

The logo features the letters 'UC' in a large, bold, yellow font with a white star inside the 'C'. To the right, the word 'NEWS' is written in a large, yellow, outlined font. Below 'UC' is the word 'ALUMNI' in a white, sans-serif font. Below 'NEWS' is the phrase 'FROM THE NEST' in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The background of the logo is a photograph of a university campus with several buildings and trees.

# UC NEWS

ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am amazed and humbled to work with people who have the passion and generosity to support UC as you do! Our February Give for Gold project, the Cox Hall Greenspace, had the largest goal for a UC GiveDay to date and you met and exceeded that goal. Thank you not only to our alumni and friends in the local community but to our students, parents, faculty and staff for all of your contributions.

“I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.” – Maya Angelou

Spring is just around the corner and it is one of the most beautiful seasons to show off our campus. Join us for an athletic competition, MBA speaker series, or UC Builders lunch and speaker. If you are interested in any of these events, contact the Advancement and Alumni Office.

Thank you again for your tremendous support of UC. We definitely couldn't carry out our mission to educate each student for a life of productive work, enlightened living and community involvement without YOU!



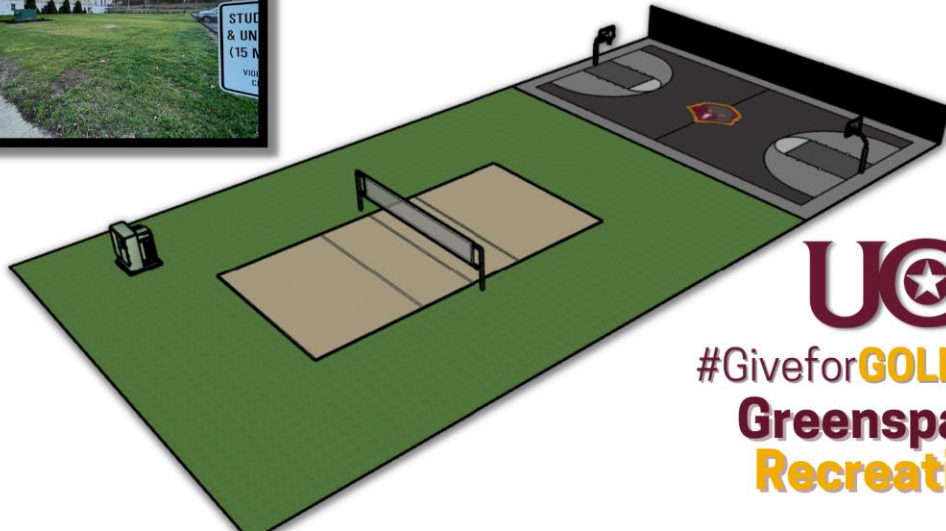
**#GIVEFORGOLD**

**THANK YOU!!!**

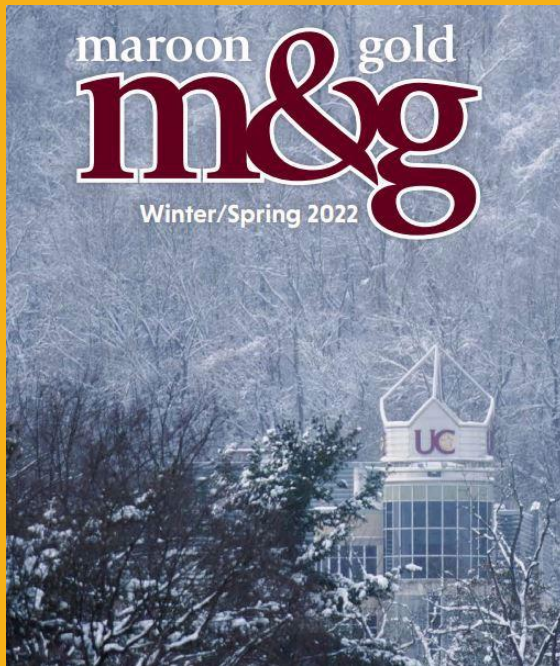
"Thank YOU" to the entire Golden Eagle community! On Wednesday, February 16th, we hosted Give Day in the Innovation Center. We now have over 1,000 donations totaling over \$160,000 - we HIT THE GOAL! The new multi-purpose outdoor recreation area will be a wonderful addition to our Charleston campus.



