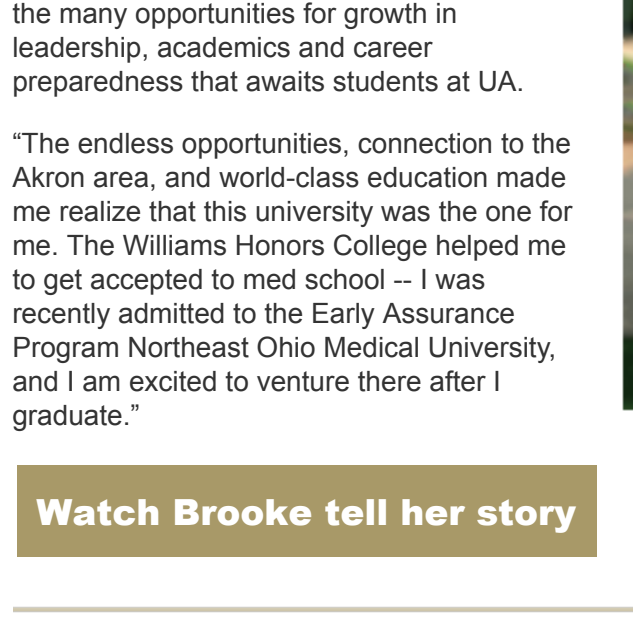
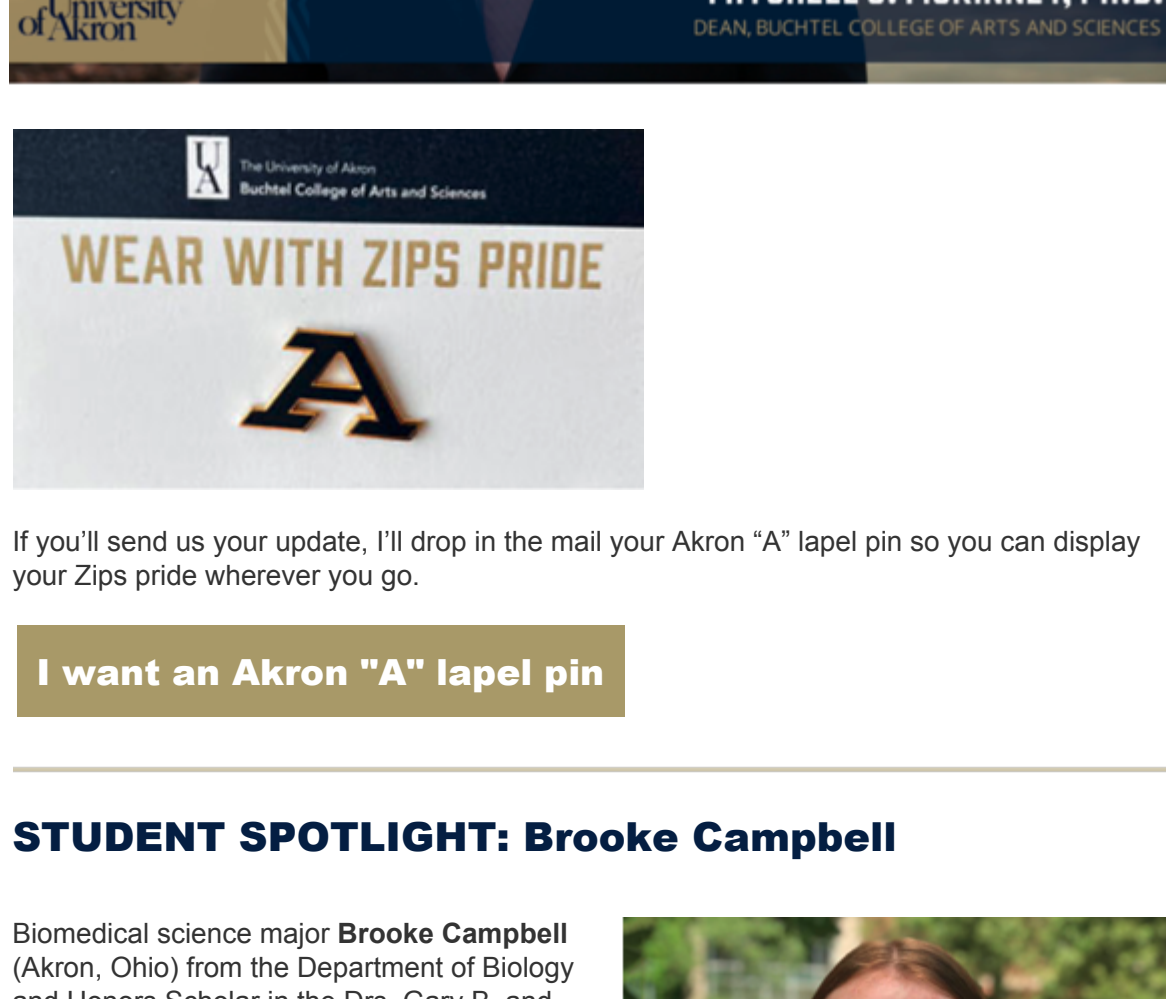


