

The latest UC news for you! Alumnus of 2020, Alumni Association, and more...

# UC NEWS ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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## A Message from President Marty Roth

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am pleased to share that UC accomplished what many schools hoped and tried to do but could not: bring students to our campuses and successfully complete the Fall 2020 semester! Our students, faculty and staff embraced our health and safety protocols, put we before me, and made the best of a difficult situation. I could not be prouder of our community's commitment, resilience, and responsibility!



Across our Beckley, Charleston, and online programs, we have over 2,900 students pursuing their personal and professional goals at UC. Your University continues to grow despite the challenges facing our industry.

Our values and mission have provided the guiding lights to help us be so successful. We are steadfast in our student focus, commitment to quality, and assurance of integrity. And we are resolute in our mission to educate each student for a life of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement.

Your encouraging words, positive thoughts, and generous gifts have also helped us immensely. We are grateful for all of your support!

Wishing you and your families continued safety and good health through the holidays, and to a better year ahead!

Marty

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## Alumni Spotlight: Danielle Upton, Class of 2007

Danielle Upton is a 2007 graduate who grew up in Stuart, FL, and landed at University of Charleston as a result of her love for tennis. Her parents are from West Virginia, her father is a former tennis coach for UC. When she came to the university for her recruitment trip, there was an “immediate connection with the girls,” says Danielle. Read more about Danielle [here](#).



read full article.

#### Downtown Art by UC Students

During our recent Labor of Love weekend, students and others became part of an important work of art that celebrates the lives and many contributions of immigrants to our region. Click [here](#) to

**Beth Wolfe, Executive Vice President of Enrollment Management, says, "UC is affordable."**

Did you know that nearly 100% of UC undergraduate students receive financial aid? Every incoming full-time undergraduate student is considered for an academic scholarship upon admission to UC, and those awards are based entirely on the students' GPAs, no standardized test necessary!

Because of our strong investment in our students (and our flexible curriculum that allows many students to graduate in less than four years), UC students graduate with less debt on average than students from many of West Virginia's other universities—including some public institutions! Of course, our institutional generosity is only possible because of the generosity of the alumni and friends of UC/MHC. A significant portion of the scholarship awards we're able to give students based on their exceptional talents and potential for contribution to our campus are funded by you. Whether to honor a distinguished alumnus or a respected faculty member, scholarship monies donated by our alumni help the Admissions and Financial Aid offices build scholarship packages that attract (and retain) the best and brightest to UC. We are thankful to have the capability to enhance our academic scholarship dollars with additional awards that often make the difference in a student's decision to become a Golden Eagle. If you know of an exceptional high school student, encourage them to visit [www.ucwv.edu/scholarships](http://www.ucwv.edu/scholarships) for more information on our academic scholarships (up to \$20,000 annually) and our additional scholarship programs including the Presidential Scholarship which provides full tuition, room and board for four years of undergraduate study (application deadline is January 11, 2021). When the quality of a UC education also comes with an affordable price, the student (and their family) get an exceptional value.

**Beth Wolfe, Ed.D.**

Executive Vice President of Enrollment Management





### **Stay connected to your University!**

There's a special bond shared by all of our alumni – memories, accomplishments, proud moments, challenging moments – and we hope that you always have a space for UC in your heart. And we'd like to invite you to share that bond with other Golden Eagles by becoming a member of our Alumni Association.

As a member of the UC Alumni Association, you can enjoy many additional benefits beyond your alumni status, and give back in even more ways. Serve as a "Brand Ambassador" to help recruit students, participate in a senior student event in the spring, serve as a "Give Day" ambassador, work on projects to help enhance UC, and more.

And you can choose your membership level:

**The Gold Level** requires a \$100 membership donation, and includes a decal, key chain, coffee tumbler, invitations to special VIP events, discounts and more.

**The Maroon Level** is just \$25, and includes our decal, alumni koozie, special events, discounts and more.

Join your fellow Golden Eagle alumni – connect with old friends and meet new ones - by becoming a member of the UC Alumni Association. For more details, visit our [website](#) or feel free to reach out to the Alumni Office directly at 304-357-4734.

***Members will receive info about the monthly meeting on December 9th at 4pm for our next Alumni Association Meeting via email!***





**Join Now**

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## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

to recognize and thank alumni, family and friends who have made a bequest or planned gift to the University of Charleston that will provide for generations of students to come. Members of the Heritage Society have endowed faculty chairs and scholarships, helped sustain innovative programs, made possible a variety of academic initiatives and transformed the architecture on campus. Click [here](#) to learn more!

**Did you know we have a Heritage Society?** All gifts to the University are impactful and one giving opportunity is through Planned Giving. The Heritage Society was established in 1990

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Go to [www.ucwv.edu/events](http://www.ucwv.edu/events) or click [here](#)

Click on an event below for more information & registration.

**December 12** @10:00 am-12:00 pm - [December Commencement Ceremony](#)

**January 9, 2021** - [Lean Six Sigma Certification](#)

**January 21, 2021** @ 11:00am- The Show Must Go On: A free Virtual Series to Help

Organizations Weather the COVID-19 Storm, [Session 3](#)

# LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

Have you recently changed jobs? Did you and your family make a big move? Do you have exciting news to share with your alumni family? We want to hear about it! Update your alumni record and enter your "Class Notes" [here](#) so that we can share your successes with the rest of the Golden Eagle family. Keep soaring to new heights!



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