

#### OFFICIAL UC ALUMNI NEWSLETTER / December 2021 / VOLUME II ISSUE XII



Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope this message finds you and your families healthy, safe, and enjoying the holiday season. This year we have been thankful for many things. Campus activities have gone exceptionally well, without any disruptions to classes, residence life, athletic events, or other happenings on our campuses. We completed exciting new projects including the Outdoor Recreation Center, Chilton Admissions Welcome Center, and Wehrle Sales Center, as well as renovations to the Geary Student Union and Riggleman Hall. New programs in business analytics, nursing, and occupational

therapy are ready to welcome students in the coming year.

Our world keeps changing at a faster and faster pace. UC's core values and mission provide us with the direction we need to be nimble and successful. We are steadfast in our student focus, commitment to quality, and assurance of integrity. And we are resolute in our mission to educate each student for a life of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement. We are grateful for your encouraging words, positive thoughts, meaningful actions, and generous gifts. We are fortunate to have such a strong community of support, and look forward to a great new year ahead!

Happy holidays,

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#### Introducing our new softball coach, Michelle Frew!

Coach Frew comes to us after a successful time at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. Over her career, she compiled an 857-362-1 record for Rollins College, which ranks her as the 16th winningest active Division II coach.

"Although I have been on campus for a very short time, I already feel like part of the family. The softball program is a strong one and this can be directly attributed to alumni that established the foundation. I look forward to seeing former players, parents, and supporters at future games," says Frew. See the full announcement of Coach Frew joining the athletic department HERE.

### Speaking of Softball...The UC Softball team needs your support!

They will be competing in 54 games during the Spring 2022 season. This includes their annual spring break trip to the PFX Spring Games Tournament in Florida. Your donation will help to cover travel expenses this season!

Please follow this <u>LINK</u> and choose "Women's Softball Fund" in the "I want to support..." dropbox.



Thank you for your continued support of the UC Softball Athletes and Coaches!



Men's soccer to play in the FINAL FOUR!!

The Men's Soccer team will compete in the NCAA DII Final Four game against the University of Indianapolis tonight at 10:00 pm EST. The team has had an exceptional extended season and needs your support to cover the additional travel expenses. Please follow the links below to watch the game live tonight and to give. Go Eagles!

Click HERE to watch tonight's game live

Click HERE to support UC Men's Soccer



## UCAA to sponsor Golden Eagle Alumni Basketball Day!

Mark your calendars for **February 5, 2022!** The UC Men's and Women's Basketball teams are taking on West Liberty University and we want to fill the stands with alumni. The Women play at 2:00 pm and the Men play at 4:00 pm. Alumni can enjoy free admission to the game and an invitation to the alumni hospitality room. Look for more information to come!

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Isiah Lineberry, Class of '74
"At Morris Harvey, I learned that
ministry can be something other
than preaching. I have spent my
career in service positions."
Isiah Lineberry is a 1970
graduate of Stonewall Jackson
High School in Charleston. His
high school basketball coach,
Don Stover, was a Morris
Harvey alumnus and knew Isiah

wanted to go on to college. Knowing who to contact, Coach Stover helped make it possible for Isiah to attend Morris Harvey on a full academic scholarship.

Isiah was the first in his family to attend college and, at the time, one of only a few African Americans on campus. However, his time at Morris Harvey was filled with experiences and influencers that would shape his successful career.

Isiah's career path reflects how a college experience can influence the rest of a student's life. Throughout his extensive list of positions and experiences, it is easy to see how the combination of his favorite subjects and professors in religion, philosophy, and political science impacted his decisions.

Across the states of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama, Isiah has held positions of leadership that grew awareness, raised funds, and created new policies to improve the healthcare systems in rural areas.

To read more about how Isiah has had an impact on healthcare in rural communities click <u>HERE</u>. Pictured with Isiah from left to right, Litany Hope Lineberry, their youngest daughter, Sheila Jones Lineberry, Isiah's wife, Isiah Lineberry, and Mercy Lineberry McDaniel, their oldest daughter.

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### Welcome, Class of 2021, to the alumni community!!

December commencement will take place on
December 11th and we want to congratulate the entire
Class of 2021 and highlight one of their
classmates. Meet Whitney Hunt!
Whitney was raised by her grandparents in southern
West Virginia and graduated from James Monroe High
School in 2018. As a political science major, Whitney
was attracted to UC because it offered the enticing
benefits of the city location and the ability to provide
connections to several local law offices. Plus, it was
under a three-hour drive to her hometown and family.
"My grandparents are really important to me, so I
wanted to stay closer to home. They've been a strong
example that hard work pays off. Their generosity,

combined with my scholarships, means I will graduate debt-free and it's one of the greatest gifts they could ever give me."

Read about what Whitney accomplished during her time on campus and her future plans HERE.

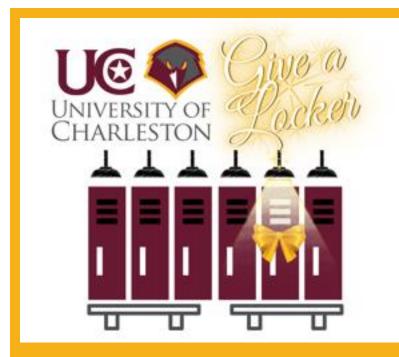
#### **Oral History Project Update**

In April, the Office of Alumni Relations partnered with Publishing Concepts, Inc to gather stories from Golden Eagle alumni. Those stories will be used to compile a book and oral recording of the history of our university. Over 1,400 alumni participated and the books are now in the editing process. For those of you who purchased apparel as part of your package, those items are expected to be delivered to you in February 2022 and the books in mid-March 2022. Please

contact Christina Carr, Director of Alumni Relations, with any questions. 304-357-4734, christinacarr@ucwv.edu.

Thank you to all who shared their story and made this project a success!

# OPPORTUNITIES



The holidays are right around the corner and now you can give something truly unique to your friend or family member that will last for years to come...

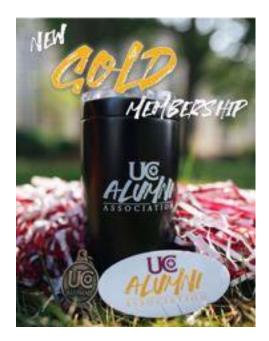
Give the gift of an athletic locker this holiday season!

The University of Charleston
Athletics is raising funds to
support multiple UC athletic
programs. By donating, you are
helping provide our athletes with
the equipment and utilities they
need to perform at their best.
To thank you for your
contribution, we will place a

beautiful nameplate over a player's locker, featuring your name, a family member's, friend's, or a loved one's, so that our hard-working coaches and athletes can see your support.

Click **HERE** to *Give a Locker* today!





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 a special Homecoming UCAA

T-shirt (while supplies last)!

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

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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.

The next UCAA Zoom Meeting will be on January 12th at @4:00 pm.

Click HERE to join or renew TODAY!



#### In Memorium

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

Franklin Kern, '69 Andrew Dolan, '77 Gloria Shepard Fitzgerald, '65 Ann Krisher, '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**

**December 11 @10:00 am-** December Commencement, for more information click HERE.

**February 5** @ **2:00 pm-** Alumni Basketball Day - Women's game @ 2:00 pm, Men's game @4:00 pm, Wehrle Innovation Center **February 16 -** Give Day 2022

**February 21** @ **9:00** am - **2:30** pm- Maroon and Gold Day, for more information click **HERE**.

For a full athletic schedule, click **HERE**.

# LET'S KEEP MOVE TO UCH To big move? Do you have

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" <a href="here">here</a> 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!