**GREETINGS from the Dean**

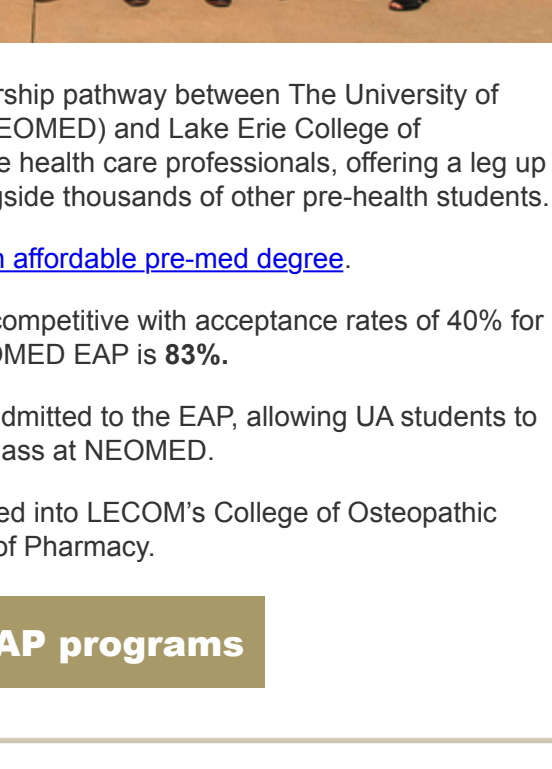


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**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Brooke Campbell**

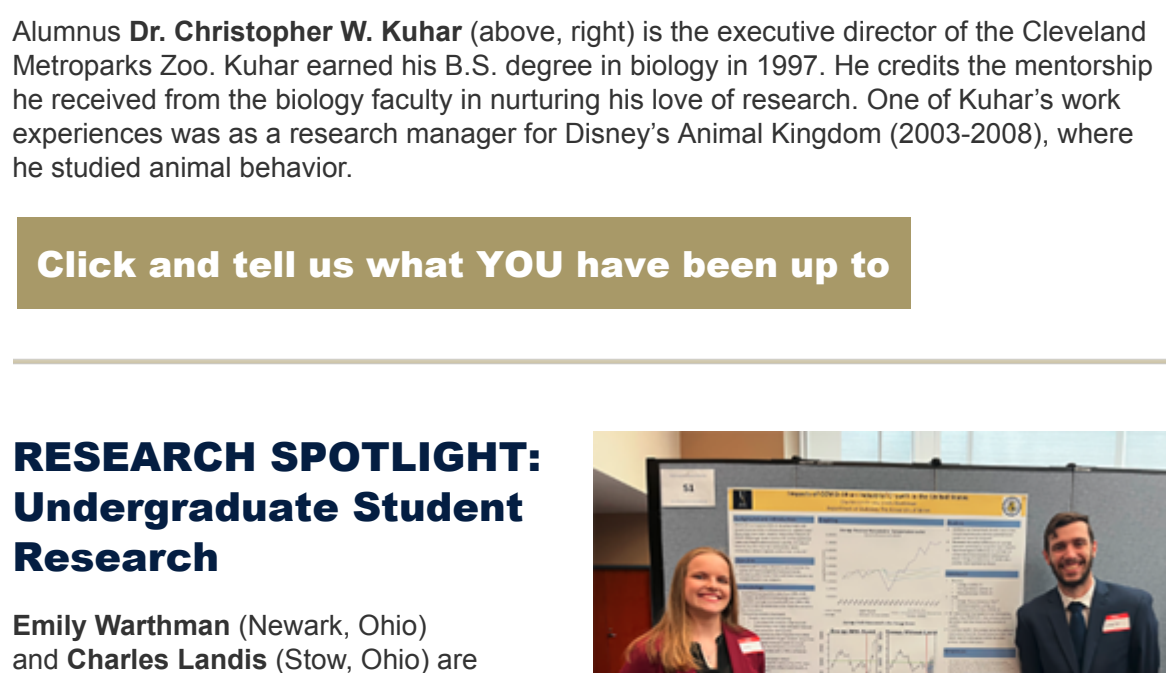
Biomedical science major **Brooke Campbell** (Akron, Ohio) from the Department of Biology and Honors Scholar in the Drs. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Honors College, recounts the many opportunities for growth in leadership, academics and career preparedness that awaits students at UA.



