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REGULA CENTER

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This year was one that saw great success and expansion in much of our programming. We were able to give many students the opportunity to thrive as leaders within the Center and take on greater responsibility through event management, program design and publicity materials. Additionally, we expanded the Civic Corners beyond Stark County, made the Regula Scholars program more vigorous and continued to see participation in community service break records.

Throughout this year we were able to mobilize more than 2,000 volunteers, install Civic Corners in five other locations, encourage updates within our parks system, and increase awareness about candidates running for office. These successes were made possible because of the dedication of our community partners, assistance from faculty and staff and passion among our students. I am proud of the work you will see highlighted here and cannot wait to see what the future holds.



Abby Honaker-Schroeder

**Abby
Honaker-Schroeder '10,
MPA Director**



**Kylie Sees '20
Editor, Contributor**

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECTS

September - Super Service Saturday

More than 100 students and community members came together for a Roadway Cleanup on September 16. Mount Union served as the meeting point for volunteers. The Center coordinated logistics, recruitment, and volunteer support.

October - Raider Aid

A group of Mount Union students worked tirelessly on October 5 to raise more than \$1,700 for victims of Hurricane Florence. The Regula Center donated raffle baskets and helped organize over 100 students to collect donations across the community.

October - Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods

A dedicated group of students woke up early on a rainy Saturday morning to make their community more pleasant for those who live there. Working together with Keep Alliance Beautiful, the students planted trees, bushes, and flowers in a large, previously empty, lot on a main Alliance roadside.

December - Adopt-a-Family

Each year, the Regula Center sponsors local families in need and makes their holidays a little brighter. A large gift tree was placed on a common area in campus with tags of needed items that students and faculty could pick up with their holiday shopping. The large kits were personally tailored to the needs of each family and delivered to them over the holidays.

January - MLK Day of Service

The annual MLK Day of service is a signature event of the Regula Center, and it mobilizes more volunteers than any other event in the Alliance area. On January 21, 525 volunteers met at Mount Union to spend a day serving the local community.

February - Fidget Boards

A group of 20 students gathered together to make 100 fidget boards in less than two hours. Fidget boards are used to help seniors with Alzheimer's to improve their hand movements and to keep their minds active. The boards were donated to seven different nursing homes and assisted livings to maximize their impact.

March - Hygiene Kits

On March 27, 50 students gathered to put together 400 hygiene kits donated to multiple locations across the Alliance community. These kits included the daily essentials for women and babies that may have otherwise gone without.

April - Kiwanis One Day/Global Youth Service Day

As it does each spring, the Center partnered with Kiwanis, Alpha Phi Omega, and Greek Life at Mount Union for a parks cleanup.

May - Trash to Treasure Sale

The Center hosted the annual Trash to Treasure sale as a way to eliminate waste as students leave for the summer and fund the Pay it Forward Program.

FEATURED EVENTS

SUPER SERVICE SATURDAY

On a beautiful Saturday in September, more than 100 students and community members came together to transform the local Butler Rodman Park. In partnership with Lowe's, the group completed various projects to increase the accessibility and usefulness of the park for families and community members of all ages.

A few of the tasks completed include adding cornhole boards, painting the shelters, cleaning up trail entrances, adding a miniature golf course, and more. The project will be completed in the spring.

"The opportunity for Super Service Saturday at Butler Rodman park was great because not only did it involve students in the community but it fostered a relationship between community members, business, and the parks with our university. A lot of that collaboration can be used in other areas within the lives of students, and it left a meaningful impact on both students and our community." - Tobin Huffman '20



FEATURED EVENTS

UNION AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

A group of dedicated students woke up bright-and-early on a Saturday morning, October 27th, to transplant trees, plant flowers, and clean up an empty lot on a busy Alliance road in partnership with Keep Alliance Beautiful. Despite the mud and rain, two corners of the property closest to the road are now blooming and beautiful after a complete makeover.

"To turn the community beautiful with such a hardworking and dedicated group of people made me feel as though we could make a difference; I drive by the corner often, and seeing it makes me feel full and reminds me of the smiling faces of those who helped create it with me" - Augusta Fisher '20



FEATURED EVENTS

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Meet the Candidates Night was a forum in which we had individuals from the stark county ballot and other representatives (district wide) to come and talk to both Mount Union students and the entire community. Students from the political Science department had the opportunity to ask questions on the campaigns or issues of the candidates.



