

# UC NEWS ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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Dear Alumni and Friends,  
I hope this message finds you and your families doing well. In just a few weeks we will celebrate the accomplishments of our most recent graduates. Three "mini" ceremonies will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Wehrle Arena to maintain a safe, socially distanced experience. Over 300 students plan to attend, each with two visitors. Our commencement speaker will be alumnus and Atlanta Falcons football player John Cominsky. Since December, we have been working closely with the Kanawha Charleston Health

Department on vaccine distribution. Our physician assistant and pharmacy faculty and students have been instrumental in helping West Virginia lead the nation in vaccine access. With most employees already vaccinated, we will be hosting clinics for current UC students, and weekend clinics for the local community (e.g., resident of Kanawha City). We are gratified to live our community involvement mission by combatting the novel coronavirus.

We are excited to launch two new graduate programs in the coming academic year. The new Master of Science in Business Analytics and Applied Artificial Intelligence will launch in Fall 2021. This innovative program will prepare managers with the knowledge and skills to succeed in today's data-rich business environment. In January 2022 our new Master of Science in Nursing program with a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) emphasis is scheduled to open. Both

programs are delivered online to best serve the educational needs of working adults. Please visit our website to learn about these and other exciting programs.

Wherever you may be I hope that you are enjoying spring and staying safe!

Marty



## Spring Sports Highlights:

**Baseball** Coach Britt's baseball team has the best start EVER in program history with an overall record of 17-3, and they are 11-1 in MEC play.

**W. Tennis** Coach Foote's team is having an impressive season, they have won their last 9 matches and now move to 4-0 in conference matches.

**M. Soccer** Coach Smee's guys defeated Notre Dame College (2-1) in blizzard conditions last week in Cleveland, Ohio. The team possesses an overall record of 6-0 at this point in time.

**W. Golf** History was made last week when our women's golf team broke the **school record** for the best ever round of golf being shot (**308**) and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at their Invitational Tournament, losing by five strokes to Mercyhurst University out of Pennsylvania.

**M. Track and W. Track** UC Track team has two NCAA qualifiers. Jack Mastandrea competed in the 10k and finished with a time of 29:02.95. With the time, Mastandrea was the top Division II finisher in the event (7<sup>th</sup> overall) and earned an NCAA Automatic Qualifier on his way to recording his personal best, as well as a new Charleston Track and Field record in the event. Nathan Stout finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the Shot Put and finished as the top Division II finisher in the event. With his throw of 17.22m, Stout earned an NCAA Provisional Qualifier with the 11<sup>th</sup> best throw in Division II this season.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Introducing our UC Women's Head Basketball Coach...

## Tianni Kelly, Class of '14

Tianni was raised in a loving, Christian home with her parents and three brothers. She is the third of four siblings which, according to her, means she has a mix of middle child syndrome and only girl syndrome. "My brothers are a major part of who I am. Growing up, I didn't want to play alone, and they weren't going to play with Barbies, so I had to learn to like soccer and basketball and get tough with the boys. It made me tougher physically because they never went easy on me, but it also made me tough mentally and emotionally."

Click [HERE](#) to read Coach Kelly's full story.



The Spring 2021 Edition of "**Maroon and Gold**" magazine is available NOW!

Click [HERE](#) to view a digital copy.



Congratulations to our winners of the UC Alumni  
Bracket Challenge!

**1st Place- Kerry Harmon, Class of '80**

**2nd Place- Dave Walters, Class of '03**

**3rd Place- Sam Scott, Class of '16**



The Office of Alumni is partnering with Publishing Concepts (PCI) to produce an Oral History Publication. This project is an opportunity to memorialize the history of the campus experience through the years.

All alumni received an email this week asking you to call 1-888-892-3781 and verify your information. The conversation with the PCI representative will include verifying your information, sharing memories about your campus experience, and an opportunity to purchase the finished publication.

You are not obligated to purchase anything. *Our goal with the project is to capture alumni stories, not raise funds.* We encourage you to participate and call our office with any questions. The university receives a small royalty from each purchase.



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

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.

***May 5 will be the next monthly UCAA meeting. Members will receive information for the meeting via email!***



### *Member Responsibilities*

- Encourage fellow alumni to join & participate in the association
- Cultivate projects that will enhance UC
- Be a "UC brand ambassador" - assisting in recruiting students
- Serve as "Give Day" ambassadors
- Participate in one senior student event in the spring
- Support alumni events

<b>Gold Level</b>	
<small>\$100 Membership Donation</small>	
✓	Alumni decal
✓	Bottle opener key chain
✓	Coffee tumbler with logo
✓	Upgraded seating at two basketball games per year
✓	Invitation to two special alumni events
✓	One VIP event with President Roth
✓	15% off discount at UC Bookstore
✓	Hotel discounts for trips to Charleston
✓	Virtual Events throughout the year
✓	Access to private tailgate for first football game of the year

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### Join Now

### *In Memorium*

*Remembering Golden Eagle Alumni who have passed away in the last month.*

Gary W Jarrell, '71  
Panco Cantley, '52  
Gary Toney, '65  
Margaret Hitchman, '53  
Patrick McKinney, '71  
Francoise Miller, '69  
Harold Smith, '65  
Kane Roush, '18

Please note: This list includes updates provided by family members, newspapers, and other sources.

These dates reflect the period during which UC received and processed the information, not necessarily the dates that the individual passed away.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 14th @ 12:00 pm EST- MBA Speaker Series**, Andrew Wright. Andrew was a former UC baseball coach who is now working for the NY Yankees. Register for the event [here](#).

**April 24th- Spring 2021 Commencement**, 9:00 am- School of Business and School of Pharmacy, 12:00 pm- Arts and Sciences and School of Health Science (excludes all nursing), 3:00 pm- Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies.

**May 3-7** - Project Management Professional Virtual Boot Camp. [See more information here](#).

See a full athletic schedule [here](#).

# 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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