"The endless opportunities, connection to the Akron area, and world-class education made me realize that this university was the one for me. The Williams Honors College helped me to get accepted to med school -- I was recently admitted to the Early Assurance Program Northeast Ohio Medical University, and I am excited to venture there after I graduate."

[Watch Brooke tell her story](#)

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: Early Assurance Pathway Programs**

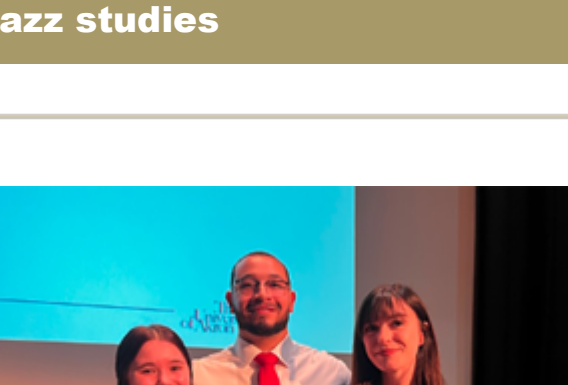
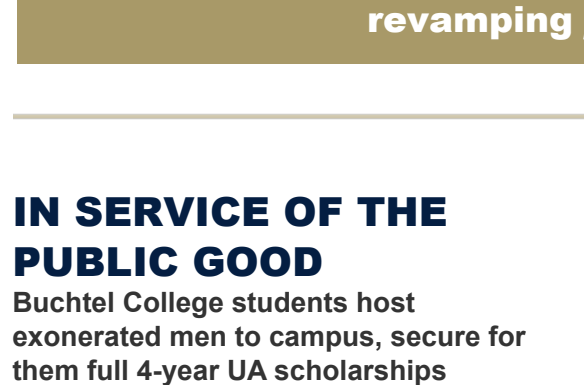


The Early Assurance Pathway (EAP) is a partnership pathway between The University of Akron and Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) to educate future health care professionals, offering a leg up when seeking admission to medical school alongside thousands of other pre-health students.

- [Our program is ranked #15 in the country for an affordable pre-med degree.](#)
- Admission to professional school is extremely competitive with acceptance rates of 40% for programs like medical school. Admission to NEOMED EAP is 83%.
- **Each year up to 25 UA sophomores** can be admitted to the EAP, allowing UA students to secure a seat, early, in a future medical school class at NEOMED.
- **Each year up to 5 UA students** can be admitted into LECOM's College of Osteopathic Medicine, School of Dental Medicine, or School of Pharmacy.

[Click and learn more about EAP programs](#)

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award**



On April 25, Dean Mitchell S. McKinney recognized two alumni with the Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award.

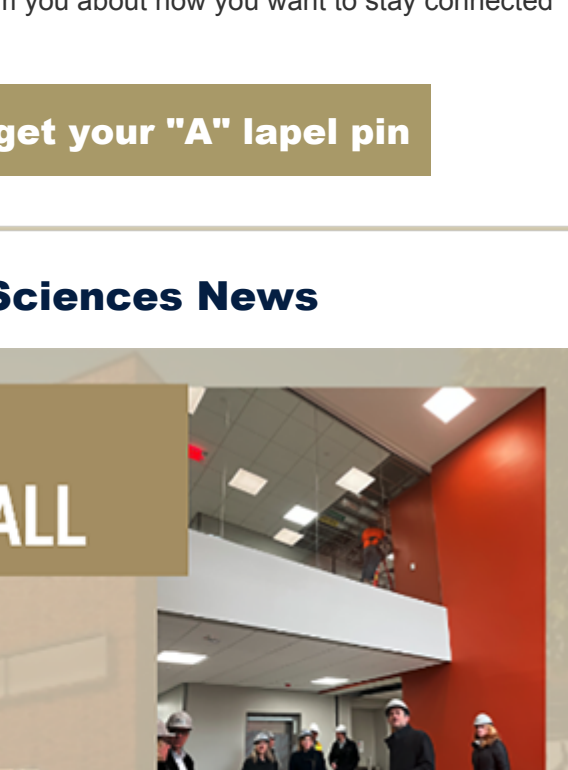
Alumna **Dr. Michele Campbell** (above, left) is the executive director of the LeBron James Family Foundation and chief operating officer of LRMR Management Co. Campbell earned her doctorate in educational administration from the LeBron James Family Foundation School of Education in 2002. She has been instrumental in the partnership between UA, the Foundation and the I PROMISE program at the Akron Public Schools.

