Welcome back to The University of Akron for the Spring 2021 semester!

We are SO glad you are here! The University of Akron is a great place to be, both in person and online. The faculty and staff at UA seek to embody the phrase: “You are UA.” What does this mean for you? This means the resources at UA are designed to help you succeed. From phenomenal tutoring centers, to a nationally recognized counseling center; we are here to help.

Spring is a time of fresh starts, new beginnings, and new expectations. Take control of your classes early by taking advantage of the resources available here at UA. We are all here to help you realize your dreams! We look forward to another great semester at UA! Go Zips!

Kindest Regards,

Kathleen (Kelly) Kulick, Director
INCLEMENT WEATHER AT UA

In the event of inclement weather, The University of Akron grounds crew works to clear the necessary paths around campus of snow and ice. While their top priorities are clearing accessible ramps and building entrances, please know that if there is heavy snowfall, it can be difficult to keep up with snow accumulation. In the event that you are not able to access a particular place on campus, please call the UAPD Dispatch line to report the issue at 330-972-7415.

PEER ASSISTANCE FOR SUPPORT AND SUCCESS (PASS)

Are you interested in seeing previous workshops and additional content from the OA’s Peer Assistance for Support and Success (PASS) program?! Visit and subscribe to our YouTube page for the most up-to-date videos from the program, such as our Executive Functioning Workshop. Be sure to let us know what you think about past workshops and your ideas for future ones. You can also stay up-to-date with the program and upcoming events by navigating to our homepage. The PASS program will be rolling out a new peer mentorship program this semester to assist with academic skills, so be on the lookout for additional information soon about how to schedule these appointments.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON HANDSHAKE

Are you seeking internship, co-op, or job opportunities? Check out The University of Akron’s networking and job board: Handshake.

For assistance with applying including a resume review, cover letter review, mock interview and more, students can contact Career Services at 330.972.7747 or career@uakron.edu.
2021 LIFE AWARDS

Are you a student leader or an active member in the Zips community? Are you a member of an outstanding student organization or club? If yes, apply for this year’s LIFE Awards! The LIFE (Legacy, Integrity, Fellowship, & Excellence) Awards are held annually through the Department of Student Life to honor students, faculty, staff, and campus organizations that have demonstrated the LIFE values.

2021 nominations begin January 11, 2021 and close February 22, 2021 at 5:00pm.

For more information, visit: https://www.uakron.edu/studentlife/involvement/campusprograms/life-awards/ or email Brittany Ferguson-Mike at bpf9@uakron.edu.

COLLEGE2CAREERS
What is Ohio College2Careers?
OOD is the state agency that helps individuals with disabilities obtain, and retain employment and provide career development services. OOD serves individuals with physical, intellectual, sensory, and mental health disabilities. This new partnership is between Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, Ohio’s state college and university system, including The University of Akron, and Ohio businesses. This new partnership includes a C2C counselor located at 15 universities statewide.

What a C2C Counselor can provide to eligible UA students:
- Provide additional supports for UA students with disabilities who are eligible for OOD services.
- Career exploration & career counseling
- Assistance navigating Ohio Means Jobs resources
- Assistive technology
- Internships & employment resources
- Connection to an expansive employer partner network

Contact UA’s C2C counselor, Mara Byers, at:
Email: Mara.Byers@ood.ohio.gov
Phone: 330-972-2163

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BLACK & CONNECTED

A new group for Black/African-American students to share their experiences on a PWI campus.

It is your virtual space to find support, connection, and community.

Thursdays starting on February 11th, from 2-3pm.

To be a part of it, contact the Counseling & Testing Center at 330-972-7082 www.uakron.edu/counseling
STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION
Because our staff will continue to work remotely some days, email may be the most efficient way to get in touch with the Office of Accessibility staff. Their contact information is listed below. If you do not know who your disability specialist is, you can find their name on your STARS dashboard under “Primary Advisor”.

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SUGGESTION BOX
What would you like see in future issues of the Office of Accessibility Newsletter? Send your ideas to nab87@uakron.edu.

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E-TUTORING
eTutoring is a free service for all currently enrolled undergraduate students at The University of Akron. To access eTutoring, visit: etutoringonline.org.

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