“Meet the Candidates Night was a really good opportunity for students to come forward and put their partisanship aside and see issues and candidates for what they are rather than voting along party lines”

-Quentin Rock '20

FEATURED EVENTS

CONSTITUTION DAY

Constitution day was a showing of RBG. It was a collaborative effort between the Regula Center and Pre-Law Society and Civic Corners with Kumler. Showed the documentary and handed out literature and constitutions for students to refer to including a periodical published by congress provided by Regula Center.

“Constitution Day helped my appreciation for the justice because I was not really aware of all the struggles that she went through on her journey to become one of the justices on the high court. It was a good, very informative event.”

-Quentin Rock '20



2019 MLK DAY OF SERVICE

525+
VOLUNTEERS

164
BAGS OF
DETERGENT

155
PILLOW CASES

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Hartville Thrift Shoppe
- The Valentine Project
- Alliance Catholic Worker
- Alliance Community Pantry
- Friends of the Parks
- Area Nursing Homes
- Beech Creek Botanical Gardens
- Carnation City Players
- Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity
- Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter
- Stark Parks
- Habitat for Humanity of Easter Columbiana County
- Early Childhood Resource Center
- Alliance Family YMCA
- Union Avenue United Methodist Church
- Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center
- Relay for Life
- Meals on Wheels
- YWCA of Alliance

257
BAGS OF SOUP

21
SERVICE
LOCATIONS

76
BLANKETS

26
WREATHS

CIVIC CORNERS



In addition to local outreach using the Civic Corners, Dr. Lori Kumler and Gina Maida have presented the concept and outcomes in various methods including the Ohio Private Academic Libraries (OPAL) conference, Ohio Library Conference (OLC) conference and Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) annual meeting.

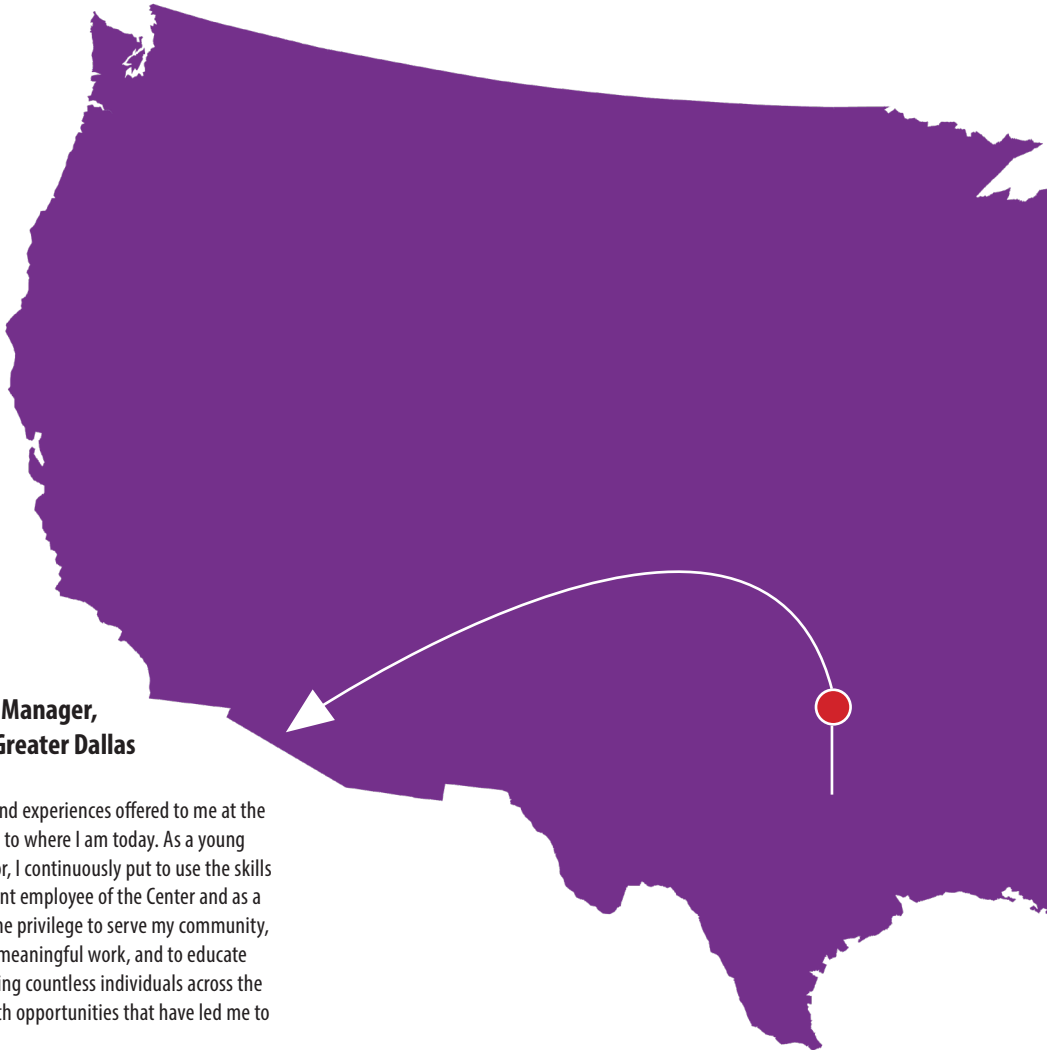
In 2018, the Regula Center worked with the Department of Political Science and International Studies, as well as the Mount Union Library, to become the first University to install special kiosks to help students fulfill their civic duties. Located in the Kolenbrander-Harter Information Center (KHIC) and Hoover-Price Campus Center (HPCC), these kiosks serve as resources that allow students to request an absentee ballot, complete voter registration, and locate and send messages to their elected officials. Since the development of the corners, the Center has provided the funding and oversight to sell personalized kiosks to other libraries and institutions. To date, a Civic Corner was donated to Alliance High School and orders have been fulfilled for kiosks throughout Ohio and as far away as Washington.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS



