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Dear Alumni and Friends,
I hope this message finds you and your families doing well and enjoying the summer. We have made terrific progress on campus renovation projects. The new UC Outdoor Recreation Center in the Boathouse will be dedicated on Monday, August 23rd as part of Eagle Fest. So many of you contributed to this project via the 2021 Give for Gold campaign. This will be a great asset for our Charleston campus students. Various parts of Riggelman Hall are also in the finishing makeover stages. The Nelle Ratrie Chilton Admissions Welcome Center, Henry B. Wehrle, Jr.

Sales Center, two new classrooms, and upgraded healthcare simulation spaces will be ready for the Fall semester.

Speaking of the Fall semester, students begin returning to campus today as Fall sport athletes begin training prior to classes starting on August 23rd. All campus-based students in Beckley and Charleston will be COVID-19 vaccinated (excluding those with approved medical or religious exemptions), and most employees will be as well. Thus, we are confident that we are well-positioned to have a safe and healthy semester. Of course, we will continue to closely monitor local, state, and national conditions and guidance.

Please be safe during these uncertain times...and stay positive. We will all get through this together!

Best regards,
Marty

Athletic Corner

You Are
INVITED
to
TAILGATE
with us.



**Introducing UC's NEW
Women's Volleyball Head
Coach!**

Welcome, Tyler Kanelos!

Tyler comes to UC from NCAA Division I Marshall University where he was an assistant coach during the 2020-2021 season. During his time with the Thundering Herd, he was focused on working with the team's offense, setters, and aided in the nationwide recruiting process. Read Tyler's full bio [HERE](#).

The UC Alumni Association is sponsoring a tailgate prior to the first football game and ALL alumni are invited to join us!

September 9, Tailgate @ 5:30 - 7:00 pm,

Game @ 7:00 pm

Register for the event [HERE](#).

Women's Volleyball will start their season on September 3rd against Kentucky Wesleyan College.

To see a full schedule for volleyball and other fall sports, [CLICK HERE](#)



SAVE THE DATE

UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

HOMECOMING

AND **FAMILY WEEKEND**

OCTOBER 15 - 16 2021

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AFTER SEPTEMBER 1

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SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Mindy Smith D.E.L., M.B.A., M.A., RT(R)(M)RDMS(B), Dean of the Bert Bradford School of Health Sciences, Class of '02, '08, and '18

"I've been lucky to be at the right place, at the right time, know the right people, *and* have the right education. More than that, however, I just love education and am proud to have an opportunity to influence the lives of my students."

Dr. Mindy Smith was named the new Dean of the Bert Bradford School of Health Sciences in

July, but her Golden Eagle experience started back in August of 1998. She has a deep love for the University of Charleston and is excited to continue her work at the institution in this new role. As we start down the timeline to all the letters behind Mindy's name, we will begin with her high school graduation from Buckhannon Upshur High School in Buckhannon, WV in 1998. "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, I had not found my passion yet, but I was inspired by the family I was babysitting for," shared Mindy. "I looked at what Kay had done and thought it could work for me, too."

To read more about Mindy's education and career path, click [HERE](#).

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Receiving a white coat is an exciting experience for every future pharmacist!

UC's incoming pharmacy students will receive their white coats on Friday, August 20th, and we want to give them a warm welcome by helping to cover the cost of those white coats and other required incidentals. Want to help? Click on the link below to make a gift today.



[Give to the More Than A White Coat Campaign HERE](#)



The UC Alumni Association is a great way to stay engaged, help plan alumni events, network with other alumni, and give back from wherever your wings have taken you!

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 [HERE](#)) by becoming a member of the UC Alumni Association. For more details, visit our [website](#) or reach out to the Alumni Office directly at 304-357-4734.

The UCAA August Zoom meeting will be on August 11 at 4:00 pm.

[Join Now](#)



In Memorium

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

Pamela Burns, '78

Daryle Elkins, '60

Patrick Garten, '72

Elizabeth Howard McGraw, '61

Nelson Moore, '65

Margaret Easton, '68

Fawn Washington, '09

Vic Ware, '58

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

August 11 @ 4:00 pm- UC Alumni Association Monthly Zoom meeting

August 16-19 - Professional Management, Professional Virtual Boot Camp
- see details [HERE](#)

September 9 @ 5:30-7:00 pm- First Game Alumni Tailgate, sponsored by the UC Alumni Association

October 15-16- Homecoming and Family Weekend

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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Now you can network with Golden Eagle alumni on LinkedIn! Get connected in this new way [HERE!](#)



