

UC NEWS

ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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There is less than a month to go until we recognize the latest UC graduates and celebrate them at the Spring 2022 Commencement Ceremonies on April 30th. In the morning about 250 undergraduate students will walk across the stage to receive their associate and bachelor's degrees. We are excited to have 2002 alumnus Magie Cook return to campus as our commencement speaker. An accomplished entrepreneur and author, Magie is now a highly sought-after business coach and motivational

speaker.

Our afternoon ceremony will include approximately 135 graduate students earning their master and doctoral degrees. The commencement speaker will be West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Beth Walker. Justice Walker is passionate about public engagement and civics education and is co-host of the podcast *Lady Justice: Women of the Court*.

The Spring 2022 Commencement Ceremonies will be a wonderful day for all of our graduates, families, friends, faculty, and staff!

Of course, we want these newest graduates to be proud and engaged alumni just like you. To help with the student-to-alumni transition, we will be hosting a celebration dinner for the Class of 2022 at the President's home. Alumni Association guests will join us to share their post-graduation UC experiences. Lynn and I look forward to a wonderful evening.

As we shift into the summer terms, we are expecting over 1,800 students will be enrolled, the majority in online classes. Included in this group will be our first cohort of Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner students. We are excited to add this important program for working adults seeking to advance their healthcare careers.

Finally, we will be busy this summer with many campus projects including the allocation of over \$2M in grant funding for new healthcare simulation, imaging, and virtual reality hardware and software, and for a new summer nursing boot camp for high school students.

Renovations of the Dining Hall and Food Court, classrooms, library, residence halls, and other projects are also planned. We will highlight these campus enhancements in future newsletter issues.

Best regards,
Marty





Congratulations to our March Madness Winners!

1st place- \$50 Visa gift card and UC water bottle - **Doug Singleton, '01**

2nd place- \$25 Visa gift card and UC water bottle - **Todd Robinson, '89**

3rd place- \$10 Starbucks gift card and UC water bottle - **Garrett Morgan, '14**

The water bottle contains a UC keychain, chip clip, chapstick, and pen!

Academic Announcements



Congratulations to Logan Bossert and Kaylee Nott, on earning the top two spots in the 2022 I3 (Ideas, Innovation, and Inspiration) Innovation Showcase! Kaylee Nott won first place with her entry titled, "Fabricating the Future: A Stich at a Time"

Logan Bossert won second place with her entry titled, "Analysis of the Charge Transfer from Aromatic Compounds to Uranyl (VI) using UV-Vis and Fluorescence Spectroscopies"

Pictured from left to right is Innovation Center Director Dave Ramsburg, Logan Bossert, Kaylee Nott, and UC President Marty Roth.

Kaylee is also participating in our pilot semester of the UC Alumni Mentorship program.

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OF THE YEAR**



Congratulations, Dr. Bren Stevens!!

On March 15, 2022 The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) announced 28 winners of the Cushman & Wakefield AD of the Year Award. Among the winners is Dr. Bren Stevens, Athletic Director for the University of Charleston.

The award highlights the efforts of athletics directors at all levels for their commitment and positive contributions to student-athletes, campuses, and their surrounding communities. Criteria for the award include service as an AD for a minimum of five academic years; demonstration of commitment to higher education and student-athletes; continuous teamwork, loyalty and excellence; and the ability to inspire individuals or groups to high levels of accomplishments.

Read the full article [HERE](#).

**SAVE
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**Special Announcement!!
Homecoming and Family
Weekend 2022 will be
SEPTEMBER 23-24.**

Look for more details soon and we hope you will make plans to be with us!

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SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Christopher Trotter has three UC graduation classes attached to his name, '98, '06, and '18. Please enjoy learning how his multiple degrees impacted his career.

Chris started at UC majoring in sports medicine. After two semesters, he realized that was not his passion. However, he finished two full years before deciding to change his major. During the summer after his sophomore year, he met with Anna Parkman (now Dr. Parkman) about the associate degree in the respiratory therapy program. Because he had already taken two years of undergraduate courses, he had a lot of the prerequisites and corequisites completed. Therefore, when he graduated with his associate's degree, he only needed two additional classes to earn his bachelor's degree.

"I worked as a respiratory therapist for several years, then decided to complete my bachelor's degree. To be honest, I think I

heard a Wheeling Jesuit University advertisement about completing a bachelor's degree and thought, "I am so close to mine, I need to finish that."

Read how Chris finished his bachelor's degree and more [HERE](#).

In anticipation of this month's commencement ceremony, we wanted to share a recent graduation story. We hope you will enjoy reading Dr. Caesar Kellum's thoughts on his experience completing the UC Doctor of Executive Leadership program and being part of the December 21 commencement ceremony.

