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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Our traditional academic year has come to an end with over 700 students receiving their degrees at the end of April. We held three in-person ceremonies on campus which included over 400 of those graduates with their families in the Wehrle Arena. Wonderful accomplishments for those students as well as the faculty and staff at UC after such an adverse year!

Although the spring semester has ended, our spring athletic teams are still competing and excelling. Thus far this spring we have MEC Champions in several sports in addition to many

student-athletes who were awarded both athletic and academic honors in the conference. Finally, there were a few Coach of the Year awards. We are very proud of the UC student-athletes and coaches for their tremendous success this year as they were challenged through a pandemic!

Here on campus, this summer will bring some renovations to the Riggleman Hall tiered classrooms and the Boathouse! We can't wait to share the progress with you so check back for June and July newsletter updates.

As we begin to look forward to summer and start planning for fall, please consider making a gift to your alma mater. Scholarships are a great way to help our students and UC! Check out our <u>website</u> and consider a gift today!

Sincerely, Gail Carter VP of University Development and Alumni Relations



Welcome to the Golden Eagle Alumni family, Class of 2021! A special congratulations go to the Outstanding Seniors of the Year.

Maxime Bomboko- Undergraduate Senior of the Year, accounting degree, men's soccer Olivia Kuhn- Graduate Senior of the Year, physician assistant degree, class president You can hear their remarks and view the commencement ceremonies <u>HERE</u>.





Golden Eagle Athletics Claim EIGHT Mountain East Conference 2021 Championship Titles!

Men's Tennis-for the first time in program history! Women's Tennis Women's Basketball Men's Soccer Women's Golf Men's Cross Country Women's Cross Country Men's Track and Field



ALUMNI Spotlight



Now and Then, Class of '68, Morris Harvey College by Christina Carr, Director of Alumni

Pictured above from left to right are Tom Schulze, Bob Jontos, Rick Grauer, and Rob Siegel. Although these photos are taken forty years apart, the friendship represented provides a heartfelt, nostalgic story that captures the essence of what it was like to be a Golden Eagle in 1968.

These gentlemen were leaders on campus, active in their fraternity, and if you were here for the 1967-68 academic year, odds are you were invited to party with them at their senior year house in South Charleston.

They shared their story with us and the memories include highlights of dorm life, bringing Dionne Warwick on campus to perform, and meeting their spouses. Yes, this spotlight actually includes six alum. Kay Gladwell Schulze and Carol Goodman Siegel graduated in '68 as well and were

available to add to the story! Click HERE to read about their time at MHC and what they are doing now.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that 100% of UC students receive some sort of financial

support? Scholarships make a real difference in the lives of hardworking students and relieve them of financial stress, enabling them to pursue their goal of earning a degree and leading a life of productive work. When you give to UC's annual scholarship fund, you are investing in our future leaders and that investment lasts a lifetime.

UC offers both need-based and merit-based scholarships, and by supporting our annual scholarship fund, you are helping us to offer more scholarships this year. Every donation, of any amount, helps our students realize their potential.

One easy way to make your gift today is by clicking <u>here</u>. If you would prefer to send us a check, please make that payable to the University of Charleston, Office of Advancement, 2300 MacCorkle Ave SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Please note in the memo – Annual Scholarship Fund.



In March, UCAA members received an invitation to a virtual Oscar Party. They then predicted the Oscar winners via an online survey or returning their ballot card. We are excited to announce that **John Ranson, Class of '75,**and **Brad Hodgson, Class of '14** tied with 6/10 correct guesses each. They both earned dinner and a movie on us!

You are invited to join in UCAA fun, too!

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 (see a full list of current members <u>HERE</u>) by becoming a member of the UC Alumni Association. For more details, visit our <u>website</u> or feel free to reach out to the Alumni Office directly at 304-357-4734.

JUNE 9th 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



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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In Memorium

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

Patrick Eugene Sloan, '17 Harold Ray Henson, '75 Leoma Roberts, '65 Joe Bartges, '53

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

May 7-10 NCAA Regional Men's and Women's Tennis Tournament- Schoenbaum Courts May 7-9 Mountain East Conference Softball Championships, Salem, VA May 26 @ 1:00 pm EST- UC Builders Zoom Meeting May 27-29 NCAA Men's Track and Field Championships, Grand Valley, MI May 13-16 Mountain East Conference Baseball Championships, Beckley, WV June 9 - UCAA Zoom Meeting See a full athletic schedule <u>here</u>.

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" <u>here</u>so that we can share your successes with the rest of the Golden Eagle family. Keep soaring to new heights!

