

UC NEWS

ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you were able to enjoy the holidays with friends and family. Thank you to our alumni and friends for helping make 2021 such a successful year with the healthcare challenges we continue to face. We appreciate your generosity and support more than ever.

The holiday break provides a time for us to reenergize for the spring semester. We have plenty planned in the next several months and we hope you will join us to make UC a place where we hold our values strong and strive to fulfill our mission for our students.

Keep an eye out for emails and social media posts about Enlightened Living Day (January 17th), School of Business and Leadership/MBA Speaker Series (begins January 26th), and Give for Gold Day (February 16th).

Let's make 2022 a year to remember!

Gail Carter



A Note from Your Director of Alumni Relations:

The events of 2021 were a success, and we are looking forward to 2022! With the return of in-person events, we were able to add a soccer tailgate to the schedule and welcomed many of you for the Homecoming and Family Weekend 2021 activities.

We hope you make plans to visit and attend an alumni event during 2022, our first one is the Alumni Basketball Day on February 5th. Make sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for frequent updates and event details throughout the year.

Want to have a say in the events we host and be involved with planning the details? Join the UC Alumni Association! We meet monthly via Zoom and members are invited to join as their schedule allows.

Happy New Year!

Christina Carr

Ready...Set...Give!

We are gearing up for Give Day 2022 and hope you will join us in raising funds to create an outdoor recreational space where Cox Hall used to stand. Look for details about the project and how you can help in the coming weeks!





**HELP US
CREATE THIS**



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





All Golden Eagle Alumni are invited to join us in the Wehrle Innovation Center on Saturday, February 5, 2022. The UC basketball teams will be taking on West Liberty University. The women play at 2:00 pm and the men start at 4:00 pm. Alumni will have free admission to both games and are invited to the hospitality room between the two games. Please follow the link to register for this event!

[Register HERE](#)



Men's Soccer Season Comes to a Close at the Division II National Championship Game

The men's soccer season ended with 19 wins 2 losses and 3 draws. They were crowned Mountain East Conference Tournament champions with their 4-0 win over Davis and Elkins. They earned an Atlantic Regional Championship after defeating Millersville in double overtime. However, they came up short in the Division II championship game falling

1-0 to Cal State Los Angeles. The program had another dominant season with outstanding coaching by Daniel Smee, Gary Ogilvie, Travis Brent, and Pablo Ortiz.

Read more details about their amazing season [HERE](#).

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SPOTLIGHT



Eileen Meyer, DNP, ACNP-BC, LSSGB, class of '94

Eileen is the most recent Golden Eagle alumna to be honored with an endowed scholarship given in her name. As a present for her 50th birthday, her husband, Dr. Bruce Burns, endowed the Eileen S. Meyer Nursing Scholarship.

Dr. Burns had this to say about the gift, "When Eileen turned 40 years old, I was stumped at what to get her for her birthday. I decided to endow a scholarship to the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing, where she completed her Master of Science in Nursing and her

Doctor of Nursing Practice, in her honor. We have had the opportunity to see a scholarship recipient each year complete their training and have followed their careers. This has brought us great satisfaction. Celebrating her 50th birthday with an endowment to the University of Charleston, where Eileen completed her undergraduate degree, seemed to be an obvious choice.

"I am extremely proud of my wife and wanted the undergraduate institution from where her training started to recognize the quality graduate that their program produced. We hope that the scholarship will benefit other traditional nursing students. Many people helped us early in our careers, it is time to pay it forward."

Eileen's passion for nursing and improving access to healthcare in rural areas makes this the perfect gift.

Read her full story [HERE](#).

Ed Burton, class of '80

"I received an excellent education at the University of Charleston. It prepared me well for law school and for professional life after school. I had a career in government, including becoming an American diplomat serving overseas. Then, my career moved into the corporate world as president and CEO of an international trade association," Ed remarked during his recent participation in the Alumni Oral History Project. Let's look at his impressive career.



Ed always wanted to work internationally. That desire was sparked in 1976 when he spent the summer after high school in Italy living with his sister and brother-in-law. His interest in international travel is reflected in his career decisions.

While attending UC, Ed landed a paid internship at the Charleston, WV law firm of Bowles Rice LLC (at that time known as Bowles, McDavid, Graff & Love). That helped him make up his mind to go to law school. After graduating from UC in 1980, he attended the Dickinson School of Law and later practiced law in Atlantic City until he began his career in government. From 1988 through the end of 1999, he served in the State of New Jersey's International Trade Office in various executive positions until ultimately being named as Director of that office by former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

Read his full story [HERE](#).

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FOR YOUR SUPPORT
You make a difference!



We are so grateful for the incredible support provided by all of you, our alumni and friends, in 2021! Your support plays a critical role in giving today's UC students that special "UC experience" and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you for always being so generous and for helping us to do big things at UC. We look forward to working with you to make 2022 a success!

Please contact Catherine Eckley, Director of the Annual Fund, for questions on how you can give!

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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!

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 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.

Bruce Hewitt, '62

Judy Ridinger, '64

Carol E. Nagel, '61

Betty Fisher, '67

Jack D. Huffman, '60

Roger Paskel, '58

Barbara Kessinger, '93

Mary Priestley, '00

Nancy Roberts, '65

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

January 12 @ 4:00 pm- January UCAA Zoom Meeting

January 26 @ Noon- MBA Speaker Series with Rebecca McPhail, President of West Virginia Manufacturers Association. Click [HERE](#) to register for this free virtual event.

February 5 @ 2:00 pm- Alumni Basketball Day - UC vs. West Liberty University, Women's game @ 2:00 pm, Men's game @4:00 pm, Wehrle Innovation Center. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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 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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