Kristen Jackson '17
Community Engagement Manager,
Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas

“The mentorship, opportunities, and experiences offered to me at the Regula Center have paved my way to where I am today. As a young professional in the nonprofit sector, I continuously put to use the skills and leadership I gained as a student employee of the Center and as a Regula Scholar. Everyday, I have the privilege to serve my community, to lead hundreds of volunteers in meaningful work, and to educate the public on real problems affecting countless individuals across the nation. I am grateful for the growth opportunities that have led me to this point in my career.”

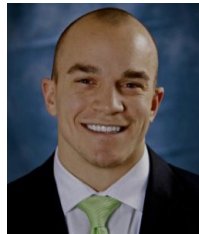


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Zak Suhar '13
Global Creative Strategist,
Google

“Being a Regula Scholar at Mount Union has positively impacted me on where I am in my career. The program instilled values in me like the importance of community engagement, ethical decision making, and focusing on relationships to make positive change. I am continually reminded of these values as I work with small business advertisers to provide products and services to help them to more easily create videos, showcasing their unique stories on YouTube. Anytime in business, I feel that it’s so important to stay grounded in doing what is right for the user or individual, business, and broader community, which I’ve applied in business settings and has gotten me to where I am today.”



Tim Hatton '12
Senior Budget Analyst,
Executive Office of the Mayor
Washington, DC

“I joined the Regula Center as part of the inaugural class of scholars in 2010. It was an amazing opportunity to be part of a new program and help shape the future of the Center. My experience as a Regula Scholar, and my interactions with the Regulas, have inspired me to pursue my own career in public service. Today, I proudly serve the Mayor of Washington, DC, Mayor Muriel Bowser. In my capacity, I advise her on policy initiatives and investments in our city’s education system. The Regula Center, and especially Ralph and Mary Regula, taught me the importance of service to our communities, and the hard work it takes to get there. Both Ralph and Mary are the best examples of this, and I strive— everyday —to honor this example and to honor their legacy through my work and through my service.”

