

UC NEWS

ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Just like that, another academic year has come to an end, and we graduated another class of Golden Eagles. We hosted commencement ceremonies this past weekend and no matter how many times I attend, it is exciting to see the smiles on the faces of the students and their families celebrating their milestone and receiving a degree from the University of Charleston.

As you read this message, I hope you are beaming with pride as well, realizing the impact that so many of you have made helping these students with your generosity of scholarship funds.

Now, it's time to start some great summer projects on the Charleston and Beckley campuses. Renovations to both of our dining halls in Geary Student Union, health science simulation lab and science lab equipment installations, a nursing station within the health science sim area, residence hall updates, and a new outdoor recreation area with basketball and volleyball courts will all be completed by the time fall semester rolls around. Please plan to visit campus for Homecoming and Family Weekend this fall to see all the great changes and updates taking place on campus!

Thank you again for your continued support of UC and helping us to carry out our values and mission every day.

Gail Carter, Vice President for University Development



Senior Send-Off Dinner 2022

The Office of Alumni Relations welcomed some of the Class of 2022 to a special Send-Off dinner in the Erma Byrd Gallery on April 18th. The soon-to-be graduates were welcomed to the alumni community by our current Young Alumnus of the Year, Chelsea Kinzinger, and received toasts of congratulations from President Roth. The cold and rainy weather moved this tradition indoors but we were able to celebrate the Class of 2022 nonetheless. Thank you to the alumni who submitted toasts, they were displayed on the tables for the seniors to enjoy.

UC
COMMENCEMENT
SPRING 2022



Despite the very rainy weather, we had Spring Commencement 2022 success! Two ceremonies were held this past Saturday to celebrate our 134th graduating class.

We want to extend a special thank you to alumnus, Magie Cook, and University friend, Justice Beth Walker for sharing their career stories and providing inspiration to the graduates during their commencement addresses. Both ladies were presented with honorary degrees and were a memorable part of this special day. Pictured above is Magie Cook, with President Roth and Board of Trustee member Patrick Graney, during the undergraduate ceremony and Justice Walker during the graduate ceremony.

Pictured below is our Senior of the Year Award recipients, an award voted on by the faculty. The Undergraduate Award went to Meredith Suttle who graduated with bachelor's degrees in both integrated communications and business administration. The Graduate Award went to Michaela Davis (pictured with President Roth) who earned her doctorate of pharmacy.

Congratulations to all our graduates and welcome to the Golden Eagle Alumni community!



Dont forget - The Center for Career Development is a resource for ALL Golden Eagle alumni!

Jessica Wagner is our new Director for the Center of Career Development. Prior to the University of Charleston, she was a Program Coordinator of Hospitality at BridgeValley Community and Technical College. There she served on the Hiring Search Committee, Awards & Ceremony Committee, and served as a Chair for the Creative Entrepreneurship programs. Prior to BridgeValley, she worked as Assistant Branch Manager and Aquatics Director at the Upper Kanawha Valley YMCA, and as Catering Sales Manager at the Charleston



Civic Center for 10 years following her graduation from WVU. Jessica is a lifelong reside of Fayette County, WV. She resides in Montgomery with her husband, daughter, and 2 dogs.

Feel free to reach out to Jessica and take advantage of all the CCD has to offer! Click [HERE](#) to explore your options!



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SEPTEMBER 23-24 **2022**

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SPOTLIGHT



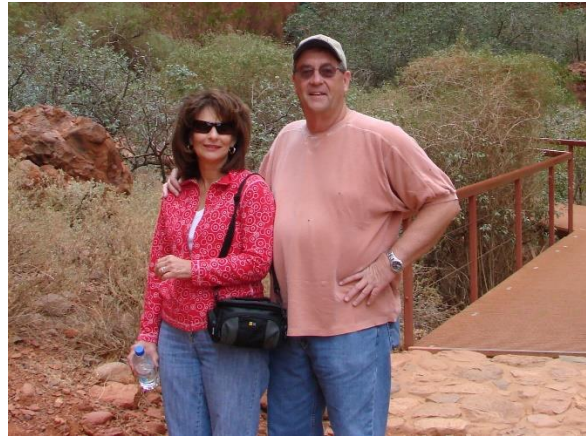
Monica Mason, '97

When the global pandemic began in March 2020, Monica became an instrumental part of the Unified Health Command team. From the first tests administered in nursing homes to large testing sites to mass vaccination clinics, this team was responsible for creating unprecedented protocol in response to the pandemic. Their work was modeled in other parts of the country to keep the public and our first responders safe. During this time, she also assumed the role of Executive Director of KCEAA and worked for 500 days without a day off. Her commitment to her county, state, and beyond is to be commended.

Read Monica's full story [HERE](#).

