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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope this message finds you and your families enjoying the end of summer and beginning of fall.

We are now in week three of the Fall 2022 semester. We just enjoyed another phenomenal Labor of Love Days. Over 1,000 students, faculty, and staff participated in community service projects in and around Charleston, in addition to those doing the same in Beckley and literally around the world where our online students and faculty live and work. It is always

so rewarding to live the *community involvement* pillar of our mission in such a big and impactful way.

We are very excited to host Homecoming and Family Weekend September 23-24th. There are plenty of events for everyone. We hope that you can join us as we celebrate UC's 75th year on our Charleston campus location.

If you have not done so this year, please consider supporting UC students. Each year more students face economic challenges as they pursue a great UC education. Your generosity helps us provide access to students who may not otherwise be able to attend college, participate in sports, and become Golden Eagles. This includes supporting current students who may be struggling to make ends meet. You would be overwhelmed by how appreciative students are when we can help them get the computer they need, find necessary food and personal care items in our Essentials Pantry, or help them with an unpaid balance.

Your gifts truly are meaningful gifts to students and perpetuate the culture of giving that is a rich hallmark of UC.

Best regards,

Marty

Today we celebrate a special part of our school's history!

The story of the University of Charleston begins on May 14, 1888, with the vision of five Barboursville, WV citizens and \$5 cash. On Sept. 12, 1888, the doors of the Barboursville Seminary opened with 25 students in attendance.

The College experienced many growing pains, including the lack of financial resources. The school was fortunate to have dedicated supporters in Rosa and Morris Harvey.

It is estimated that the couple donated more than \$63,000 to the College prior to Mr. Harvey's death in 1908 which prompted the trustees to rename the College in Morris Harvey's honor in 1901.

In 1931 Dr. Leonard Riggleman, an alumnus of the institution, was named the 19th president of the College. The College continued to struggle with financial difficulties and Dr. Riggleman convinced the trustees to move the institution to Charleston. A new era dawned in August 1935 as the school closed its doors in Barboursville and relocated to the capital city, and establishing a homebase in the old Kanawha County Library building.

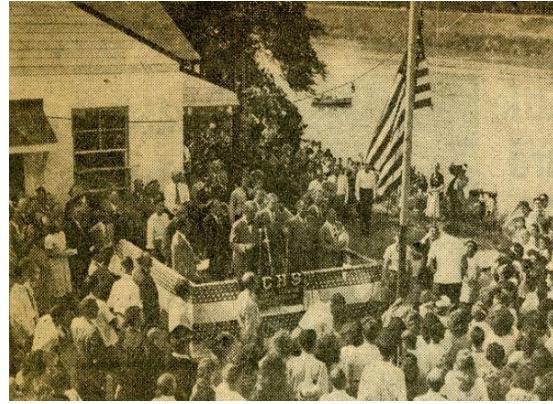
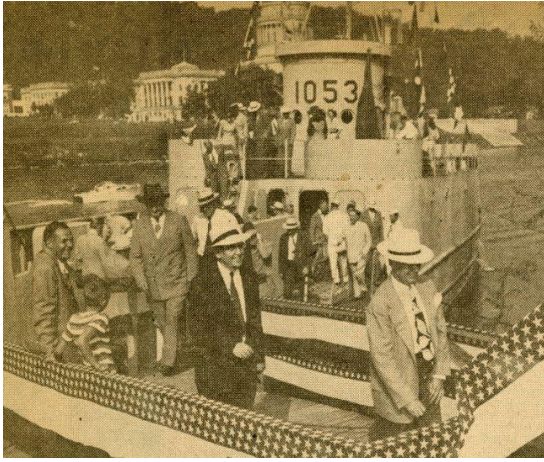
As the school continued to grow, it became obvious that a permanent campus for the College was needed. Under the leadership of Dr. Riggleman and Dr. Marshall Buckalew, a five-year plan was developed to build on the 22-acre South Ruffner site.

On Sept. 8, 1947, during ideal weather conditions, Morris Harvey College was moved across the Kanawha River on a United States Navy LCI (Landing Craft, Infantry) convoyed by 25 smaller craft. Three AT-6's from the West Virginia National Guard 167th fighter squadron flew overhead while the LCI made the trip from the Capitol St. levee to the state capitol, and then across the Kanawha. Several thousand persons lined the riverbanks during the ceremonies.