REMEMBERING RALPH AND MARY

The Center was fortunate to have the influence of Ralph and Mary for so long. Their impact on young people and on public service changed lives and communities throughout northeast Ohio and beyond. This year their family donated an array of items that are now on display in the Center. This space brings the accomplishments of the Regula's to light and allows for others to see how accomplished Ralph and Mary were. We are grateful to have the support of their children and look forward to continuing to expand our collection to include an online archive.



MISSION AND VISION

The mission of the Regula Center for Public Service and Civic Engagement is to promote civic engagement, community outreach, and experiential learning with an emphasis on ethical decision-making, high standards of inclusivity, ingenuity, and long-lasting partnerships to create positive change.



The vision of the Ralph and Mary Regula Center for Public Service and Civic Engagement is four-fold:

1. Mount Union will become a significant conduit of prepared and motivated individuals seeking careers in local, state, and federal government in a wide variety of capacities.
2. Access to a comprehensive service-learning community service program will allow students opportunities to become involved in activities which lead to enhancement of their long-term commitment to civic engagement, social responsibility, and public service.
3. The academic and intellectual climate of Mount Union will be enhanced by expanding beyond the boundaries of the traditional classroom.
4. Mount Union will have a lasting, positive effect on the broader community by developing partnerships and conducting research designed to address key community needs and important social problems.

***80% of Mount Union students participate in service annually**

REGULA SCHOLARS

The Center began the Regula Scholars Program in an effort to recognize outstanding students and provide them with additional opportunities. This program was initiated and continues to be possible thanks to a lead endowed gift from Bob '67 and Linda DeHoff. An additional endowed gift was added by David '63 and Elaine (Venon '63) Dabelko in 2014. Since then all funds raised for the Regula Center have been added to endowments for the Regula Scholars.



SHANNON DILLON

Major: Political Science
Involvement: Alpha Chi Omega, Pre-Law Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, Alpha Kappa Delta, Alpha Lambda Delta



ETHAN MCCOMB

Major: Political Science
Involvement: Football Team, Pi Sigma Alpha



JOEY FATALOK

Major: Political Science
Involvement: Pre-Law Society, Senior Class Officer, Alpha Mu Gamma, Pi Sigma Alpha



MAGGIE O'DONNELL

Majors: Finance, Marketing
Involvement: Women's Soccer Team, Student Athletic Advisory Council, Alpha Phi Omega, Study Abroad Student Ambassador



LINDSAY GUNDLAH

Major: Education
Involvement: Alpha Chi Omega, IT'S Math Education Club, Alpha Lambda Delta, Fellowship of Christian Athletes



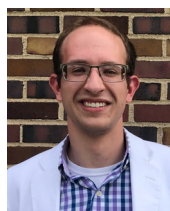
RACHEL REESE

Major: Education
Involvement: Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Chi Omega, Student Ambassador, Raider REcruit, Fellowship of Christian Athletes



EMILY HOFFER

Major: Nursing
Involvement: Delta Sigma Tau, Alpha Phi Omega, Student Nursing Association



QUENTIN ROCK

Major: Political Science
Involvement: Pre-Law Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, Men's Golf Team, Senior Class Officer, Eagle Scout

STUDENT ASSISTANTS

The Center's foundation is the work of dedicated student assistants who create programs, perform daily office tasks, recruit participants and much more. Each year the Center hires student employees and works with some who intern or volunteer their time.

2019 GRADUATING ASSISTANTS:

JOSH THORNE

Major - Nursing

Hometown - Alexandria, Virginia

Years of Employment - 1

"Working at the Regula Center has allowed me to see public service and community engagement in action."

ABIGAIL MATSUSHIMA

Major - Marketing and Management

Hometown - Portland, Oregon

Years of Employment - 1

"Being a student assistant at the Regula Center has opened my eyes to the opportunities that are available. Having been a part of some of the largest service projects that Mount Union has hosted showed me the generosity that my peers have. I can say I have become a better individual, leader, and colleague because of the Regula Center."

HANNAH REIHELD

Major - English and Adolescent/Young Adult Education

Hometown - Millersburg, Ohio

Years of Employment - 1.5

"I have really enjoyed working at the Regula Center and being able to see the direct results of my work in the Mount Union and Alliance community."

RETURNING ASSISTANTS:

Kylie Sees

Matt Honaker

Nicole Will

Jake Vanderkar

Destanee O'Neil










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