



The Office of Accessibility Newsletter

Winter Weather at UA

The winter weather has arrived on campus! In addition to taking extra precautions while driving and walking around campus, students should also be aware of possible class cancellations due to inclement weather. The decision to close will be made as early as possible. News of closing will be disseminated several ways:

- ◆ **Radio and TV:** Closing information will be provided to major radio and television stations in Akron, Canton and Cleveland.
- ◆ **On the Web:** Closing information will be posted on the University's home page.
- ◆ **E-mail:** A message will be sent to students' and employees' University mailboxes.
- ◆ **Text messaging:** Alerts will be sent via the University's Z-Alert text messaging service. Learn more and subscribe at <http://www.uakron.edu/safety/z-alert.dot>. We also will use Z-Alert on Twitter.
- ◆ **By phone:** The University's emergency information phone line is updated around the clock as conditions warrant. The number is 330-972-SNOW (7669) or 330-972-6238 (TDD/Voice).

If you are having accessibility and/or mobility issues due to snow or ice on campus, please feel free to call the Office of Accessibility for assistance! We will help to resolve these issues by working with other University departments on campus.

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RETHINKING RACE: Black, White and Beyond

January 29 to February 12, 2016

A forum in which race and race-related issues can be discussed, examined, and hopefully, better understood through films, performances, Face-2-Face Conversations, and keynote speakers. Rethinking Race hopes to engage the public with important topics such as diversity in the workplace and awareness of issues and culture.

Please visit <http://www.uakron.edu/race/> for more information.



UA to host 2016 College Goal Sunday

01/11/2016

The University of Akron is once again serving as the Summit County host of College Goal Sunday, which is designed to provide assistance to students and parents in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This year's event will be held on Feb. 14, beginning at 2 p.m. in Simmons Hall, 277 E Buchtel Ave., Akron. The college financial aid event is coordinated annually at sites around the state by the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Two other UA campuses also will host College Goal Sunday. They are:

- ◆ The University of Akron Medina County University Center, 6300 Technology Lane, Medina.
- ◆ Wayne College Holmes County Higher Education Center, located at 88-B East Jackson St., Millersburg.

The FAFSA is the application that is required to be completed to receive federal financial aid, including the Federal Pell Grant and student loans as well as need-based state grants. The FAFSA can be a key to overcoming financial barriers so a college education is possible. Studies show that students are 50 percent more likely to attend college when they complete the FAFSA.

Open to current and prospective students

The free event is open to current college students at any institution, as well as prospective students planning to attend a college in Ohio or out-of-state, and their parents. While walk-ins are welcome, registration is encouraged. To register, visit College Goal Sunday online, or call 1-800-233-6734.

The Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators is a nonprofit, professional organization for individuals actively engaged in the administration of financial aid within the state of Ohio for higher education. As an educational organization, the association strives to offer resources to students, families and high school advisors to promote higher education and increase awareness of financial aid opportunities. Other College Goal Sunday sponsors are Great Lakes and the National College Access Network.

Student Organizations

Get involved:

We have student groups for nearly every interest!

The University of Akron has more than 250 student organizations — focused on everything from academics and hobbies to music and careers. Making time in your schedule to get involved in campus activities and develop new interests and friendships is all part of the college experience.



Student organizations

Student life is about more than classroom learning. Get involved in a club or student organization to meet fellow students and stay connected outside of class. More information about student groups can be found on OrgSync.

Please visit http://www.uakron.edu/college_life/activities__organizations/ to view all UA Student Organizations

Important Dates

February 2, 2016
Last day to drop classes

February 16, 2016
President's Day Observance, classes cancelled

March 21-27, 2016
Spring Break

March 28, 2016
Classes resume

May 9-15, 2016
Final Examination Period

May 13-15, 2016
Spring 2016 Commencement

Testing in the Computer Based Assessment and Evaluation Center

In an effort to continue to make our testing processes more efficient and student friendly, the Office of Accessibility has been working with Computer Based Assessment and Evaluation Center (CBA&E).

Beginning immediately, students who have requested a proctor (reader and/or scribe) and have requested the distraction reduced space in Computer Based Assessment and Evaluation, should **report to Schrank Hall North 153** on the day of the exam. You will meet the proctor from the Office of Accessibility in that office, and then will be escorted into the testing room.

As a reminder, students who wish to utilize testing accommodations at CBA&E need to:

1. Call CBA&E at 330-972-6511 x3 to reserve the distraction-reduced testing room.
2. If a reader or scribe is required, request testing accommodations in STARS as well. You must select the time extension (OA) when you submit the request. Please make a note that the exam will take place in CBA&E in the Additional Comments section of the Alternative Testing request form in STARS.

For students who do not require a proctor, please report to the testing center as normal. Please contact your disability specialist with any questions.

Scholarship Opportunities for Students with Disabilities



UA offers thousands of scholarships and awards -- more than \$22 million each year in scholarship aid. With the largest endowment of any public university in northern Ohio, UA is able to give many talented students the chance to study. Awards range from hundreds of dollars to complete, full-ride academic scholarships.

Endowed scholarships are funded by external donors and are awarded to students who meet criteria established by the donors. These criteria may include demonstrated history of leadership, community service, financial need and/or other personal factors.

Some scholarships exist that are specific to students with disabilities. The Office of Student Financial Aid cannot ask a student if they have a disability, however, if willing to disclose on the application, you may be considered an award from the Office of Student Financial Aid. Examples of some scholarships that are available for students with disabilities are: the Beasley, the Chenot, the Darsky, the Lampasone, and the Levinson Scholarships.

To apply for Scholarships, please follow the links below and follow the directions on the application form. You may also stop in The Office of Accessibility to receive a hard copy of the application.

- ◆ New Freshman Scholarship Application: <http://www.uakron.edu/dotAsset/95a1a36d-4fe4-44fa-b444-9cd860d26e75.pdf>
- ◆ Continuing Student Scholarship Application: <http://www.uakron.edu/dotAsset/d79cd8a2-74c7-4311-9943-920736fe6c7a.pdf>

You may also contact your college/academic department for additional scholarship opportunities.

For any additional questions or concerns, please contact your Disability Specialist, or contact The Office of Student Financial Aid at (330) 972-6343 or at www.uakron.edu/finaid.

Suggestion Box

We want your feedback!

Email ooaga1@uakron.edu with comments about the current newsletter or ideas you would like to see in future newsletters.

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