**NOW WE CAN CREATE RECREATION.**



**#GiveforGOLD202  
Greenspace  
Recreation**



The latest edition of  
our "Maroon and  
Gold" magazine is now  
available!

[Click HERE to read M & G!](#)

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# Academic Announcements



## Grow Your Role & INCREASE YOUR IMPACT.

- Become an FNP in five semesters
- 100% online program + one on-campus clinical residency
- 3 flexible program completion options

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Jordan Quattrucci  
MSNFNP Enrollment Coordinator  
304-357-4785 | [jordanquattrucci@ucwv.edu](mailto:Jordanquattrucci@ucwv.edu)



Apply online at [www.ucwv.edu](http://www.ucwv.edu)

This program emphasizes practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner; all course work focuses on developing the knowledge, skills, and abilities to assume advanced practice roles in the nursing profession.

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (MSFNP)

#### WHO THIS DEGREE IS FOR:

Baccalaureate-prepared nurses looking to advance their career as family nurse practitioners in primary care.

**LENGTH:** 5 semesters (42 credits)  
& 640 required clinical hours

**FORMAT:** Online w/ an on-campus summer residency

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- The UC FNP Online Program is designed for the working RN
- Two (2) Annual Program Starts - Fall & Spring w/ limited seats
- The clinical work focuses on health promotion and disease prevention across the lifespan
- A two-day mandatory on-campus clinical residency to prepare for Direct Care Clinical
- Direct Care Clinical hours are completed in the final three (3) semesters of the program

#### CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS:

Below is a sample list of courses you will take when enrolled in the online program:

- Advanced Practice Roles
- Advanced Pathophysiology
- Advanced Pharmacology
- Advanced (Physical) Assessment
- 3 clinical courses

#### ADMISSIONS INFORMATION:

*\*To apply to the MSN-FNP program, students must provide:*

- Transcripts showing completion of a BSN from an accredited institution with a minimum cumulative 2.50 GPA
- A copy of a current, active, unencumbered registered nurse (RN) license issued in the US
- A written statement of purpose explaining their professional goals
- Contact information for two professional/academic references
- A current professional resume

Did you know we offer a free virtual MBA  
Speaker Series?



**FREE**  
**MBA SPEAKER SERIES**  
VIRTUAL SESSIONS

**BROADENING PATIENT ACCEPTANCE OF TELEHEALTH MEDICAL DELIVERY**

Olszewski earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from UC and played football for the Golden Eagles. He has worked at CAMC for two and a half years.

- Board member of the Down Syndrome Network of WV
- Recipient of CAMC Quality Awards for his work in Complexity with Rapid Implementation & Innovation
- Passionate about bringing quality care to every WV resident by eliminating barriers in service

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**  
12 p.m. | Virtual Event (link emailed after registration)

**MASON OLSZEWSKI**  
Director of Telehealth at Charleston Area Medical Center



Mason Olszewski is our March speaker! Mason is a UC graduate and former football player. He is now the Director of Telehealth for Charleston Area Medical Center. Follow the link to register for this free event!

