

# THE OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY

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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

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

Hello Fellow Zips!

I hope your Fall 2020 semester was successful! As we approach Finals Week, we have a few quick reminders:

- Take a deep breath, you can do this!
- If you are planning to use your testing accommodations for finals, be sure to email your professors at least a week before the final is scheduled. **Do not put test requests into STARS unless using a remote proctor.**
- Before you leave for winter break be sure to have a schedule for the Spring 2021 semester.
- Once you have a schedule for Spring 2021, you can go into your STARS account and request your accommodations for your spring classes. As a reminder, Letters of Accommodation for the Spring 2021 semester will go out one week before the start of spring semester.
- Take time to enjoy the season!

The staff in the Office of Accessibility wish each of you a happy and healthy holiday season. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the Spring 2021 semester.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kulick, Director

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## INCLEMENT WEATHER AT UA

In the event of inclement weather, The University of Akron grounds crew works to clear the necessary paths around campus of snow and ice. While their top priorities are clearing accessible ramps and building entrances, please know that if there is heavy snowfall, it can be difficult to keep up with snow accumulation. In the event that you are not able to access a particular place on campus, please call the UAPD Dispatch line to report the issue at 330-972-7415.



## 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).

## SPRING 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

- January 11th, 2021: Spring semester begins **remotely**
- January 18th, 2021: MLK Jr. Day Observance - UA Closed
- January 19th, 2021: First day of face-to face instruction for classes with that option
- January 24th, 2021: Last day to drop 15 week class without "WD"
- February 16th, 2021: President's Day observance (School of Law classes held)
- March 8th, 2021: Summer registration begins
- March 29th, 2021: Fall registration begins
- April 1st, 2021: Summer graduation application due
- April 12th-18th, 2021: Spring Break!
- April 19th, 2021: Classes resume **remotely**
- May 3rd-9th, 2021: Final Exams (**all finals will be remote**)

## 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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Email: [Mara.Byers@ood.ohio.gov](mailto:Mara.Byers@ood.ohio.gov)  
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 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  
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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).

