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A Message from Vice President Gail Carter

Dear Alumni and Friends,

November is named National Gratitude Month, but gratitude is more than simply saying “thank you.” Gratitude is the state of being grateful according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. We can all think of things for which we are grateful, but at the University of Charleston, we are grateful for YOU...our alumni and donors! The year of 2020 has been very challenging, but we are enduring the COVID-19 pandemic thus far and much of that can be attributed to you and your support for UC!

Connectivity with alumni has been difficult without in-person events, but

your support and willingness to be flexible via virtual meetings has been appreciated. Last month we hosted a virtual Homecoming, held two different speaker series events, and we began a new structure to the Alumni Association with over 60 people joining so far. They are staying connected by attending monthly meetings, getting updates about UC, and beginning initiatives with ideas for special projects and working on strengthening our culture to transition students to alumni. The ideas may not all be new, but the energy and excitement from alumni near and far through virtual meetings has been enlightening.

We are winding down the year with a couple of exciting announcements...our 2020 Alumnus of the Year and our new Director of Alumni Relations. Read below for more details about both of these individuals.

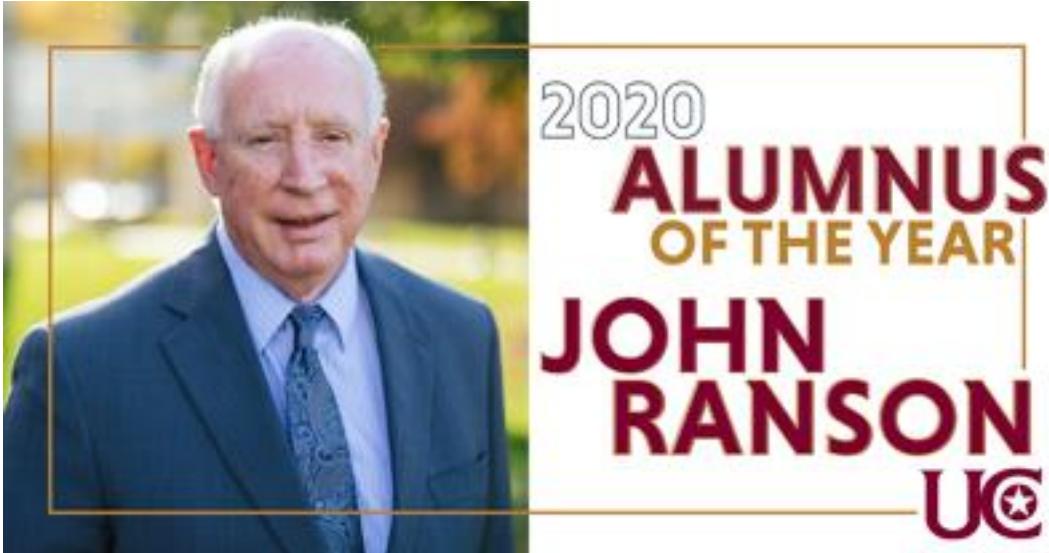
As we enter the final weeks of 2020, I know many of us are grateful that this tough year is almost over. Our students are leaving at Thanksgiving break and won't return until mid-January. They are going to continue to need our help and support returning to a campus which is safe and healthy to succeed with their education.

Happy Holidays and please consider supporting your beloved MHC/UC with a gift in 2020!

Go Golden Eagles!

Gail





Our alumni are a special group. Whether they graduated from Morris Harvey or University of Charleston, they can be found all over the world, in many different occupations, with many different talents. But they are all united in their pride for their alma mater – and we are honored that so many give back to us.

Our 2020 Alumnus of the Year, John Ranson, is a special example of giving back.

John graduated from Morris Harvey in 1962 with a BS in Chemistry. He joined Goodrich-Gulf Chemicals after graduation, and later joined Borg-Warner Chemicals until the business was sold. He then became the Director of the Governor's Office of Economic and Community Development, and in 1990, was promoted to Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Commerce, Labor and Environment. He left state government in 1994.

He is a strong believer in giving to the community and to education. He is a former Board member and Board Chairman of the West Virginia Independent Colleges & Universities, Inc. He is also a former Board member and officer of Ronald McDonald Children's Charities of Southern West Virginia.

John and his wife, Lois Tucker Ranson, recently celebrated their 55th anniversary. They have three adult sons and eight grandchildren.

He has served his alma mater as a member of the Board of Trustees and remains as an emeritus Trustee. He has served our university with enthusiasm and dedication and we are proud to name him our 2020 Alumnus of the Year.

Thank you for the many years of support and wisdom you have provided the University of Charleston!

Congratulations, John!



Announcing our New Director of Alumni Relations

We are pleased to announce Christina Carr as the new Director of Alumni Relations beginning on Monday, November 9th. Christina will work in the Advancement and Alumni Relations Office. Her job responsibilities will include planning and implementing events designed to strengthen relationships between UC and our alumni including class reunions, cultivating current students to facilitate their transition from students at UC to alumni who remain engaged with UC after graduation, regular communication with alumni via monthly newsletters, promoting and coordinating social media with the Advancement Office and implementing UC's GiveDay along with others in the Advancement Office. Christina graduated from

University of Charleston in 2006 with a degree in Business Administration. She has had an extensive sales career with her most recent role as a Territory Sales Manager with Century Resources. Christina lives in Putnam County with her husband and 2 children. You can reach out to Christina by email at christinacarr@ucwv.edu or 304-357-4734.



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 nifty decal, good looking coffee tumbler, invitations to special events, discounts and more.

The Maroon Level is just \$25, and still includes our spiffy decal, 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 304-357-4735.

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

[Join Now](#)



When considering pursuing an advanced degree for the purpose of advancing your career, the idea of taking classes while working full time can be daunting. But with UC's new online MBA, balancing work, life, and school has never been easier. Our courses are designed as 7-week courses so you can complete two courses per semester, but will only have

to focus on one course at a time. Also, our 7-week format allows you to begin the program at one of six times per year, and allows you to stop and restart as your busy life may demand. With a per-credit-hour tuition rate of \$590, total tuition for the program comes in under \$20,000....one of the best values available for an MBA. If you've been waiting for the right moment to take your career to the next level with an MBA, we are ready to help you make that goal a reality. Contact Matt McNeil, Assistant Director of Admissions for MBA and International Recruitment at matthewmcneil@ucwv.edu or 304-357-4991 for more information on the program and our simple admissions process (no GMAT/GRE required!).

[**Learn More**](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Click on an event below for more information & registration.

Nov. 11 @ 12pm - [MBA Speaker Series \(Virtual Event\)](#) - Trip Shumate, Merrill Lynch

Nov. 17 @ 12pm - [Virtual Open House: MBA Program](#)

Nov. 18 @ 12pm - ["The Show Must Go On" - Business Continuity Series \(Virtual Event\): Accelerating Your Privacy and Security Strategies Presented by SEGRA](#)

**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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