Ronald Moore, '72

Ron was born and raised in Poca, West Virginia and graduated from Poca High School in 1965. "Growing up in WV, I was well aware of Morris Harvey College. The College had a very good chemistry department, including Dr. Jesse Spencer. However, there was no engineering program and I had decided I wanted to become a chemical engineer, so I passed on Morris Harvey to begin my college career." Instead, Ron enrolled in Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana where he received a partial football scholarship as a freshman.



Read Ron's return to Morris Harvey College story and more [HERE](#).

Two of our alumni celebrated triple-digit birthdays!!

Happy Birthday, ladies!



Floretta Nestor, '73

On April 1st, surrounded by her family gathered in Roane County, WV, Floretta celebrated her 102nd birthday. Floretta came to Morris Harvey College to earn a liberal arts degree, taking classes on Saturdays and during her summer breaks as a schoolteacher.

Her daughter, Kathryn Taylor, shared that Floretta taught in Roane County her entire career. She moved from one-room buildings to larger schools, teaching fourth grade for most of her career. "Her students always had fun with her on her birthday and it was easy to remember as it was on April Fool's Day!"

Floretta has always been very involved with her church and loved making quilts for every member of her family. She has two daughters, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Happy Birthday, Floretta!

Genevieve “Jenny” Adams, ‘44,

Jenny Adams turned 100 on April 15th. Jenny’s late husband, Verlin T. “Sparky” Adams, was a former New York Giants football player and coached at Morris Harvey College from 1946-1957. Jenny and Sparky are both members of the UC Athletic Hall of Fame and Jenny was named our Alumnus of the Year in 2002, just to name a couple of her many honors.

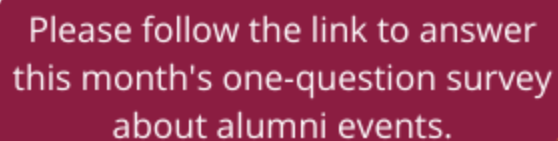
Please follow this [link](#) to an article published in “The Putnam Harold” about Jenny’s life.

Jenny is pictured with her three children, Verlin “Sparky” Adams, Jr -class of ’70, Hank Adams – class of ’72, and Jane Adams Brown.





**We want to
hear from
YOU-C
Alumni!**



Please follow the link to answer
this month's one-question survey
about alumni events.

[Answer May's survey question HERE!](#)



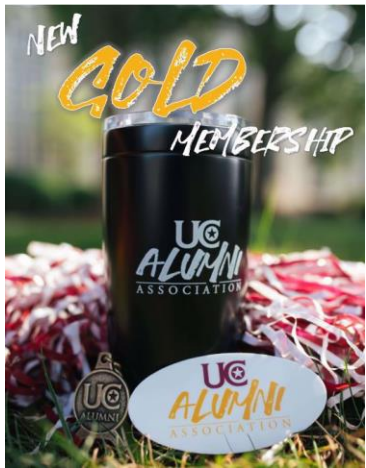
Summer Zoom Meeting Schedule

May - No meeting, let's rest up from all the activities held to celebrate UC graduates and the 2022 graduates in your life, too.

June 8th, 12:00 noon EST- Regular monthly meeting with all UCAA members.

July - No meeting, enjoy summer break!

August 3rd, 4:00 pm EST - Regular monthly meeting to kick off a new school year with all UCAA members and President Roth.



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.

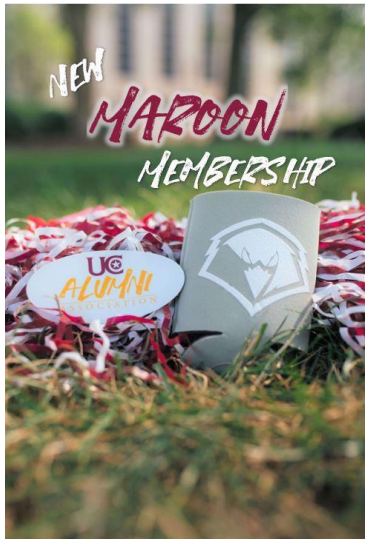
The Gold Renewal requires a \$100 membership donation and includes an alumni roll-up stadium blanket, cell phone holder, invitations to special VIP events, discounts, and more.

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 June 8th at @ Noon EST.

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



In Memorium

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

Maxine Calhoun, '49

Carl Canfield, '74

Sally Davis, '58

Rodney Gregory, '78

Paul Shiltz, Jr., '68

Denver Board, '65

Mary H. Boyd, '68

N Dean Parkins, '57

Bill Parsons, '57

Patsy M. Kerns, '67

Janet Purdy, '55

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

June 4th- @ Noon Eastern Time - UC Alumni Association Zoom Meeting

June 25th - Wine and Jazz Festival, University of Charleston riverbank lawn

**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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