Along with repeated interactions with Registration Champions, our continuing students will be visually impacted by a marketing and communication campaign of posters, email messages, social media ads, mobile app push notifications, digital billboards, and Q&A tables, all featuring a consistent theme and messaging. The campaign will be a call to action...remedy holds impacting enrollment before registration begins, meet with an academic advisor now so that registration isn’t delayed, register before needed classes are full, register for 15+ productive credits to ensure on-time graduation and to save money, and register before leaving campus for summer break.