

# UC NEWS

## ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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Greetings from UC. The Spring semester has brought snow to campus – multiple times – and presented fresh challenges due to the COVID-19 Omicron variant. Nonetheless, Charleston and Beckley students are enjoying traditional classroom instruction, residence life, athletics, clubs and organizations, and programs. And our online students are enjoying flexible first rate course delivery as they navigate today’s personal and professional hurdles.

One of the challenges we face, along with all other organizations, is the increased choices people have for just about everything, including where to pursue their education and where to work. The former is an ongoing challenge, and we continue to find creative ways to position UC in a competitive market as a high-quality education provider that prepares students for lives of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement. On the employee side, the current “great resignation” environment makes attracting and retaining faculty and staff ever harder.

Increasingly we have to “re-recruit” students each year, and in some cases, each semester or term, to help us retain them and help them achieve their educational goals. The same “re-recruit” mindset is important to help us ensure that our employees feel valued, energized, and rewarded through their commitment to UC. In short, recruitment and retention are getting more intertwined and challenging.

We achieved a significant increase in Fall 2020-Fall 2021 first year student retention by developing and successfully implementing several new programs and student services. Many of you supported these efforts with your time, talent, and treasure. We hope you will continue helping us innovate as we strive to create more value for students and our teams that serve them.

Best regards,

Marty

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# #GIVEFORGOLD

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## HELP US CREATE THIS



#Givefor**GOLD**2022  
**Greenspace  
Recreation**

*For decades the University of Charleston campus grounds have been carefully maintained, ensuring every generation of students experience an institution that hosts a beautiful campus that prides itself as clean-kept, groomed, and pleasant. Located right on the banks of the Kanawha River, with downtown Charleston and the West Virginia State Capitol in full view, we want our university to stand out!*

*That's why we're calling on YOU to help us raise funds to upgrade the campus we're all proud to call home.*

*Every dollar raised will contribute to providing more outdoor recreation to the green space where Cox Hall formerly stood.*

*Take pride in your university, and make the city of Charleston say, "lookin' good UC!"*

*Look for the link to give in future emails and social media posts. Get your friends, family, and neighbors involved! After all, we're Charleston's University, and our campus isn't just a school, it's home.*

A collage of photos showing athletes and fans at a game. In the center, a white text box with a black border contains the text 'MOUNTAIN EAST CONFERENCE FALL 2021 ACADEMIC AWARDS'. Below this, there are two summary boxes. The left box is titled 'ALL- ACADEMIC TEAM' and lists '3.75-4.0 GPA' and '85 ATHLETES'. The right box is titled 'ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL' and lists '3.25-3.74 GPA' and '62 ATHLETES'. A small version of the Athletic Corner logo is centered between the two summary boxes.

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Our student-athletes are impressive on and off the field! The Mountain East Conference has released its Fall 2021 All-MEC Academic Teams and Commissioner's Honor Roll. The Golden Eagles had 62 athletes on the Honor Roll (earning a grade point of 3.25 – 3.74) and 85 of our student-athletes were named to the Academic Team with a GPA of 3.75 or higher.





# WE'RE IN THE THICK OF BASKETBALL SEASON,

Let's hear from the coaches...



"We are currently 8-6 with 12 regular-season games left to play. This year has been a learning and developing year for us. After losing two great seniors that accounted for half of our offense, different people are having to step up into scoring roles that they didn't have to before. One major challenge we continue to face is COVID. It's caused us to miss games and sit out which throws off the rhythm of the team. However, our young ladies have been resilient, and

we had two huge road wins at Notre Dame College and Concord University right out of quarantine. I believe we are starting to get in a groove, and we are so excited that fans, especially alumni, can physically join us at the games and we hope to see more people as the season continues."

-Tianni Kelly, head coach

"The UC men's basketball team is currently 14-3 and receiving votes in the national rankings. We are excited about the season as we prepare to make the final turn and head down the home stretch. We are so thankful for so many UC athletes and teams who have come out to support and create a home court advantage so far."

- Dwaine Osborne, head coach





Your next opportunity to see the teams play is **THIS Saturday, Feb. 5th!**

The Golden Eagles will be taking on West Liberty University in the Wehrle Innovation Center, women at 2:00 pm and men at 4:00 pm.

All Golden Eagle alumni will be admitted to both games for free, have designated seating, and be invited to the hospitality room in between the games.

We will also be giving out free #GIVEFORGOLD t-shirts to help kick off the 2022 Give for Gold campaign (while supplies last).

