

UC NEWS

ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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Alumni and Friends,

In all places there are signs that summer has finally arrived.

One of those at UC is our hosting Symphony Sunday on the back lawn. This community event draws thousands of visitors to campus to enjoy friendship, music, and the best view in Charleston! The weather on Sunday, June 5th could not have been better. It was a fine way to welcome this event back to campus after a COVID hiatus. We now look forward to Wine & Jazz on

Saturday, June 25th. Please join us if you can...and take advantage of discounted alumni, faculty, and staff tickets!

Summer is also the time when we try to start and complete campus projects. Even though we have about 1,700 students enrolled in courses this summer, the majority are fully engaged online, so it's the best time for physical work to get done. Here are some of the exciting projects underway:

- Completion of the outdoor recreation area at the former Cox Hall site, including new beach volleyball, basketball, and pickleball courts – thank you to all of our generous Give for Gold Day donors!
- Residence hall renovations such as carpeting, bathroom fixtures, furniture reupholstering and replacement, and painting.
- New and renovated classrooms in Clay Tower Building and Riggleman Hall
- For health care students and programs, the new Healthcare Simulation Center in Riggleman Hall including a new nursing station and manikins; for the Physician Assistant program new anatomy tables; new radiology imaging equipment on the 1st floor of Riggleman; new manikins for the School of Pharmacy; and new nursing and Occupational therapy simulation labs in Beckley.
- Relocation of the IT Helpdesk to provide better student accessibility and support
- Creation of a new virtual reality lab that will incorporate 3D imaging in anatomy and physiology, radiology, and other content areas.
- New turf installed at UC Stadium and at the softball field we share with the city.

- Resurfacing of the Riggelman Rotunda patio, and pressure washing all of our buildings.
- And last but not least, complete redesigns of our Student Union dining facilities to expand the number of food stations, offer fresh grab-and-go items and hot beverages, provide pre-ordering of to-go meals, and create expanded student lounge and multi-use space.

These projects will certainly enhance the student, faculty, and staff experiences at UC. And we know you will enjoy them too when you visit campus! We could not undertake these projects without your support.

Best wishes for a healthy, relaxing, and productive summer,

Marty

UC Receives \$1.9 Million in Funding to Create Innovation Hub

The University of Charleston (UC) will be creating the UC Downtown Innovation Hub (DIH) to help small businesses in the Kanawha Valley scale up and grow. The UC DIH co-locates a business coworking space, business accelerator, coaching, advising, employee training, and community event space at the corner of Capitol and Lee Streets in the heart of downtown Charleston, West Virginia's capitol city. The services provided will assist small businesses in creating economic opportunities, create and retain jobs, and generate private investment. See full article [HERE](#).





Angi Hyre, '06 and '10, was honored by the WV Executive Magazine as a 2022 Sharp Shooter!

The Sharp Shooter award is given to West Virginians 43 years of age or older who have been in their West Virginia-based position for at least five years and have a record of active participation in community service and philanthropic efforts.

According to the magazine's website, the Sharp Shooter honorees represent a strong pool of state leaders who have accomplished great things in the business world and in their communities. Sharp Shooters embody the characteristics of discipline, drive, charity, focus, ambition and strong principles. The Sharp Shooters Class of 2022 will be featured in the May 2022 issue and was recognized at a reception in Charleston on May 31st.

Angi says, "It is truly an honor to receive the Sharp Shooter award. I have always tried to make a positive impact throughout my life....in my family, education, career and community. I am most appreciative to WV Executive, friends, colleagues

and mentors for recognizing and honoring my efforts."

Congratulations, Golden Eagle!!



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

This spring, the Development Office launched a new Alumni Mentorship Program designed to provide a positive addition to a student's educational experience and provide professional development opportunities through alumni engagement opportunities. We want to thank the alumni mentors who participated in the successful pilot program this spring.

Sam Colvin, '14

Alize Farhat, '18

Bethany Kinder, '17

John Ranson, '62

Doug Singleton, '01

Dave Walters, '03

Randall Worth, '92

"Having an accomplished individual as a mentor has enabled me to tap into a wealth of knowledge and experience that has greatly enlightened and improved my persona. Thank you! This was amazing!" – Justin Webster, UC junior.

