

UC NEWS

ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Fall semester is now in full swing although the weather isn't acting like fall yet. It is so refreshing to have students back on campus and everyone preparing to watch Golden Eagle athletics beginning this weekend.

Our construction through the summer on campus has been completed to welcome our students and prospective students to four newly renovated areas – three rooms in Riggelman Hall and the Boathouse Outdoor Recreation Center. We hope you will have a chance to visit campus and take a tour of these new spaces. Just contact us first to set it up!

I hope you will stay in touch with us through the Alumni Association. Christina Carr, Director of Alumni Relations, hosts meetings on a monthly basis virtually and is getting to know so many of our alums this way.

We plan to have a speaker series this semester hosted by the School of Business and Leadership and events for Homecoming 2021 are now posted. Please look for any and all upcoming events on the UC website!

I wish you and yours a great end to your summer. Stay safe and healthy in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Gail Carter

VP of University Development and Alumni Relations



Homecoming and Family Weekend Schedule of Events:

Friday, October 15th:

10th Annual UC Golf Day- Edgewood Country Club, contact Shari Reed for hole sponsorships and team registrations, 304-357-0019, sharireed@ucwv.edu

***Golden Reunion Luncheon-** Noon, Erma Byrd Gallery-Rigglesman Hall, alumni from the classes of '70, '71, '75, '76, '80, and '81 are invited to celebrate their 40th, 45th, and 50th reunions and belated reunions.

***Campus Tours-** 3:30-5:00 pm, Rigglesman Hall

***Alumni Cookout-** 5:00-7:00 pm, Rotunda Balcony

Baseball Alumni Fall Scrimmage and Cookout- 7:00 pm, Welch Athletic Complex

Women's Volleyball Game- 7:00 pm, Wehrle Innovation Center, UC vs Alderson Broaddus University

Saturday, October, 16th:

***Alumni Homecoming Tailgate-** 10:00 am-noon, UC Stadium at Laidley Field

Homecoming Football Game- Noon, UC Stadium at Laidley Field, UC vs Concord University

Women's Volleyball Game- 3:00 pm- Wehrle Innovation Center, UC vs Notre Dame College (Ohio)

***Alumni Happy Hour-** 4:00-6:00 pm, Black Sheep Burrito, Quarrier St., Charleston

Sunday, October 17th:

Women's Soccer Game-1:00 pm, Welch Athletic Complex, UC vs. Notre Dame College (Ohio)

Men's Soccer Game- 3:00 pm, Welch Athletic Complex, UC vs. Notre Dame College (Ohio)

*indicates an event that requests a registration, please click below

[Click HERE to register for events!](#)

Homecoming Accommodations

A group of rooms at the Holiday Inn and Suites and Fairfield by Marriott in South Charleston has been reserved at a discounted rate for alumni. Please use the links or call the hotels directly before September 23.

Holiday Inn and Suites- 304-744-4641

Fairfield by Marriott- 304-744-4444

[Click Here for Holiday Inn and Suites Reservations](#)

[Click Here for Fairfield by Marriott Reservations](#)



Nominate your fellow alumni by September 24th!

During the Homecoming Alumni Cookout on October 15th, we will be announcing the recipients of two alumni awards. Please see below for nominee criteria and submission details.

Alumni of the Year Award

The award is given to honor an alumnus who distinguished themselves in their profession and/or community and has reached the pinnacle of success in their chosen field. This individual has proven to have a profound positive impact on their industry and/or community. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Graduate of Morris Harvey College or University of Charleston
- Made significant contributions to UC and/or their community on a local, state, national, or international level through professional service, public service, or civic activities.
- Demonstrates the ideals of the University's mission by living a life of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement.
- Exceptional service in support of the advancement and continued excellence in the education of the University of Charleston.

Rising Alumni Award

The award is given to honor an alumnus who is surpassing the expected standard in their field and is identifiable as an emerging leader through their professional achievements and/or community involvement. This individual is proving to be an innovator with rational, modern, and well-informed ideas that will have a positive impact on the future of their professional field and/or community. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Graduated from the University of Charleston within the last 15 years

- Made notable contributions to UC and/or their community on a local, state, national or international level through professional service, public service, or civic activities.
- Demonstrates the ideals of the University's mission by living a life of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement.