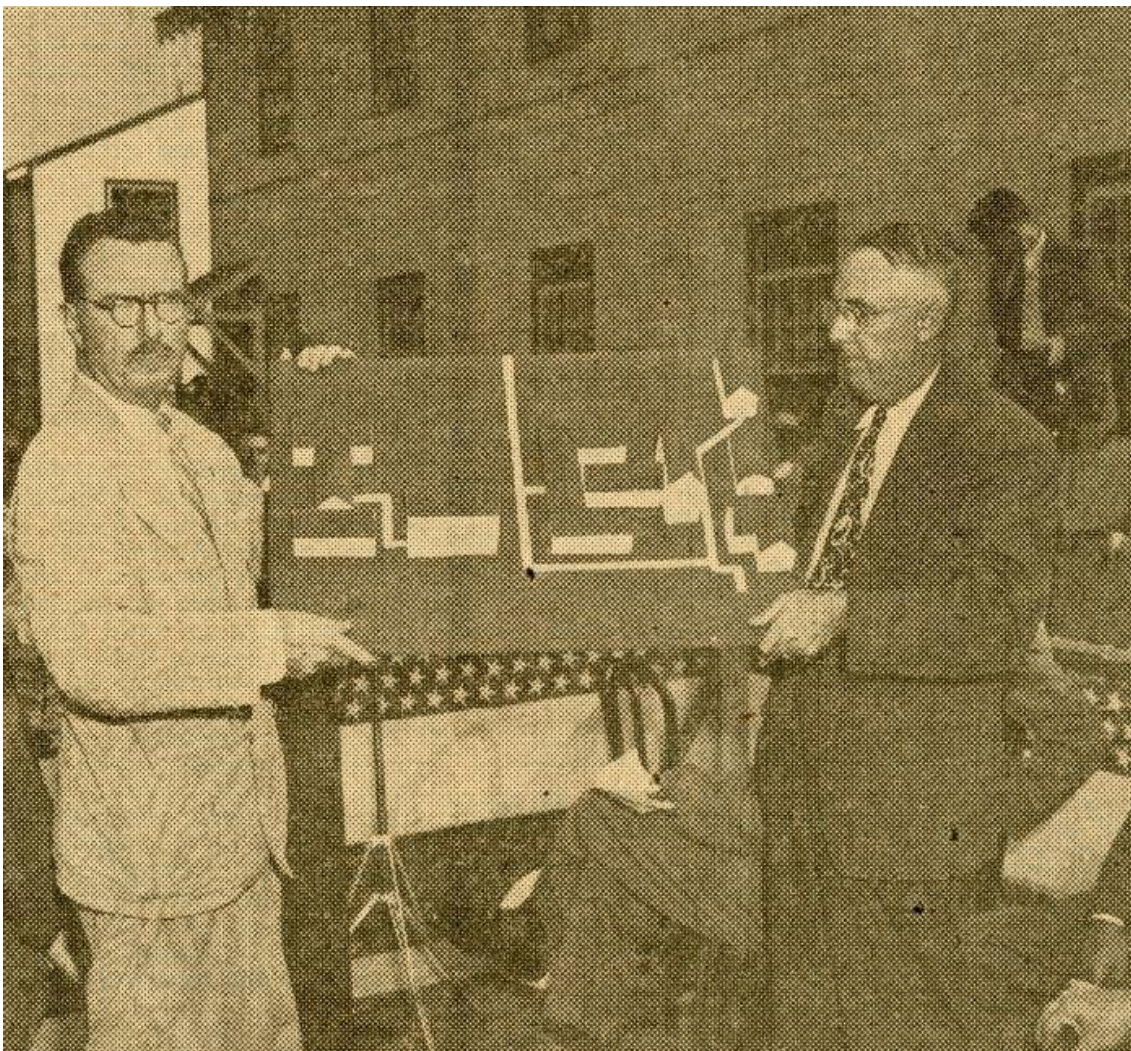
President Riggleman's words as he touched the shore set the tone for the historic event, "Although the buildings are only temporary, the landing is permanent. Moving a college twice in a lifetime is enough. We are here to stay." The 60th academic year of the College opened on South Ruffner with five government surplus buildings, three barracks and a cafeteria/assembly hall. Morris Harvey College was finally home.

Our 75-year residency on the river will also be honored during Homecoming and Family Weekend 2022!