If you are interested in participating in the program as a mentor to undergraduate students for the 2022-2023 academic year, please contact Christina Carr, 304-357-4734, christinacarr@ucwv.edu





Discounted Tickets Available for Alumni!



The Wine and Jazz Festival is coming back to the UC Lawn! This favorite summer event, sponsored by the Fund for the Arts, will be on June 25th, 3:00 pm- 10:00 pm.

The general admission ticket purchased via the Fund for the Arts website is \$30 through June 16th and then \$40 through the day of the event.

However, our office has secured an allotment of tickets for Golden Eagle alumni to purchase at a discounted rate of \$25!

Discounted tickets can be purchased through June 16th with checks made to the University of Charleston. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept cash or online payments.

Tickets will be available for pick up in the alumni office 8:30 am - 4:30 pm daily Monday, June 20th through Thursday, June 23rd.

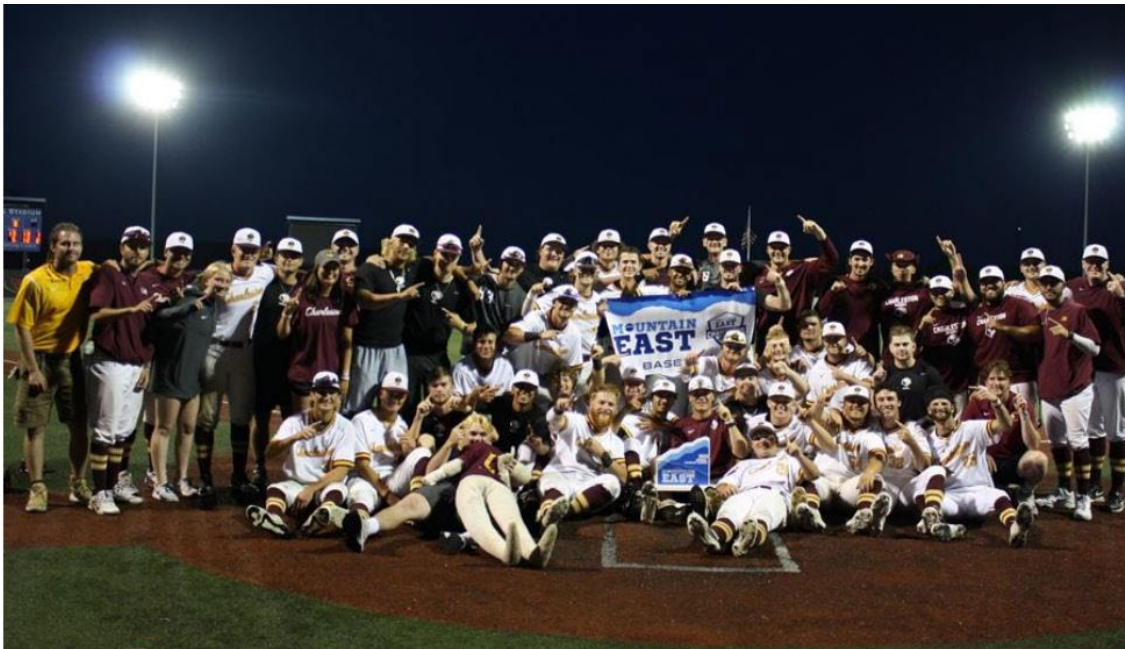
Send payment to: University of Charleston, Office of Alumni Relations, 2300 MacCorkle Ave SW, Charleston, WV, 25304. Please note "Wine and Jazz tickets" in the memo line.

Contact Christina Carr with any questions, 304-357-4734, christinacarr@ucwv.edu.



Athletics

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CHAMPS! CHAMPS! and more CHAMPS!

Six UC Athletic Teams are now champions! Men's Golf, Men's and Women's Track and Field, Men's and Women's Tennis, and Baseball claimed the MEC Conference title.

This past October, the Men's Golf team earned their title and in May, qualified for the NCAA tournament. They were one of two teams to represent the MEC in the NCAA Division II Men's Golf National Championship.

For Track and Field, the Women's team won their first outdoor championship in school history and the men won their SIXTH consecutive- WOW!.