[Register HERE](#)

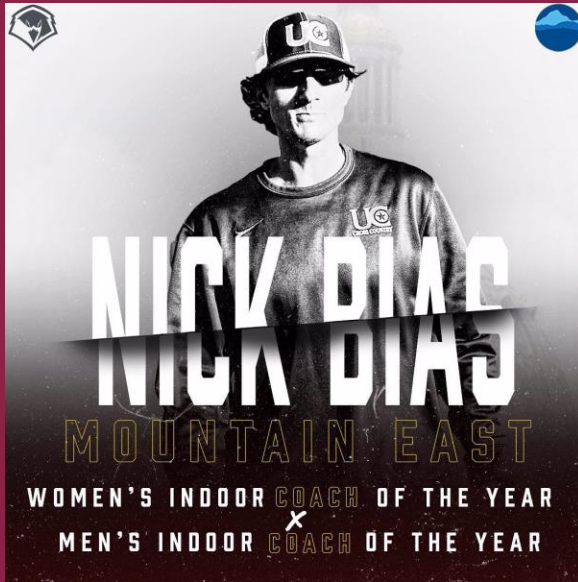
Below are links to recordings of some of this year's speakers in case you missed them live! Enjoy!

[Rebecca McPhail, WV Manufacturers Association](#)

[Bernard E. Layne III, M.A., J. D.](#)



**Athletics**  
**CORNER**



## Indoor Track and Field Teams Earn Top Honors!

The women's team captured its first indoor Mountain East Conference Championship, but this year's title would make five in a row for the men's team. Coach Nick Bias also received Coach of the Year honors for both women's and men's indoor track and field.

Congratulations to all the Golden Eagle track and field athletes, coaches, and staff on a successful meet!

## Quinn Sanders, Class of 2011, is our new head football coach!

The announcement came this past Tuesday morning at a press conference held in the Innovation Center. Sanders opened his statement with, "I'm feeling a lot of emotions right now...but one thing I can say is that it's a great day to be a Golden Eagle".

Coach Sanders went on to describe his coaching philosophy saying, "Our performance is not going to be measured by our numbers on the field, but by how we prepare our student-athletes for the rest of their lives."

Sanders is just the fourth head coach since the football program was reinstated in 2004. Quinn is the successor of Coach Pat Kirkland, who departed in January 2022 to begin a position as the Special Teams Coordinator for Jacksonville State under Head Coach, Rich Rodriguez.

Read more about the nationwide search for a new coach and Quinn's story [HERE](#).



# ALUMNI

# SPOTLIGHT



Rajeeva Serasinghe, Class of '99 and '00

Rajeeva came to UC as an international student from Shri Lanka. "I knew I wanted to attend college in the United States. I worked with an organization that handed me a very thick book of colleges and universities with instructions to choose twenty to apply to. At the time, the song "Country Roads" was very popular in Sri Lanka. So, five of the twenty schools I chose were from West Virginia. UC offered a diverse campus and appeared to be a welcoming community for international students, so I picked Charleston!"

As a Welch Colleague, he was active in the International Student Union, Kappa Delta Rho fraternity (treasurer for two years), and Order of Omega organizations. He also served as a student ambassador (giving tours for prospective students) and as Resident Assistant the last three years he was on campus. "Being an RA in Cobb and Dickenson Halls really gave me a lot of responsibilities and I saw it as a privilege to have those responsibilities," says Rajeeva.

Read more about Rajeeva and his career [HERE](#).



## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



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



UCAA Members are invited to join us for the Senior Send-Off event. This year, the dinner will be held at the President's house on April 18th, so mark your calendars! The dinner event is free for alumni and \$15 for their guest. More details to come during next week's

meeting!

**We have one more month of the "Be an Alum, Bring an Alum" membership campaign and we need your help to make it a success. A strong alumni association is a great asset to our university, and it is our goal to continuously grow the membership to be as diverse as UC.**

Here is how it works...

STEP 1- JOIN the UCAA! This is an organization that allows you to network with other alumni, be part of planning events, and stay connected to your university. Plus, you earn some great swag, invitations to events, travel discounts, and more! See below for the membership levels and benefits. Follow this [link](#) to JOIN!

STEP 2 – Send an email, text, or call your alumni friends inviting them to join the UCAA with you.





