

The University Center makes every event special

The jewel of Northeast Ohio, as far as meeting and event venues go, is nestled on the picturesque campus of Kent State University at Stark. The gently rolling hills, pristine landscaping and seclusion of the campus give The University Center a country club atmosphere; and yet, it is only minutes away from the Akron-Canton Airport, partner hotels and area attractions, like the Pro Football Hall of Fame, McKinley Presidential Library and Museum, National First Ladies Library and 21 beautiful public golf courses. Serving the Akron-Canton area since 2000, The University Center has earned Stark County's distinction as "Best Place to Host a Meeting or Corporate Event" in 2008 and 2009.

Since its inception, The University Center has adhered to the stringent guidelines of the International Association of Conference Centers, (IACC) whose mission is to assist members in providing the world's most productive meeting facilities. In so doing, conference rooms promote maximum efficiency by providing ergonomic chairs, tables with hard writing surfaces, adjustable lighting, solid soundproof walls and on-site technology support, as well as continuous refreshment breaks and on-site dining, enabling groups to focus on the content of their meetings in a distraction-free setting.

With more than 26,000 square feet of meeting and banquet space, The University Center features 14 meeting rooms, including Timken Great Hall, which seats 400 banquet style or 600 theater style. The Hoover Seminar room boasts a corporate theater with cutting-edge technology and tiered seating accommodating 52 participants, which allows for a high level of interactivity in an intimate setting. CEOs, trustees and directors enjoy meeting in the highly sophisticated and well appointed Smith Board Room, which seats 22 people.

The deal-maker for event planners looking for an outstanding venue is The University Center's advanced computing and communications infrastructure. Wireless Internet is available throughout the building as well as a TV-quality recording studio including digital nonlinear editing and satellite uplink capabilities, allowing clients to broadcast their meeting or event worldwide. Computer labs enable corporations to provide software training for their employees and sophisticated videocon-



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ferencing equipment is available when face-to-face meetings are not an option. Every meeting room is equipped with LCD projectors or flat panel monitors. And, in accordance with IACC guidelines, an AV technician is always on site.

Area corporations, such as The Timken Company, Diebold Inc., Babcock & Wilcox, Aultman Hospital, SummaCare and Goodyear frequent The University Center for off-site meetings and training. The Corporate University is on site offering professional development, employee training, and research and evaluation services to local organizations, and, the Canton Small Business Development Center and Canton Regional SCORE offices are located on site, as well.

• The American Heart Association, Aultman
 • Health Foundation and many area brides are
 • among those who have discovered that by
 • night, The University Center transforms into
 • an elegant venue for galas and social events.
 • On a daily basis, guests are served delectable
 • gourmet cuisine prepared by culinary
 • professionals, but all the stops are pulled
 • out when the lights go down and cocktails,
 • exquisite hors d'oeuvres and the dance
 • floor are rolled out. The University Center's
 • spacious atrium, with its vaulted ceilings,
 • magnificent skylights, flowing mahogany
 • staircase and comfortable soft seating, is
 • the perfect site for greeting guests and
 • savoring hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Inside
 • the elegant Timken Great Hall, dinner music,
 • variable lighting effects, ficus trees, techno
 • beams and many more amenities add the
 • finishing touches for special events.



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