



# The Office of Accessibility Newsletter

Welcome back to the University of Akron as we begin the Spring 2018 semester.

We are SO glad you are here. The University of Akron is a great place to be. The faculty, staff and everyone who works at the University of Akron embrace the phrase... "You Are UA."

Sounds good, but what does that mean for you?

It means tutoring centers that are ready to assist you in your classes. It means a nationally recognized counseling center that is there when you need someone to talk with. It's the faculty who hold office hours to help when you are stuck on a concept or theory. It's the ZipAssist Office that can guide you through all aspects of what it means to be a student at The University of Akron.

It means the Office of Accessibility that is in place to help you in and out of the classroom as you work to mitigate the symptoms of your disability. Whether that means helping you sending out your Letters of Accommodations for your spring classes, assisting you in setting up your test requests through STARS, to helping you organize your spring semester.

Spring is the time of fresh starts, new beginnings and new expectations. Take control of your classes early, set up a schedule for study and down time. Make sure you are taking advantage of all the resources the University has to offer. The faculty is in place, the tutoring center is ready to go, are you ready to make this your best semester ever? I know you are and we are here to help you realize your dreams.

Come see us and Go ZIPS !!!!!

Kindest regards,

The Office of Accessibility Team

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### **"Urgent Need" Blood Drives began January 19th**

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Student Recreation and Wellness Center 245

- \* Donors will receive a free Chipotle gift card while supplies last
- \* Blood drives are scheduled Jan. 20- Feb. 1 and Feb. 28
- \* Scheduling in advance is requested. Schedule an appointment here: <https://www.redcross.org/rcbmobile/drive/driveSearchList.jsp?zipSponsor=uakron>



## College Survival Kit

The Counseling and Testing Center is hosting a variety of workshops to provide you with information and practical skills to help you succeed in college. **Topics include:**

- **Taking Care Week**
- **Developing Relationships**
- **Reduce Test Anxiety**
- **How to Earn Better Grades**
- **Career Planning and Decision Making**
- **Suicide Prevention**



Counseling &  
Testing Center

Please sign up in advance for these workshops: **Counseling and Testing Center**- Simmons Hall 306, (phone) 330-972-7082

Visit <http://www.uakron.edu/counseling/docs/SurvivalKitSpring2018.pdf> for event details



## **RETHINKING RACE: Black, White and Beyond**

**February 2-16, 2018** Rethinking Race is 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 and the calendar of events.

## **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:** To further enhance safety on campus, UA will automatically enroll you in our Z-Alert emergency text-messaging service this month. If you want to unsubscribe, reply STOP to any message you receive. Questions? Write to [zalert@uakron.edu](mailto:zalert@uakron.edu).
- ◆ **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.



## Taking Care Week 2018

Presented by the Counseling and Testing Center

**Taking Care Resource Fair-** Monday February 26  
Student Union Piano Lounge 11:30am-1:30pm

**Health Screening Fair-** Tuesday Feb. 27  
Polsky, 3rd floor Atrium 11:30am-1:30pm

**Suicide Prevention-** Tuesday Feb. 27  
Student Union 314 1:00- 2:00pm

**Stress Management Fair-** Wednesday Feb. 28  
Student Union Piano Lounge 11:30am- 1:30pm

**Stress Management through Biofeedback-** Wednesday Feb. 28  
Student Union Piano Lounge 11:30am- 1:30pm

**Peace, Love and Happiness-** Wednesday Feb. 28  
Student Union 314 1:00- 2:00pm

**Safe Zone Ally Training-** Thursday Mar. 1  
Student Union 314 9:00am-12:00pm

**Taking Care of Others-** Thursday Mar. 1  
Student Union Piano Lounge 11:30am- 1:30pm

**Future Self Fair-** Friday Mar. 2  
Student Union Piano Lounge 11:30am- 1:30pm

### Important Dates

**January 29, 2018**  
Last day to drop classes

**February 20, 2018**  
President's Day Observance,  
classes cancelled

**March 26- 30 2018**  
Spring Break

**April 2, 2018**  
Classes resume

**May 7-13, 2018**  
Final Examination Period

**May 11-13, 2018**  
Spring 2018 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).

You must select "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.

**As previously,** 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 to 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.

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

## GRE & GMAT Preparation

**Prepare. Test. Succeed.** These courses are focused on what you need to know to test successfully and confidently. You will learn testing strategies and methods geared specifically toward all sections of the GRE, GMAT, and LSAT (essays, quantitative, verbal, analytical, and logical reasoning), using high quality study materials.



Please contact **UA Solutions** for more information 330-972-7577 or visit [www.uakron.edu/uas](http://www.uakron.edu/uas)

**LSAT:** Cost: \$349 ..... Start Date: 1/19/18

**GRE:** Cost: \$349 ..... Start Date: 2/23/18

**GMAT:** Cost: \$349 ..... Start Date: 2/23/18

### "How and When do I fill out the FAFSA?" -Advice from ZipAssist

#### **When:**

Financial Aid is given annually. You must complete a new FAFSA every year to apply for grants and loans. FAFSA for 2018-2019 school year is now available.

#### **How:**

1. Obtain a federal FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID)
  - The FSA ID acts as your electronic signature on FAFSA
  - Create your FSA ID at [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov).
2. Submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - FAFSA is available online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).
  - The University of Akron's Federal School Code is 003123.
3. You will receive your SAR (Student Aid Report) from the U.S. Department of Education
  - The SAR summarizes the information you provided on the FAFSA and indicates your Expected Family Contribution, which will help determine your need.

### Suggestion Box

We want your feedback!

Email [ooaga1@uakron.edu](mailto:ooaga1@uakron.edu) with comments about the current newsletter or ideas you would like to see in future newsletters.

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