The Men's Tennis team made it back-to-back MEC Championship titles and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history.

Women's Tennis clinched the #1 seed for the MEC tournament and became regular-season co-champions after a 7-0 sweep over West Liberty.

Finally, the Baseball team is back on top of the Mountain East Conference after defeating the Glensville State Pioneers in the championship.

For more details on all the athletic teams click [HERE!](#)

Thank you to all who attended our Evening of Champions!

On May 23rd, the UC Ballroom was filled with coaches, athletes, alumni, and friends. Attendees enjoyed dinner and a panel discussion with West Virginia's own NCAA National Championship soccer coaches, Daniel Smee, Chris Grassie, and Dan Stratford.

The event was a success and the funds raised will benefit the UC Athletic Department.



ALUMNI

SPOTLIGHT



Front row: Suzanne King, Judy Proctor (WVSCPA CEO), Brian Wadsworth (WVSCPA President), Sarah Henderson, Sean Woody, Shehna Khan. Back row: Trey Suttle, Wally Suttle, Cordell Parsons, Jason Prince, Alek Gracin, Mason Weese, Amanda Meadows

On May 6th, the WVCPA Society held their annual Committee Day during which they recognized UC graduate, Jason Prince, '20, as the 2021 West Virginia CPA Exam Merit winner. The award is given to the person with the highest score on all four parts of the CPA exam for the year. Jason is the third Merit winner from UC in the past six years. Aaron Souza, '11, was the 2016 Merit winner and Sarah Henderson, '17, was the 2018 winner. Sarah was also recognized as a 2018 Elijah Watt Sells Award (national award for high scores on CPA exam). Additionally, the Society recognized UC May 2022 graduate, Sean Woody, as the WVSCPA Outstanding Accounting student.

Judy Proctor, '84, is the CEO of this organization and Brian Wadsworth, '97, is the current President for the WV Society. Please click [HERE](#) to read more about these two outstanding alumni, their careers, and their involvement with the Society that honored so many Golden Eagle alumni.



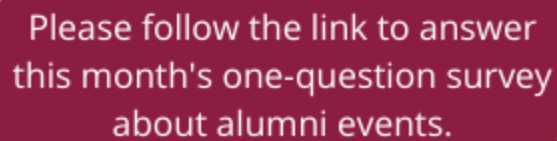
high-quality, life-changing college experience you had as a Golden Eagle!

Help us celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2022 and support our current UC students by making your gift to the Annual Fund today! Every gift directly supports the academic and campus life programming for UC students. Give back so that today's students can have the same

[Click HERE to Give!](#)



**We want to
hear from
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Alumni!**

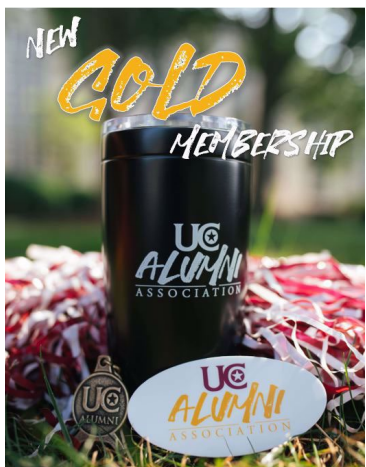


Please follow the link to answer
this month's one-question survey
about alumni events.

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

UC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NEWS



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 August 3rd @ 4:00 pm EST.

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

[Click HERE to view a list of all current UCAA members!](#)

In Memorium

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

Jamie Underwood Richardson, '75

Frederick Garret, '56

Ola Noel, '65

William Zikkos, '56

Gary Chandler, '94

Denise Clegg, '07

Barry Hamm, '86

James Turner, '64

Suzanne Bond, '76

Billy Bryant, '59

Joseph Comisky, '56

Larry Rawlings, '69

James Wilkes, '72

Karen Winter, '70

Linda Jones, '71

Jean Moore, '62

Carolyn Rogers, '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

June 14th @ 6:00 pm EST - MBA Virtual Open House, register [HERE](#).

June 17th - 2022 Charleston Football Golden Eagle Golf Invitational, register [HERE](#).

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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