Alumnus **Dr. Christopher W. Kuhar** (above, right) is the executive director of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Kuhar earned his B.S. degree in biology in 1997. He credits the mentorship he received from the biology faculty in nurturing his love of research. One of Kuhar's work experiences was as a research manager for Disney's Animal Kingdom (2003-2008), where he studied animal behavior.

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**RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT: Undergraduate Student Research**

**Emily Warthman** (Newark, Ohio) and **Charles Landis** (Stow, Ohio) are statistics majors who studied the impacts of COVID-19 on industrial growth in the United States.



On April 6, they joined almost 60 students in various fields of study to present their work at the Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences inaugural [Celebration of Undergraduate Research & Creativity](#), a showcase of the diverse and exceptional research and creative projects.

Work ranged from short films and video games to poetry and paintings, and research topics ranging from improving solar panels to gender expression in poliworms.

[Click here to read about the event](#)

**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Theron Brown and Chris Coles**

Meet two of our newest full-time professors!



From Blu Jazz in Akron to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., **Theron Brown** and **Chris Coles** have been wowing audiences with piano and saxophone performances, respectively.

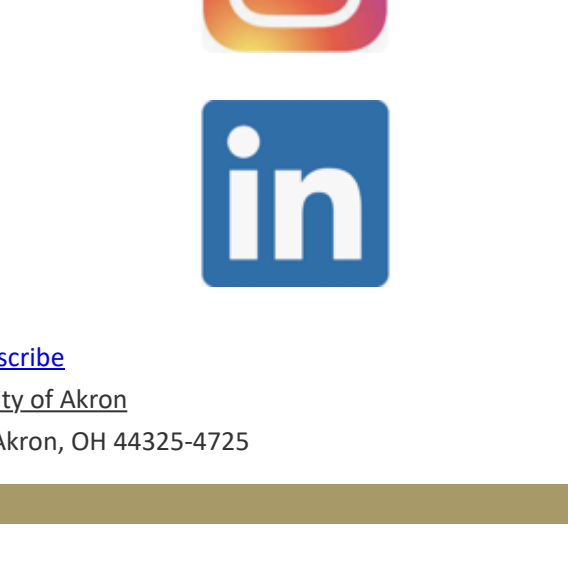
Now, they're bringing that experience and expertise to The University of Akron's School of Music. Since August 2022, they've teamed up to head the jazz studies program as full-time professors.

Teaching music courses as well as leading efforts such as the university's [Jazz Fest](#), the program's co-directors have been reaching out to both students and the Akron community.

[Click to read this interview about how they are revamping jazz studies](#)

**IN SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC GOOD**

Buchtel College students host exonerated men to campus, secure for them full 4-year UA scholarships



Students from the UA chapter of the Ohio Innocence Project (UA-OIP) -- pictured from left, **Jess Hess** (Warren, Ohio), treasurer; **Gil Kalina-Hammond** (Painesville, Ohio), vice president; **Megan Wilson** (Mentor, Ohio), president -- the Sociology Club and the Criminal Justice Association welcomed Michael Sutton and Kenny Phillips to campus on March 1 to speak about their wrongful imprisonment cases.

It meant so much to hear their stories that, after the event, the students wanted to do more for the men.

Upon learning that Michael Sutton was wrongfully arrested for attempted murder the same day he got a full scholarship letter from The University of Akron, they approached UA President Gary L. Miller with the idea to **offer them with this second chance - full tuition and fee scholarships at UA**, which were awarded to both Sutton and Phillips on March 10.

[Check out this story about their activism](#)

**Stay Connected & Get Involved**

We'd love to see you at one of these alumni socials being held all over the country!

[Click here to see where Zips are getting together!](#)

**Alumni Advisory Council**



Our latest meeting of the [Alumni Advisory Council](#) was on April 25. **Look for a survey** from them this summer, where they hope to hear from you about how you want to stay connected and get involved.

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**Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences News**



- [Watch this sneak peek](#) of the consolidation and renovation of **Ayer and Crouse halls** into a single building. The improved facility will house labs, faculty and administrative offices, and modern general-purpose lecture halls for the departments of **geology and physics**.

- Ideastream Public Media [interviews](#) Wilfried G. Souly, assistant professor of dance, as part of this segment about the National Center for Choreography at UA. Souly started teaching at UA in 2022 and is originally from Burkina Faso in West Africa.

- Read about our College's amazing staff and faculty members whose peers nominated them for the 2023 [Buchtel College Awards](#) for Outstanding Achievement.

- Several of our faculty members were honored with [University of Akron Achievement Awards](#).

- [Learn how future Zips can visit campus at this year's summer camps.](#)

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