

UC NEWS

ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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Dear Alumni and Friends,
October passed quickly but packed a lot of punch. Fall sports were in full swing and our teams experienced so much success. Homecoming and family weekend was back in person, and we had such great events! It was so wonderful to have alumni back on campus to relive memories and create new ones with old friends. We hosted a reunion luncheon for those who celebrated their 40th, 45th, and 50th class reunion, a cookout with the students on campus, a chilly but great Homecoming tailgate party and game, and an after-game party. A good time was had by all! I hope

that even more alums will join us next year!

As we look forward to the next few weeks, the holiday season will be upon us. I hope this is an enjoyable one for you and your family as more of us will have a chance to gather with loved ones than last year. I ask you to remember your alma mater, remember Charleston's University and help us finish the calendar year strong with a gift to our annual fund, scholarships, or the student emergency fund.

I wish you a happy and safe holidays!

Sincerely,
Gail Carter

ALUMNI

SPOTLIGHT

It was our privilege to honor two outstanding alumni with the 2021 alumni awards as part of the Homecoming and Family Weekend festivities.



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Andy, class of '75, is currently CEO of Centurion Insurance Services, his career history includes being President of the West Virginia Region of Huntington National Bank for over five years, and leadership for Wells Fargo Insurance Services for more than thirty (30) years. Holding senior executive

positions in their insurance brokerage and claims administration operations he also served as Vice Chairman of their Board.

He has continued to serve the UC community with his generous support of the UC Labor of Love weekend the last several years. His family has followed in his footsteps as his daughter is a UC alum and granddaughter is currently enrolled.



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Chelsea, class of '08 and '11, serves as the Vice President of Operations for General Corporation and its affiliated companies.

Ms. Kinzinger is a graduate of the University of Charleston with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Sports

Administration and a master's degree in Business Administration and Leadership. Originally from New Athens, Illinois, she was a four- year letter winner in women's volleyball. While at UC, the women's volleyball team brought home two conference titles and appeared in two NCAA National Championship Tournaments.

Recently, she helped organize the 9th Annual Fox Trot where over \$70, 000 was raised to fund high-impact research for a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

[Read a full description of the awards and recipients HERE.](#)



UC Men's and Women's Cross Country teams claim MEC Championship again! The men took home their fourth straight title in dominant fashion as they took spots 2-7 crossing the finishing line. On the women's side, Charleston took home their second straight MEC title with a score of 37, taking first with a margin of 33 points over Davis & Elkins.

Men's Golf also gets a MEC championship! As a group, the Golden Eagles combined for a score of 907, 43 strokes over par, and would take home the team trophy for the Mountain East Conference. Charleston combined for a score of 298 on the second round which would end up being the best round of the tournament for any team.



It's great to have teams competing once again in the fall semester! Read more about our champions and other UC athletic success stories [HERE](#).

The UC Golden Eagle Basketball season is set to begin on November 12th and 13th. NOW is the time to show your support to our student-athletes and their coaching staff. Your support aids in covering travel and equipment costs throughout the season. Follow the links below to see further details and take part in the Men's Basketball Virtual Banquet or the Women's Basketball Champions Club.



[Support UC Women's Basketball](#)
[HERE](#)



[Support UC Men's Basketball](#)
[HERE](#)



Just in case you missed it...

Here is a [LINK](#) to the recording of the October MBA Speaker Series with guest, Lee Wolverton.



FREE MBA SPEAKER SERIES
VIRTUAL SESSIONS

LEE WOLVERTON
Vice president of news and executive editor at HD Media LLC.
Wolverton has worked in journalism for 35 years, serving as a top editor at newspapers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Texas and West Virginia.

- Guided the Gazette-Mail to a record 39 state press awards for work last year covering the pandemic and other issues.
- Formerly an investigative reporter, Wolverton also has won dozens of writing awards, most recently the Golden Quill for investigative reporting.
- His work has appeared in publications across the country.

Wednesday, October 20, 2021
12 p.m. | Virtual Event (link emailed after registration)



The UC Builders would love to have you join them!

The UC Builders has been critical to the continued growth of the University, having donated more than \$400,000 over its history for various projects. Members' annual dues fund projects that help improve the quality of life for University students. In consultation with the University, members choose a plan and follow it through to completion. The projects have ranged from intellectual stimulation such as the purchase of library books and computer software to physical comforts such as the redecoration of the Student Lounge, Frankenberger Art Gallery, and Appalachian Room.

The Builders host a spring luncheon meeting, a fall luncheon meeting, and three or more Book and Author luncheons annually. The guest speaker for each luncheon typically is either someone associated with the University or a visiting scholar or West Virginia author. You can also join the luncheons via Zoom.

Learn more and join [HERE](#)

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Don't forget us! As the end of the year approaches and you plan your end of the year donations, be sure to put your alma mater on your list. UC students rely on support from alumni and friends for essentials like scholarship support, top-notch technology, updated classrooms and residence halls, and so much more. A gift to UC before the end of

the year is a great way to support the current students who are following in your footsteps, Golden Eagles! Give today at www.ucwv.edu/giving/give-now/

JOIN TODAY!

UC **ALUMNI**
ASSOCIATION



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 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.

The next UCAA Zoom Meeting will be on November 10th at @4:00 pm. We will be joined by UC Baseball coach, Robbie Britt!

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

In Memorium

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

J D Kidd, '54

Martha B. Chudina, '51

Helen Bonham Lytton, '64
Russell White, '56
Joe Tagliente, '63
Deborah F Macleod, '93
Linda G Williamson, '71

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

November 9 - UC Men's Basketball 100 for 100 dinner, see details [HERE](#)

November 10 @ 4:00 pm- UC Alumni Association Zoom Meeting with guest UC Baseball Coach, Robbie Britt, [REGISTER HERE](#)

November 11 @ 9:00 am -2:30 pm- Maroon and Gold Day, see details [HERE](#)

November 17 @ noon - MBA Speaker Series, [REGISTER HERE](#)

December 1 - UC Builder's Holiday Luncheon, for more information contact Catherine Eckley catherineeckley@ucwv.edu

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!](#)