

## Ziptastic winner for November announced

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The Staff Employee Advisory Committee (SEAC) is pleased to announce the November Ziptastic Award recipient is **Mary Schadle**, Coordinator of University Scholarship Programs in the Office of Student Financial Aid, pictured above with **Anthony Serpette**, SEAC vice chair and assistant director of web services.

Mary has worked at UA for almost 20 years – 10 years in the Office of Student Accounts as Senior Administrative Assistant to the Bursar, and almost 10 years in the Office of Student Financial Aid as the University Scholarship Coordinator. In her current position Mary has the pleasure of working with colleagues from every college and department on campus that awards our great students scholarships. She is also privileged to be able to speak to prospective students and parents regarding the many scholarship opportunities offered by UA.

**Jennifer Harpham**, director of student financial aid, says, "Mary demonstrates a deep compassion for our students and dedication to the University every day in her great work. She is an outstanding professional and mentor with a long, rich history of service to the campus community, students, and her colleagues. Mary can always be counted on to step in to help others when needed, all while skillfully navigating us through the ever-changing landscape of scholarships. She is most deserving of this wonderful award!"

Originally nominated by **Dr. Mary C. Verstraete** before her retirement, Verstraete said, "Mary is so incredibly knowledgeable about all aspects of scholarships and financial aid. Her No. 1 concern is to ensure that students have the correct amount of funding and that it is being awarded in the correct manner. Mary is always willing to help and to clarify the many things associated with scholarship applications and awards. Her responses to me and to students are professional, thorough and well stated. And she is so prompt—I never have to ask twice for anything. Our students would not be receiving their funding if not for the hard and conscientious work of Mary Schadle. I truly believe she should be recognized for her outstanding contributions to The University of Akron!"

To nominate a fellow employee who is an outstanding member of your team for the SEAC Ziptastic award, please [visit SEAC's website \(https://uakron.edu/seac/\)](https://uakron.edu/seac/).