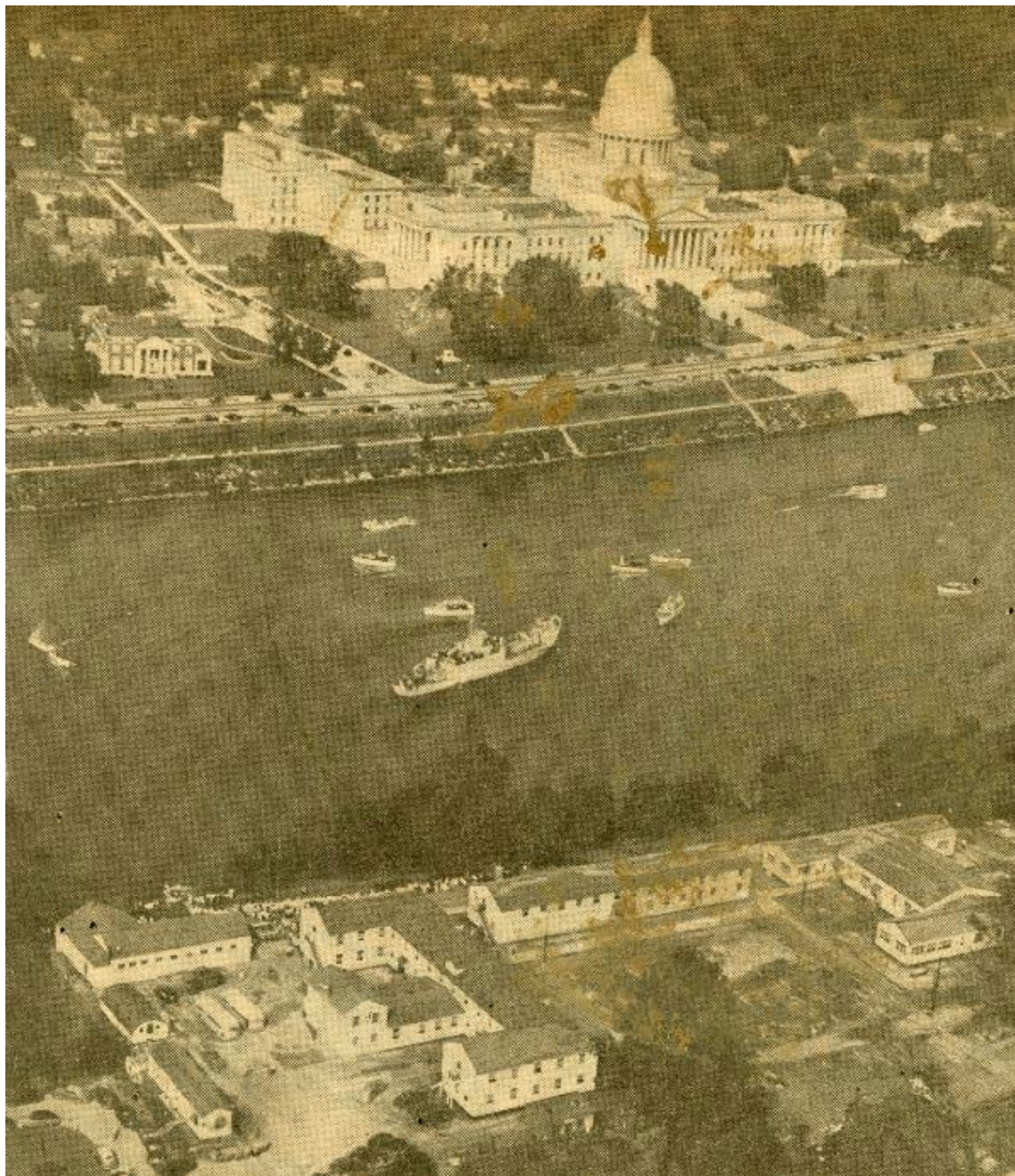




Photos above are of the moving day ceremonies with the disembarkation group including MHC president, Dr. Leonard Riggelman, WV Gov. Clarence Meadows, Charleston Mayor Carl Andrews, U. S. Senator Chapman Revercomb, and Blaine McLaughlin, commissioner of agriculture. Notice the ceremony stage is located in front of the Boat House, the only original building remaining on campus.



Pictured above is Henry J. Sullivan, district engineer for the Federal Works Agency presented a replica of the new buildings and title to the Chairman of the College board of trustees, A. W. Cox.





Be here for all the
EVENTS.

*There are two days full of activities for alumni and friends!
Please follow the link to see the schedule, register for events,
and book discounted hotel rooms!*

**[Find your Homecoming and Family
Weekend details HERE!!](#)**

thanks
FOR YOUR SUPPORT
You make a difference!



Thank you to the generous donors who contributed to the UC School of Pharmacy's More Than a White Coat Campaign! Because of your support, we were able to raise over \$3,600 to supply our future pharmacists with their necessary white coats, stethoscopes, and MacBook screen protectors. Good luck to our next class of pharmacy students!