STEP 3 – Send a list of people you have invited to Christina Carr, [christinacarr@ucwv.edu](mailto:christinacarr@ucwv.edu). This allows us to keep track of new members who were invited by you.

STEP 4 – You earn ONE drawing entry when you join and TWO entries for every new membership purchased by an alumnus you invited.

**The campaign will run through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, so get your drawing chances in soon! We will announce the winner of the “Nest of Prizes” package during our UCAA April Zoom meeting.**

## THE NEST OF PRIZES

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

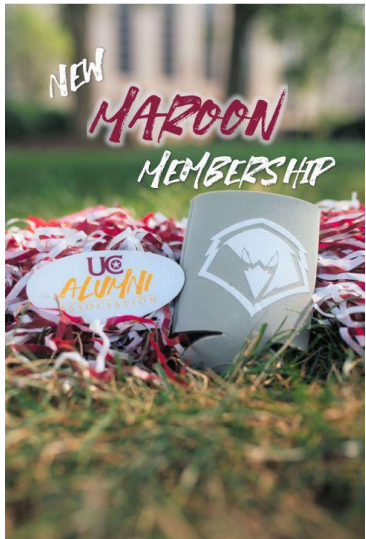


The UC Alumni Association is a great way to stay engaged, help plan alumni events, network with other alumni, and give back from wherever your wings have taken you!

**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.

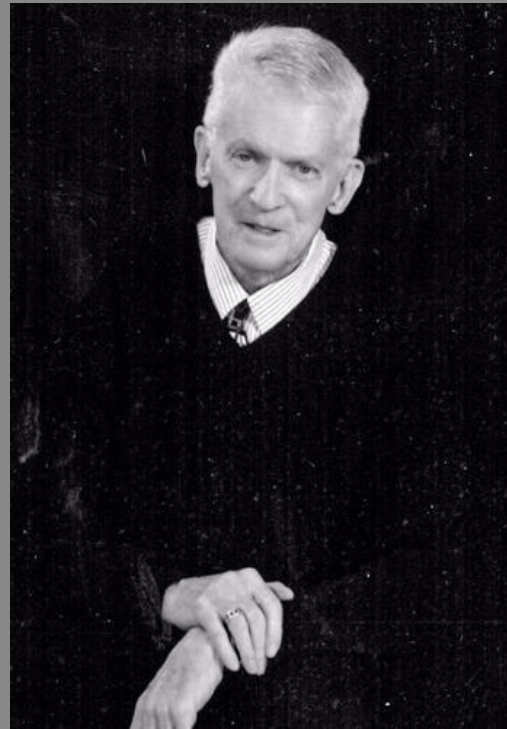


**The Maroon Renewal** requires a \$25 membership donation and includes an alumni cell phone holder, invitations to special events, discounts, and more.

**The next UCAA Zoom Meeting will be on March 9th at @ Noon EST.**

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

Dr. Fred Barkey, 1933-2002



Dr. Fred Barkey was a beloved history professor and department head. He influenced the establishment of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and held a strong bond with the brothers - he was even still having frequent lunches with them before the pandemic. He had an impressive career that was dedicated to the research of the lives of the working class and immigrant families of West Virginia. Click [HERE](#) to read his full obituary and learn about his contributions to our school, the city of Charleston, and the state of West Virginia.

## *In Memorium*

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

Dixie Golden, '80

Ray Shockey, '88

George Crumb, '50, '69

Jeanette Corey, '52

Nancy Alden Wray, '65

Gary Wray, '65

Dr. Fred Barkey, professor

Wanda Chenoweth, '54

Jeanette Cory, '52

Richard Risk, Sr.

Ray Shockey, '88

Cora Ross, '86

Jimmie G Call, professor

Alice Mathis, '63

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

**March 9 @ Noon EST-** March UCAA Zoom Meeting

**March 16th @ Noon EST-** MBA Speaker Series, register [HERE](#)

**April 18th -** Senior Send-Off Dinner - UCAA Members, save the date!

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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