

The latest UC news for you! Alumnus of 2021, Alumni Association, and more...

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope this message finds you and your families doing well.

The Spring semester started as planned on January 11th. We are currently serving over 2,800 students on our Charleston and Beckley campuses and online. Health and safety continue to be front and center in everything that we do.

Our athletic teams...finally...have begun competing. The men and women's basketball teams are off to great starts, and our volleyball teams will begin matches this month. While we are not allowing visitors to attend games in the Wehrle Arena, you can watch virtually all of our teams, well, virtually. You can find schedules and links to livestreams at the UC athletics website, <https://ucgoldeneagles.com>.



In January we held our second annual Enlightened Living Days. Over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, we immersed ourselves in how to foster healthy societies, healthy bodies, and healthy minds. Films, panel discussions, interactive workshops, and other forums helped us better understand these complex issues and how we can positively impact them.

This month we will hold our annual Give for Gold event. Our focus this year is renovating the UC Boathouse – the oldest building on campus – into an outdoor student recreation center. What better way to take advantage of the best view in Charleston than to play lawn games, check out a bicycle, or use a paddle board or kayak on the Kanawha River. I hope you will help us with this project to provide students with safe, healthy, outdoor recreation activities.

Stay safe,

Marty



#GIVEFORGOLD

FEBRUARY 18, 2021



The University of Charleston Boat House was the first permanent structure built on the present-day campus. Located above the boat dock on the west end of campus, it opened in 1947 as a cafeteria and snack bar. The porch was later enclosed to become a dining room for faculty and staff. The Boat House served as home to the UC crew team and their equipment.



The Give Day 2021 funds will be used to refurbish the Boat House. The refurbishment will give students an additional recreational outlet on campus and provide the university an additional catering venue.



In celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the University of Charleston hosted the 2nd annual Enlightened Living Days conference. Amid the environment of the Covid-19 pandemic, the UC community is keenly focused on our health and the health and safety of others. During this year's conference, we deeply examined issues of health at the individual and community levels. Read

more about Enlightened Living Day [here](#).

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



A Golden Eagle Love Story

Dr. Jerry Forster, class of '83 and Gayle Forster, class of '16 Jerry and Gayle Forster will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary this June and their love story began on UC's campus. They had their first date on April 19, 1980. The double date with friends included time on the UC lawn watching crew races that were part of the Governor's Cup Regatta. Then dinner at Steak-n-Ale, and a Charleston Charley's baseball game. When asked if the date was spontaneous or a bit more intentional, Gayle responded, "Oh, no, it was planned. Jerry is a planner." If Jerry was planning this date today, it would look very different. Steak-n-Ale is no longer open, and the Charleston

Charlies became the WV Power.

They were married in Nashville on June 11, 1983. There were even several UC Basketball buddies there to stand by Jerry's side. Read the rest of their sweet story [here](#).



Our UNDEFEATED, 9-0 Women's Basketball team is ranked #4 in the NCAA Division II. This is the highest-ranking that the program has ever enjoyed.

With a 7-2 record, the Men's Basketball team is on a winning streak, winning their last 7 games!

Way to go, Golden Eagles!!



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.

Members will receive info about the monthly meeting on February 10 for our next Alumni Association Meeting via email!





[**Join Now**](#)

In Memorium

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

Anne Marie Martin Lewis, class of 1958

Ella Louise Neal Burford, class of 1951

Dr. Thomas K Brotherton, class of 1953

Danny Cain, class of 1971

John Eplin, class of 1976

Betty McCrary Web, 82 years old

W. David Rupel, class of 1978

Thomas Tabor, 87 years old

Lynn Miller Barron, class of 1973

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

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

February 16, 2021 @12:00pm- MBA Speaker Series with UC Alumna, Alice Jolla, Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Vice President at Microsoft, register for the event [here](#)

February 17, 2021 @12:00pm- The Show Must Go On: A Free Virtual Series to Help Organizations Weather the COVID-19 Storm, presented in partnership with SEGRA. Session 4: Uncertainty Reduction Through Artificial Intelligence, register for the event [here](#)

February 18, 2021- Give Day 2021

March 2, 2021 @12:00pm- MBA Speaker Series with Maggie Cook, CEO, Keynote Speaker, Author, and member of UC Hall of Fame, register for the event [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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