



The Office of Accessibility Newsletter

Dear students,

I am sure you do not need reminding that this is a busy time of year! There are papers and assignments to complete, presentations to give and of course final exams to study for. In the midst of all these obligations, remember there are plenty of resources in place to help and support you, such as the writing labs, the math labs, and the tutoring center. All the hard work and studying is about to come together for you.

As you begin to prepare for Finals Week, keep the following in mind:

1. Get your test requests into STARS **as soon as possible!**
2. Eat a good breakfast on test day.
3. Get plenty of sleep the night before the exam.
4. Arrive at the testing site **on time** and confident that you are prepared to do your best.

If you are planning to take summer or fall classes, be sure to request your accommodation letters in STARS. Requested letters will not be sent out to professors until one week before the class begins.

The Office of Accessibility staff is also here for you. If you need assistance requesting accommodations, submitting exam requests, or accessing your accommodations in STARS, stop in for assistance, or refer to the STARS user guides. If you would like to meet with your Disability Specialist, call the front desk (330.972.7928) to make an appointment.

On behalf of the Office of Accessibility, I would like to wish each of you a successful end to the spring 2018 semester. For those of you who are graduating, we wish you all the best in your future!

Kelly Kulick
Director
Office of Accessibility

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Graduating Spring 2018?

Commencement ceremonies will be held on Friday May 12, Saturday May 13, and Sunday May 14 at E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall. To check when your college ceremony is scheduled or view a live stream online visit: <http://www.uakron.edu/live/>

Questions? Please visit <http://www.uakron.edu/registrar/graduation/> for more information.

Don't Leave for Summer without Registering for Fall 2018!

Now is the time to lock your spot in classes for the Fall 2018 semester! Register online through My Akron by logging in with your UAnet ID and password at <http://my.uakron.edu>.



Need help registering for classes?

- Visit ZipAssist in the lobby of Simmons Hall. The friendly staff will be able to help you enroll in classes.

Need help choosing your classes?

- Start by asking your academic advisor(s) for help.

Once you have a fall 2018 schedule of classes, don't forget to request your accommodations in STARS!

- Schedule an appointment with your Disability Specialist or stop by the office if you need assistance or have questions/concerns

Don't leave for summer break without registering for Fall. Why wait? Register now!

Senior Week Events!

Check out the [Senior Week site](#) for information about Senior Week programs, Events kick off April 28th and conclude Friday May 4th. To reserve your spot in several events, please sign up by visiting: <http://signup.com/go/mVgywZV>

Some Quick Highlights:

- ◆ Class of 2018 commemorative pins will be given away throughout the week
- ◆ VIP Campus Tour – featuring places students normally wouldn't have access to
- ◆ FREE services provided by Career Services
- ◆ 60 free tickets & meal vouchers for a RubberDucks game
- ◆ Happy Hour at Thirsty Dog Brewing Co. (a commemorative alumni glass for all attendees)
- ◆ An evening at Sarah's Vineyard in Cuyahoga Falls (a commemorative alumni wine glass for all attendees)
- ◆ Graduation Cap decorating
- ◆ Tuesday Trivia Night

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Don't Freak about Finals Week

Stressed about upcoming exams and final projects? ZipAssist is here to help. Check out these de-stressing events that take place across campus during finals week.

Zippy's Stress Buster

Monday, May 7th - 11 am-12:30 pm - Simmons First Floor Lobby

Kick-off finals week by joining Zippy for a punching-bag session! Instructors will be on-hand to motivate you to de-stress and teach you some moves. Don't miss the chance to get a photo with Zippy before break!

Equipment and snacks provided.

Game Night

Tuesday, May 8th - 5:30-7 pm - Simmons First Floor Lobby

Take a study break, bring some friends and join us for Game Night fun! Including corn hole, board games, cards and jumbo yard games!

Snacks provided.

Coffee Yoga

Wednesday, May 9th - 7-8 am - SRWC Studio A

[Weather permitting: Outside]

Head down to the SRWC for a morning of relaxation with the Vinyasa Yoga Class.

FREE coffee from the Climbing Rock Cafe for the first 50 attendees!

Procrastination Station

ALL WEEK - 9 am-3 pm May 7-10th - Simmons first Floor Lobby

Crunch time? Stop into Simmons Hall for our study lounge and stress relieving activities. Enjoy quiet space, access to computers and free printing.

To relax, enjoy adult coloring or make your own stress ball!

Snacks provided.

Contact ZipAssist at uazipassist@uakron.edu with any questions or concerns.

Important Dates

May 7-13 2018
Final Examinations

May 11-13, 2018
Spring 2018
Commencement

May 21, 2018
Summer
Interession and 8
week classes
begin

May 28, 2018
Memorial Day
Observance,
University Closed

June 10, 2018
Summer
Interession
classes end

June 12, 2018
Summer Session
1st 5 week classes
begin

Make a Difference during National Volunteer Week April 22-28

Starting on April 23, serveAkron is promoting a week-long series of drop-in service events, community engagement and volunteer opportunities, as well as the Summer Volunteer Fair. If you are interested in registering for a Weekday Community Service project with Habitat for Humanity, The Well Akron, OPEN, or The Akron Rotary Camp, sign up [here](#). For more information contact: serve@uakron.edu

Need Accommodations for Placement Tests?

If you are registered with the Office of Accessibility and require accommodations to complete a placement test(s), please contact your **Disability Specialist for assistance** at least *one month* prior to your scheduled Placement Test.

- Certain rare accommodations, in some cases, may require further coordination between the student and the Office of Accessibility. A follow-up email will be sent regarding next steps, the appropriate contacts and accommodations.

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).

Reminder, 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 into 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. You must select the 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.

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

Suggestion Box

We want your feedback!

Email ooaga1@uakron.edu with comments about the current newsletter or ideas you would like to see in future newsletters.

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