Please follow the link to register and we hope to see many of you on Saturday!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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ALUMNI 

**SPOTLIGHT**

Valentine's Day is coming soon so we are highlighting two couples who got married in the Riggleman Hall chapel. Their nuptials were fifteen years apart but both stories include campus memories and long, happy marriages. When Morris Harvey College was

established, it had strong ties to the Methodist Church, and the chapel was located where the President's Office is now.

Happy Valentine's Day, Golden Eagles!



### Sergeant Major, retired US Army Joe ('73) and Mrs. Jeannie ('74) Sheirman

A blind date and magical first kiss started Joe and Jeannie Scheirman's love story that would result in a marriage ceremony held in the chapel of Riggelman Hall.

The couple remembers their Morris Harvey College experiences fondly. They are both Charlestonians and their time on campus overlapped, however, they would not meet until after their graduations.

"You've heard people say, 'It was love at first sight', but this really was. I was working shift work at the police department and my first wife had passed away, so I worked overtime and was trying to keep busy with my job. One time, I even worked 24 hours straight just to keep my mind occupied. Then one of my police buddies offered to set me up on a blind date and he gave me Jeannie's phone number. I was working early evening shifts which meant I didn't get off work until 10:00 pm. I waited a few days to call but when I did and asked her for a date, she said, 'yes'.

"So, I picked her up shortly after 10:00 pm, still dressed in my uniform, and we went to Gino's in South Charleston. We enjoyed our pizza and when I took her home, I kissed her while standing on the porch and knew with that kiss, she was the one."

Click [HERE](#) to read more of their story.



### Edward ('58) and Norma Morris

Edward met his wife of 61 years, Norma, in 1958 while working on his master's degree at Ohio University. She was a secretary for the journalism school and typist on the side. He hired her to type his thesis and they fell in love during the late hours she spent typing for him.

They were married on February 6, 1960, in the chapel of Morris Harvey College by the alumni director, Winton Houck. The decision to have their wedding ceremony in the chapel in Riggelman Hall (the room that now houses the president's office) was partly driven by economics - the chapel and minister were free.

The wedding was small, and they headed to Chillicothe, OH that evening for the honeymoon. "One of the most memorable parts of the evening was the car. We didn't have a car growing up, so I had not learned to drive yet. But when I graduated from Ohio University and we were getting married, I thought Norma deserved to have a nice car. I couldn't drive it and I went into debt to get it, but I bought a 1955 Jaguar Sedan. It was black with red leather interior and a walnut dash. Norma is the one who taught me to drive."

Click [HERE](#) to read more of their story!

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The 2022 Enlightened Living Day was held over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and was dedicated to exploring what elements make a community desirable and successful and focused on such issues as environmental and economic sustainability, infrastructure, social equity, and resiliency.

With the exception of two hands-on art projects, all the sessions for UC faculty, staff, and students were virtual events.

The day began with participants viewing the HBO film *Our Town*, followed by a panel discussion with the film's authors and several afternoon interactive discussions.

**Thank you to our sponsors listed above for their generosity that allows programming like this to be part of the UC experience!**





Hey, current UCAA members, **DON'T FORGET!**

The new membership campaign will run through the end of March so be sure to invite your fellow alumni friends to join! You could win the "Nest of Prizes"! Look for a separate email with more details and tools to help you spread the word about the UCAA!

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## THE NEST OF PRIZES

- \$100 Amazon gift card
- Umbrella
- Trouser socks
- License plate cover
- Football
- Leather folder with notepad
- Stadium cup
- Water bottle



# 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 February 9th @ NOON \*Note the time change for this month!**

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

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*In Memorium*

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

Robert Chandler, '72

Lloyd Parsell, '63

George Hopkins, '65

Alma Brough, '54

Nicholas Diniaco, '65

Bradley Gee, '56

Edith Pike, '73

William Slicer, '54

Robert Wilson, '73

Mike Curry, '69

Jerry Hurst, '73

Stephen Cox, '72

Andrew Gluss, '74

Matthew Moore, '70

Amanda Keefer Peterson, '04

Marie Richardson, '77

Doris Shank, '51

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.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 5 @ 2:00 pm-** Alumni Basketball Day - Women's game @ 2:00 pm, Men's game @4:00 pm, Wehrle Innovation Center, register [HERE](#)

**February 9 @ NOON-** UC Alumni Association February Zoom meeting

**February 16 -** Give Day 2022

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

**February 24 @ noon-** MBA Speaker Series with guest speaker, Bernie Layne, to register click [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!



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new way [HERE!](#)



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