

THE OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

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MAKING CHANGE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

Dear Students,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we close out the Spring 2021 semester. Spring is always an exciting time on campus, full of refreshed energy and optimism. It is particularly exciting for me this year because I will soon be starting a new adventure of my own.

Effective June 30, 2021, I will be retiring from my position as the Director of the Office of Accessibility.

The past 9 years serving as the Director and working as a Disability Specialist at the University of Akron have been the most rewarding in my 28-year career supporting students with disabilities.

I will be taking many wonderful memories with me as I leave the University. People say that when you retire, it's the people you remember most. I am certain that will be the case for me.

As this transition begins, I want to assure you that the Office of Accessibility will continue to be here for you. I leave my position knowing the Office of Accessibility and the University of Akron are fully committed to the highest quality of service.

Look for great new projects and programs coming out of the Office of Accessibility and know that I will always have a special place in my heart for you and the Office of Accessibility.

I wish each of you the best as you continue your academic career at the University of Akron.

I will be cheering you on.

We Rise Better Together!

Sincerely,

Kathleen (Kelly) Kulick, Director

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DISABILITY DIALOGUE

In this issue's Disability Dialogue section, we feature the YouTube Channel *Squirmy and Grubs* in their video "Things You Should NEVER Say To A Disabled Person".

This video content has been made available for informational and educational purposes only. Office of Accessibility and The University of Akron does not make any position with respect to the accuracy, applicability, fitness, or completeness of the video content.



[Things You Should NEVER Say To A Disabled Person - YouTube](#)



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](#).

NEW - PEER MENTORING NOW AVAILABLE!

The Office of Accessibility's PASS program is excited to be able to offer peer mentoring appointments for students registered with the Office of Accessibility! Our team of peer mentors are able to provide support in the areas of: executive functioning, effective communication, campus resources, study skills, and organization. Our peer mentors have been trained to provide effective support to students with disabilities at the University of Akron.

Peer mentoring will continue into the summer. Students registered with the OA are welcome to participate this summer, even if they are not enrolled in summer classes.

To schedule a peer mentoring appointment, email us at access@uakron.edu.



BECOME A NEW ROO WEEKEND LEADER

Students have until the end of the semester to apply to be a New Roo Weekend Leader (NRWL). Become one of the spirited, enthusiastic leaders who helps our incoming class this fall during New Roo Weekend.

What is New Roo Weekend? It's the best weekend of the year for incoming students, where we help acclimate them to campus with fun activities and the opportunity to make new friends.

Our NRWL group will connect students to campus resources while helping them have a fun time and enjoy the planned weekend of activities. They'll have the chance to share their experiences and lessons they've learned with groups of students.

Leaders will be compensated at \$9.50 an hour, with the expectation to work at least 19 hours over the course of the week.

Applications are due by the end of the semester on Friday, May 7, and can be found on the New Roo Weekend Leader webpage: <https://uakron.edu/nso/nrwleader>.

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



NEW - REQUEST APPOINTMENT FEATURE IN STARS

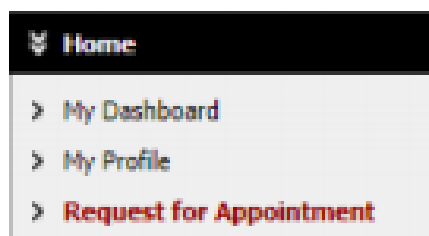
Students registered with the Office of Accessibility are now able to request appointments with their Disability Specialist in STARS!

To request an appointment:

1. Log in to [STARS](#).
2. On your dashboard, click on "Request for Appointment" under the "Home" tab.
3. Complete the Appointment Request Form
4. After submitting your request, an Office of Accessibility staff member will follow up with you via email to confirm your appointment.

Students are also still able to schedule appointments by calling (330-972-7928) or emailing (access@uakron.edu).

For more detailed instructions regarding how to request an appointment, view our online user guide: [How to Request an Appointment](#).



STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Need to get in touch with your Disability Specialist or an OA staff member? Please see their contact information below! Not sure who your Disability Specialist is? Check in STARS for your Primary Advisor, or give us a call at 330-972-7928.

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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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self advocacy SKILLS

COMMUNICATE
WITH YOUR
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BE
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GET TO KNOW
YOURSELF

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GET
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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.