Alumni who are not eligible for nomination for either award:

- Current members of the University's faculty or staff
- Current alumni who hold a position of elected or appointed government office or are known to be launching a campaign
- No posthumous nominations

Nominations are due to the Office of Alumni Relations by September 24th, 2021.

Please email Christina Carr, christinacarr@ucwv.edu, with your nominee's name and most recent professional or civic job title and duties, examples of how the nominee has impacted their professional field and/or community, and notable accomplishments.





Excitement comes with the start of a new fall semester!

Fall classes began on August 24th. The weekend prior, we welcomed the residential students into the dorms on the Charleston campus during the final of three move-in days.

The Masters of Science in Business Analytics & Applied Artificial

Intelligence and Associates Degree in Cyber Security are the two NEW programs that kicked off at the beginning of the semester.

Click below to check out all the graduate and undergraduate programs that are now available!

[View all UC academic programs HERE!](#)



You Are
INVITED
to
TAILGATE
with us.



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](#).

Fall sports are
BACK... AND so are
the **FANS!!**

Click the link below to view all
sports schedules and come cheer
on the Golden Eagles!!

[See all Fall Sports
Schedules HERE](#)



ALUMNI

SPOTLIGHT

Where are YOU now?

We are proud of the many ways our Golden Eagle alumni make an impact on their career fields and community. We love highlighting all your accomplishments and want to do more of it! You will find additional alumni stories to enjoy on our social media and alumni web pages. Follow the link to view stories and submit your own!

[Share YOUR Story](#)



“A lot of what I do today involves talking about my UC experience. I have very fond memories of the dorm rooms, sitting on the riverbank, the six-mile running routine, and, of course, my soccer experience, teammates, Coach Grassie, and Coach Strats.”

**Abhinav Nath, Class of 2017,
Business Administration and
Sports Administration**

Abhinav is originally from New Delhi, India, where he lived with his parents and an older sister. At a young age, he developed a passion for soccer

and was given the opportunity to play at a higher level. In the last three years of his high school

career, he played for Brooke House College Football Academy in Market Harborough, England. During his time there, he decided to explore the possibility of becoming a college student-athlete in America, a very popular trend among his peers. It would be a decision that had a major impact on his college experience and future career.

Read Abhinav's UC experience and the success he found on campus, the soccer field, and now in his career [HERE](#).

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FOR YOUR SUPPORT
You make a difference!

In the last month, we have held two ribbon-cutting ceremonies!

Thank you to the children of Nelle Ratrie Chilton- Robert Chilton, Nelle "Dickie" Jamieson, Cynthia Barrett, and Lewis Chilton, for their contributions to the new Nelle Ratrie Chilton Admissions Center in Riggelman Hall.

Thank you also goes to all those who made our Give for Gold Day 2021 a success, with special recognition to John and Fonda Elliot, Kimberly Lawrence, Ann Moran, Pepsi Bottling Group, LLC, Cathy and Joe Rice, Cherry and Bill Rice, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity Members, Gaines Wehrle, Michael Wehrle and Jeana Trout. All your generosity made the renovations to the Boathouse possible!





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 September Zoom meeting will be on September 8th at 4:00 pm.

Join Now



In Memorium

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

James Byrd, '51

Harold Joe Faber, '58

Virgil Jones, '67

Donn MacKenzie, '12

Daniel Bean, '64

Reva Paxton, '73

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

September 8 @ 4:00 pm- UCAA Zoom Meeting

September 9 @ 5:30-7:00 pm- First Game Alumni Tailgate, sponsored by the UC Alumni Association. Register for the event [HERE](#).

October 15-16- Homecoming and Family Weekend- See a **FULL** weekend 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!



Now you can
network with
Golden Eagle
alumni on
LinkedIn!

Get connected in
this new
way [HERE!](#)



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