"I learned of the DEL program from a friend of a friend, who recommended I look into the book, *The Formation of Scholars: Rethinking Doctoral Education for the Twenty-First Century*. Once I learned of the scholar-practitionership perspective of the DEL program towards leadership based upon Dr. Walker's research, I knew this was worth exploring further; and I think my wife put crazy pills in my vitamin bottle, because I thought I was done with school." Read more about Caesar [HERE](#).



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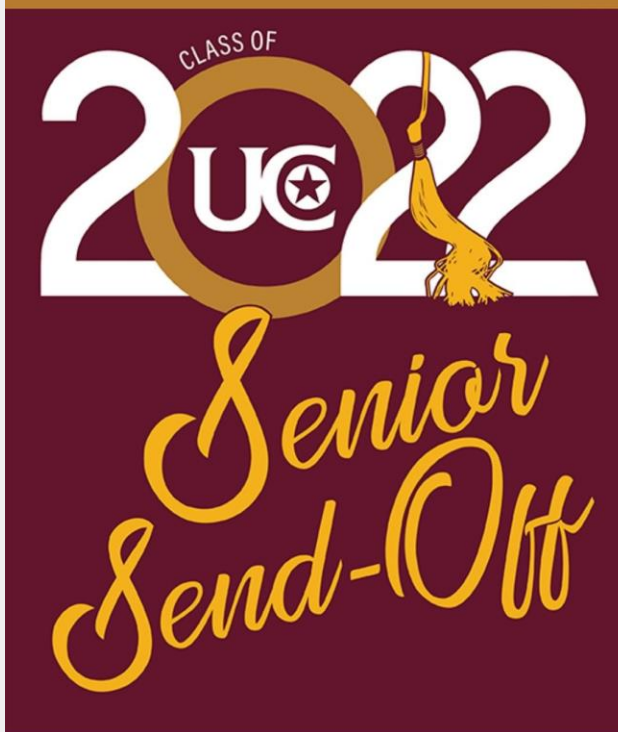
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

UPDATE

We have an update for anyone who participated in the Alumni Oral History Project over the past several months. At this point, you should have received your apparel items such as hoodies, caps, and bags. The physical books are estimated to arrive in late June.

We are sorry to report the delay with the books. There were so many participants that the editing and publishing process is taking longer than anticipated. We appreciate your patience and please contact the Alumni Office with any further questions. 304-357-4734.

UC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS



*Join us to Congratulate
the Class of 2022!*

*The Alumni Office invites you to a
special graduation celebration
dinner with President & Mrs. Roth
and UC Seniors.*

*Monday, April 18th, 6:00 pm
the President's House lawn
(rain location, UC Ballroom)*

Business casual attire requested

*Follow the link below to RSVP
before April 11*

No fee for UCAA members, \$15 for guest

UCAA Members, click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Our "Be an Alum, Bring an Alum" UCAA membership campaign has come to an end. We want to welcome all our new members and congratulate Jeremy Ellis, '21 on winning the "Nest of Prizes"!

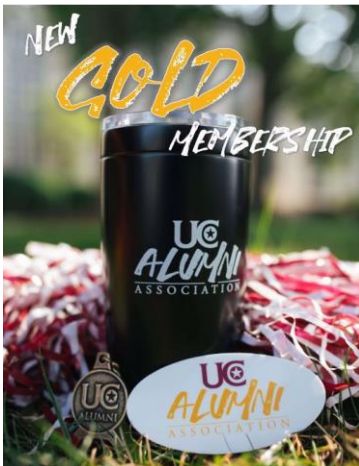


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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN



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 May 4th at @ Noon EST.

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

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that
100% of UC
students receive
some kind of
financial support?

**Donate to the
Scholarship Fund
HERE**



For many, a University of Charleston experience would not be possible without alumni support. Your donation creates scholarship opportunities for students to pursue their educational and professional goals. Invest in tomorrow's generation by giving to our scholarship fund today!

In Memorium

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

Jack L Pack, '69

Mary Fast, '48

Toni Penix, '91

Glen Korobov, coach

Ann Kinsolving, '73

James Cercone, professor

Jack Glaspell, '70

Gene Monk, '62

Marl Scarpelli, '77

Florence Nichols, '71

Corazon Ross, '86

Richard Crouser, '76

Roger Decanio, '92

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

April 8th - UC Singers perform at Taylor Books, 226 Capitol St., downtown Charleston, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

April 18th - Senior Send-Off Dinner - UCAA Members, RSVP [here!](#)

April 30th - Spring Commencement, undergraduate ceremony @ 10:00 am, graduate ceremony @ 1:00 pm

May 4th - UCAA Monthly Zoom meeting @ Noon EST

SAVE THE DATE!!- 2022 Homecoming and Family Weekend - September 23-24

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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