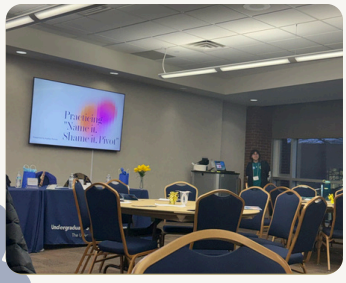
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

March '26

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT



On March 16th, USG hosted its annual Women's Empowerment Summit. Attendees had the pleasure of hearing from a panel of female student leaders about their experiences on campus and in their positions. There was also a panel of women in the professional field from around the area, each chosen by the attending student organizations. Students were able to ask them questions about their experiences in their careers, especially in relation to their status as women. Following this, a student presented on strategies to deal with sexist comments in a professional way, leaving off with an activity to practice these skills. Overall, the Women's Empowerment Summit was a great way to celebrate the women on our campus and in the area, as well as have important conversations about being a women in the professional world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Consent Awareness Campaign
- 4/15 from 11am-1:30pm outside of the Student Union Dunkin

Take Back The Night
- 4/21 from 6-8pm in outside of Dunkin

Exchange Street Safety Walk
- 4//22 from 7-8pm

USG Day at the Akron Art Museum
- 4/22 from 4-6pm at the Akron Art Museum

Spring Campus Cleanup
- 4/24 from 11am-1pm

USG UPDATES

Legislative Branch (LB)

- On March 5th, USG had the honor to have the Mayor of Akron, Shammas Malik speak at a Senate Meeting. There, he discussed his experience prior to becoming Mayor, and focused on advocacy for others and improving our community.
- On March 12th, Chief of Staff Kelly led the Senate in a LinkedIn Workshop
- Many Senator projects have been in the works this month, concerning meal swipes, dorm accessibility, facility security, outreach, and more!

Historical Records

- In March 2010, Associated Student Government passed SR 26-09-10 "Springboard Utilization" which dealt with low usage of Springboard, which is now Brightspace. This legislation covers the same issues that SR 08-25-26 "Brightspace Grade Reporting" that was written by Senator Sterns on March 5th!
- In March of last year, USG's Senate passed SR 02-24-25 "Pride Flag Installation", which instructed USG on the purchase and installation of a Pride Flag in the Student Union, to replace the flags that had been taken down earlier that year.

Judicial Branch (JB)

- As the Elections Board, the branch has been running the Spring election cycle! At the end of March, Senators for the 2026-2027 academic year were elected, and the President and Vice President will be elected at the beginning of April
- The branch tabled for the Department of Student Conduct in the Student Union for Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- The branch reviewed and amended the Grievance Process for constitutional and elections grievances
- Check the results of the spring election on the USG Website!

Committees

A.P.S.S. Committee

- The committee passed Brightspace legislation, worked on A.P.S.S. social media initiative, UAkronPark collaboration for outdoor basketball courts, cameras in Knight Chemical Lab, Honors Staircase Legislation, and a Bierce Library Initiative.

F.A.S.T. Committee

- Working on ZipAssist meal swipes initiative, water purification legislation, and Peace of Earth legislation. Finished Myers Art project and Office of Accessibility website rework.

S.E. Committee

- Working on bathroom upkeep initiative, USG feedback form, ICE project, and advertising policy on campus.

Diversity Committee

- Working to increase student engagement and representation.
- Women's Empowerment Summit completed. Soccer Tournament Event planning.

Executive Branch (EB)

The Communications Team

- Promoting information for the Special Presidential Election
- Promoting Canes and Nothing Bundt Cake fundraisers

The Finance Team

- The final day to submit an Allocation Request for 2025–2026 UAF/EAF funds is April 24. Students must use allocated funds by May 22.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (D.E.I.) Team

- Hosted Womens Empowerment Summit

EB Continued

The Campus and Community Outreach Team

- Hosted Akron's Small Business Series Passport event to showcase businesses around Downtown Akron
- Hosted Tabling for Speak Your Zip, allowing students to share thoughts on campus

The Project Coordination Team

- Planned the USG End of Year Inauguration
- They also planned out the end-of-campus activities for USG

Chief of Staff

- Preparing Senior speeches for the upcoming USG End-of-Year Awards
- Led LinkedIn Workshop

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Have Feedback For USG?

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