

UC NEWS

ALUMNI FROM THE NEST



Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope this message finds you and your families doing well and enjoying the fall season.

We are now at the mid-point of the Fall 2021 semester. I am pleased that once again the UC community has rallied around our health and safety plan. Despite local and national virus spikes, we have had few issues on the Charleston and Beckley campuses. Classes, athletics, student life activities, residence life, and other facets of university life are proceeding without interruption or problems.

We are very excited to once again host Homecoming and Family Weekend October 15-16. There are plenty of events for everyone. We hope that you can join us!

As we start to approach the end of another calendar year, please consider supporting UC students. Your generosity helps us provide education access to students who may not otherwise be able to attend college and become Golden Eagles. It also helps us support current students who may be struggling to make ends meet. You would be overwhelmed by how appreciative students are when we can help them get the computer they need, find necessary food and personal care items in our Essentials Pantry, or help them with an unpaid balance. Your gifts truly are gifts to them.

Best regards,

Marty

Introducing Chris Welty, Donor Relations Specialist

Hello everyone!

It's an absolute pleasure to be part of the UC Office of Advancement team. I was born and raised in Charleston. Having grown up around the University of Charleston my entire life, I have to say it's a bit surreal and exciting to now be working here after passing it on MacCorkle Avenue countless times. I'm a graduate of George Washington High School and have a Bachelor of Business Administration from West Virginia State



University – please don't hold that against me, Golden Eagles! I'm a fan of all sports, but my first love has always been basketball.

My goal working with the UC Office of Advancement is simple - add value to this incredible team in any way that I can. Working in the nonprofit world now for almost 8 years has allowed me to develop skills to cultivate donor relationships in helping advance the mission of an organization, and I'm so thrilled to now be an advocate for the University of Charleston!

I look forward to meeting with each of you on a more personal level so that we can all work together to build upon the strong foundation that UC has created over so many years.

Go UC!

-Chris





See the full schedule and register for details [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!

NOW is a great time to join! All membership swag packages will include the UC Alumni luggage tag as a special **Homecoming promotion** through October

16th!

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 Gold Renewal requires a \$100 membership donation and includes an alumni roll-up stadium blanket, cell phone holder, invitations to special VIP events, discounts, and more.

The Maroon Level requires a \$25 membership donation and includes our decal, alumni koozie, invitations to special events, discounts, and more.

The Maroon Renewal requires a \$25 membership donation and includes an alumni cell phone holder, invitations to special events, discounts, and more.

[**Click HERE to join or renew TODAY!**](#)



Member Involvement Opportunities

- 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
SPOTLIGHT



Chyress Obregon, Class of 2016

“UC was one of the greatest times of my life, I have many memories and no regrets.”

This former UC Women’s Basketball player is now a busy mother of twins operating her own Chick-fil-A in Beechwood, OH. Although this was not her original plan, she has found joyful success—something she advised others to do during her remarks as our September MBA Speaker Series guest.

During her senior year, she was accepted into medical school, however, a chicken sandwich she experienced two years earlier would impact her plans. Her initial visit to UC included Chyress’s first meal at Chick-fil-A and introduced her to her future employer, Tom Minturn, owner of the Southridge Chick-fil-A in South Charleston.

Chyress has labeled Tom as a wonderful mentor and has quoted him saying, “Tom said to me, ‘Do you want to save lives or change lives?’ and I knew I wanted to change lives and Chick-fil-A would be a wonderful opportunity to make that happen.”

Read her full story [HERE!](#)

[Watch a recording of Chyress's MBA Speaker Series Zoom event HERE.](#)

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](#)





[Let us know if you can join the soccer tailgate HERE!](#)



2021  2022

UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

PURCHASE TICKETS BY

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1-304-357-4820

OR

VISIT THE ATHLETIC OFFICE

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INNOVATION CENTER - 4th FLOOR
CHARLESTON, WV 25304

RENEW YOUR SEASON TICKETS

BY OCTOBER 15th

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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



The UC Student Life Office is asking for donations to stock the Eagles Essentials Pantry and UC Career Closet.

The Eagles Essentials Pantry stocks items that are essential to living on campus. The items are provided at no charge to the students in need. Items include shelf-stable foods such as oatmeal, cereal, canned soup, peanut butter, crackers, chips, juice, and water. In

addition to food, other essentials are laundry detergent, dryer sheets, tissues, and personal hygiene products.

The UC Career Closet helps students in need to obtain quality professional clothing at no cost. While most of our students are fortunate to have a suit or sport coat for interviews and formal events, some do not own proper interview, career fair, or etiquette dinner attire.

If you live locally and would like to donate essential items or professional clothes to support our students, you can drop those items off at the Alumni Office. Contact Christina Carr, Director of Alumni, for details. 304-357-4734, christinacarr@ucwv.edu

If you would like to make a monetary donation, click [HERE](#) and indicate in the comments section that your donation is to benefit the Eagles Essentials Pantry and/or the UC Career Closet.

Thank you **FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

On September 16th we held the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the H.B. Wehrle, Jr. Sales Center in Riggleman Hall!

Thank you to Bernie & Cecilia Wehrle, Steve & Laura Wehrle, Pat & Jessica Graney, and Rory & Kim Isaac for your generous support. We certainly appreciate the Wehrle Family and their legacy with the University of Charleston.

The Sales Center Classroom is already in use and the rest of the space will be utilized by students interested in Sales and Business Development as a new program is developed and launched in Fall 2022.



In Memorium

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

Edward Kichi, '65

Norma Morris, '58

John Casey, '59

Carolyn Reed, '60

Cheri Snyder, '69

Donald Swift, '68

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

October 6 @ 5:30 pm-7:00 pm - Alumni Soccer Tailgate, Welch Athletic Center, RSVP [HERE](#).

October 9 @ 9:30 am-2:00 pm- Maroon and Gold Day- come see what UC has to offer! For details, click [HERE](#).

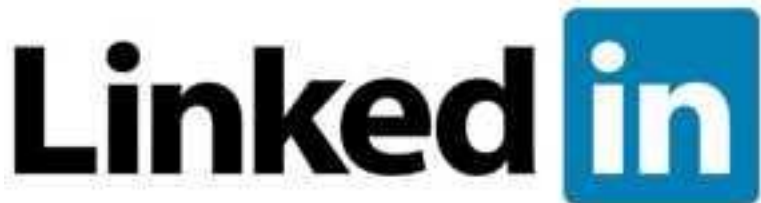
October 11 @ 9:00 am- 4:30 pm- When There Are Nine Conference-A virtual conference promoting women in the legal profession. For details, click [HERE](#).

October 15-16- Homecoming and Family Weekend- **See a FULL weekend schedule** [HERE](#).

For a full athletic schedule, click [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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