

# THE OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

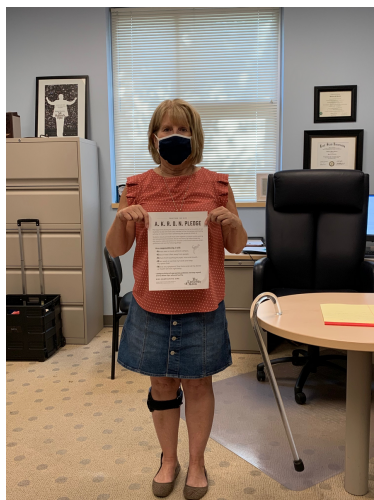
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### LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

**KATHLEEN (KELLY) KULICK, M.ED., CRC**

Welcome to the Fall 2020 semester at The University of Akron! To say it is an unusual start to the fall 2020 semester is an understatement.

In this Covid-19 environment, the Office of Accessibility wants to assure you all precautions are in place campus-wide to restrict the transmission of the virus.



Kelly Kulick, Director, takes the A.K.R.O.N. Pledge

Please remember, you are part of keeping campus safe. Always wear your face covering on campus and practice good hygiene by washing your hands multiple times throughout the day. Never forget, nothing beats the virus better than washing your hands with soap and water. We are all in this together!

The staff in the Office of Accessibility extends a sincere welcome to all students registered with us. We are so glad you are here. If you have not already done so, please email your Disability Specialist. Let us know how your fall 2020 semester is going and let us know if you have any questions or concerns we can answer.

The University of Akron continues to offer students an amazing college experience. From our world-class teaching faculty, to an ever-growing green campus, to our many clubs and organizations—UA has it all! As you are aware, most clubs and organizations will be meeting virtually. Please check to see how you can continue to be involved in the clubs and organizations on campus. Remember, you are an important and valued member of The University of Akron community. As you take advantage of all the resources UA has to offer, take time to meet new people and explore all that our campus has to offer. The University of Akron works tirelessly to make your college experience one that you will remember fondly.

The friends you will make here will be your colleagues in the future. Your professors become mentors, and the campus becomes your new home. I challenge each of you to take advantage of all The University of Akron has to offer.

We are excited you chose The University of Akron!

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## THE OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY'S COVID-19 INFORMATION

The Office of Accessibility staff continue to work hard to ensure your accommodations and services are met during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The links below will direct you to valuable information about the Office of Accessibility's operations during these unique times.

[COVID-19 FAQs](#): this page provides the answers to frequently asked questions for student and faculty as it relates to operations, policies, and procedures during COVID-19.

[COVID-Related Accommodations](#): this page provides the most up-to-date information about any COVID-19 related accommodations that the OA is coordinating, such a mask exemptions.

[Visiting the OA](#): if you are planning to visit us in the physical office (Simmons 105), take a look at this page to gather information about how to plan your visit to the office.



## 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](mailto:career@uakron.edu).

## FIND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ON ROOCONNECT

RooConnect is UA's largest online program for finding student organizations and campus events. It's your connection to campus engagement! With more than 340 registered student organizations, and hundreds of campus events, you need to check out RooConnect today.

### How to Get Started!

1. Visit [RooConnect](#) and login with your UANet ID and password.
2. Once logged in, you can start to search or join student organizations on campus. At the top of the Explore page, click "Organizations." From here, you can search for an organization by name or category. Click on the name of a student organization to learn more about their mission/purpose.
3. Click "Join" or "Contact" to become a part of an organization. Some organizations require a request in order to join.

Questions? Contact the SOuRCe ([source@uakron.edu](mailto:source@uakron.edu)) for more information.



## COLLEGE2CAREERS VIRTUAL/PHONE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) has an OOD College2Careers counselor available for eligible students with disabilities at The University of Akron!

### 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 OOD C2C at The University of Akron to schedule a phone or video/virtual appointment:



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Phone: 330-972-2163

Follow us on Twitter at:  
<https://twitter.com/OhioC2C>



For further information online, please visit:

<https://uakron.edu/career/c2c/>

## TAKE THE A.K.R.O.N. PLEDGE

Zips are pledging to take steps to help ensure their health and the health of others.

Join your fellow Zips above in downloading the [A.K.R.O.N. Pledge](#), which states:

As a responsible Zip, I will:

- Always wear a mask while on campus.
- Keep at least 6 feet away from people.
- Refrain from touching my eyes, nose and mouth.
- Often wash or sanitize my hands and keep my space clean.
- Notice any symptoms? Stay home and call my doctor or Health Services right away.

Download and print the pledge, then send us a photo of you with the pledge, or post it to your social media account and tag it with #AkronPledge.

TOGETHER, WE RISE

# A. K. R. O. N. PLEDGE

## 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](mailto:nab87@uakron.edu).



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## *self advocacy* SKILLS

COMMUNICATE  
WITH YOUR  
PROFESSORS

BE  
CONFIDENT

GET TO KNOW  
YOURSELF

SET  
GOALS

KNOW YOUR  
RIGHTS

GET  
INVOLVED

KNOW YOUR  
RESOURCES

FIND A  
COMMUNITY

ASK FOR  
HELP

CELEBRATE  
YOUR  
SUCCESSSES

## E-TUTORING

eTutoring is a free service for all currently enrolled undergraduate students at The University of Akron. To access eTutoring, visit: [etutoringonline.org](http://etutoringonline.org).

