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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

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I hope your Fall 2019 semester was successful!
A few quick reminders as we approach Finals Week:

- Take a deep breath, you can do this!
- If you are planning to use your testing accommodations for finals, be sure to put in your test requests into STARS as soon as possible.
- If you need help submitting your requests, check out the tutorials available on the Office of Accessibility home page or you can stop into the Office of Accessibility anytime. The front desk staff can assist you in putting in your test requests.
- Before you leave for winter break be sure to have a schedule for the Spring 2020 semester.
- Once you have a schedule for Spring 2020, you can go into your STARS account and request your accommodations for your spring classes. As a reminder, Letters of Accommodation for the Spring 2020 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 holiday season, and we look forward to continuing to work with you in the Spring 2020 semester.

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PASS WORKSHOPS

We are excited to have two more upcoming Peer Assistance for Support and Success (PASS) workshops on the calendar!

Join us on December 5th and January 22nd for the following events:

- 12/5: De-Stress Event
11AM-1PM
Student Union Trapezoid Lounge
- 1/22: Resource Fair
1-3PM
Student Union Ballroom A

Questions about this event can be directed to Ashley Haas, PASS Coordinator, at ahaas@uakron.edu.



DISABILITIES AWARENESS WEEK 2019

The Office of Accessibility would like to extend a "thank you" to our University community for your support of Disabilities Awareness Week (DAW) 2019! With a higher turnout than ever before, we were excited to be able to share this week-long series of events with so many students, staff, and faculty.

A list of the events held is still available at uakron.edu/access/disabilities-awareness-week/.

Have ideas for DAW 2020? We would love to hear them! Email us at access@uakron.edu.

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 visit Career Services in Jean Hower Taber Student Union 211.



ALTERNATIVE TESTING DURING FINAL EXAMS WEEK

Are you planning to utilize your alternative testing accommodations for your final exams this semester? If so, please remember the following and be sure to contact the Office of Accessibility if you have any questions.

- Final exam requests must be submitted in STARS at least 1 full week in advance.
 - Submitting late final exam requests often results in the request being denied due to space, time, or staff restrictions.
 - Communicate with your instructors about when and where you will be taking their final exam.
 - Be sure to schedule your finals at a time that allows you to utilize your full time extension before your testing location closes.
 - Arrive early to your scheduled exams to make sure you are able to start right on time.
 - Get lots of rest, and be sure to attend study groups and review sessions.
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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.

ENROLL FOR SPRING 2020 CLASSES

Have you enrolled for Spring 2020 classes yet? Be sure to do so as soon as possible to secure your spot in the courses you want to take. Meet with your academic advisor for assistance in selecting classes and enrolling.

Once you are enrolled in your Spring 2020 classes, don't forget to request your accommodations in STARS! The Office of Accessibility encourages students to request their accommodations 4 weeks prior to the start of each semester to ensure plenty of time to coordinate your accommodations.

Do you need help requesting your accommodations? Please feel free to visit <https://uakron.edu/dotAsset/5872430c-abe0-47f8-a929-96219272425f.pdf> or stop in the OA during business hours.



TUTORING AT UA

The University of Akron has several tutoring locations. You may want to consider taking advantage of tutoring services in preparation for your final exams!

Information regarding tutoring services can be found at <https://www.uakron.edu/tutoring/>

Tutoring locations on campus include Bierce Library and the Polsky Building. Services offered include Math Lab, Writing Commons, subject tutoring, and more.

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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IMPORTANT DATES

Final Exams Week Dec. 9-15

Equipment Due Dec. 13

Back to OA

Commencement Dec. 14

Final Grades Due Dec. 17

OA Closed Dec. 23-Jan. 1

Spring 2020 January 13

Semester Begins