[Read about a special addition to this year's white coats HERE!](#)



Athletics
CORNER

You Are
INVITED
to
TAILGATE
with us.



The UC Alumni Association is inviting all Golden Eagle alumni to attend a tailgate for the first home football game of the 2022 season!

Saturday, September 17th, 11:00 am - UC Stadium

UC vs Frostburg State University game will begin at noon.

Let us know if you can attend [HERE!](#)



Name a locker!!

Always striving to provide its student-athletes with the best experience possible, UC is raising funds to create a new locker room for the University of Charleston Football program. A space for recovery, developing a winning strategy, and building lasting bonds between teammates.

Our goal is to name 120 lockers. We want every member of the Golden Eagles Football Team to see that their community supports the cause! Help us reach our goal!

Follow the link to learn more and donate!

Name a Locker [HERE!](#)

ALUMNI

SPOTLIGHT



Justus Smith, MBA, '15

Justus Smith's path to his current role as Chief Executive Officer of Plateau Medical Center in Oak Hill, WV is interesting, inspiring, and includes threads of UC woven throughout the story.

Justus was raised in Beckley, WV and completed his high school education through a home school program after contracting mononucleosis disease in the 8th grade. "I never had any plans of going to college, I figured I would work a trade. I had finished high school and was happy working in construction making \$7 per hour with some of my buddies. Then, through mutual friends, I met my now wife, Hollie (Hollie Meade, '99)."

"As our relationship got more serious, my mom, dad, and grandparents started asking what I was going to do with my life. When we were serious enough that we were talking marriage, I thought 'If I want to get married, I'm going to have to make more than \$7 per hour.' It was close to that time that I was at work one day, standing in front of a barrel warmer in the winter, putting siding on a house thinking, 'there has to be something better than this.'"

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To learn how Justus worked to find his "something better" click [HERE!](#)

In 1998, Justus and Hollie married at the prettiest venue in town. You guessed it, the UC Lawn, pictured here.

Nicole Perry, '15

“The basketball team became my family. I have come back to Charleston every year since I graduated at least once, we gather at a basketball or football game. It’s crazy how close you become with people in an environment like that.”

Nichole played basketball under Head Coach Sherry Winn her freshman year. This became a defining time in her life. “I started my freshman year sitting on the bench with no play time, but someone once said to me, ‘control what you can control’. So, I thought, ‘I can’t control what the coach thinks, and I can’t control what the other players do, but I can control how much effort I put in.’ I started getting up at 5:00 am to shoot and working out more than usual. I ended up with a starting spot my freshman year and was a starter from then on.



“I really used that lesson to put the work in and grind with my course work, especially Dr. Sun’s organic chemistry 2 class and through medical school.”

“Charleston was an amazing four years; I was very blessed to be there and look forward to finding ways to give back and frequent visits.”

To read the rest of Nichole's story and her journey to medical school, click [HERE!](#)



Here is an opportunity to support UC students!!

The Essentials Pantry supports our students by providing free food, hygiene products, laundry detergent, and more, for those who need them. We want to be sure every student succeeds and providing a little extra help can make a big difference.

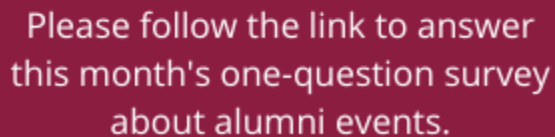
Needed items include oatmeal/cereal, chips, granola bars, canned fruit, crackers, juice, beef jerky, canned meat (tuna, chicken, Spam, etc.), canned soups or meals, and any types of snacks. Hygiene products are also needed – deodorant, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, etc. Laundry detergent, dryer sheets/balls or softener will also help.

You can drop items off in the Alumni Relations Office located on the right side of the visitor's parking lot.

Contact Christina Carr for more information, 304-357-4734



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



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

**Answer September'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 October 5th @ 4:00 pm EST.

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

Welcome to our newest members, Linda Callahan, '79 and Adam Taylor, '21, Katrinka Pauley, '79

Thank you for renewing your memberships, David Gallagher, '67, Dianna Carpenter, '75, Carolyn Burton, '71, Darla Fletcher, '78, and Eric Fletcher, '80

[**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.

Lakin Southall, 2000

Keith Doug Cavender, '63

Roger Tincher, '76

William Wandling, '60

Philip Gordon, '72

Kevin Boham, '91

William Duryee, '66

Michael H. Jones, '69

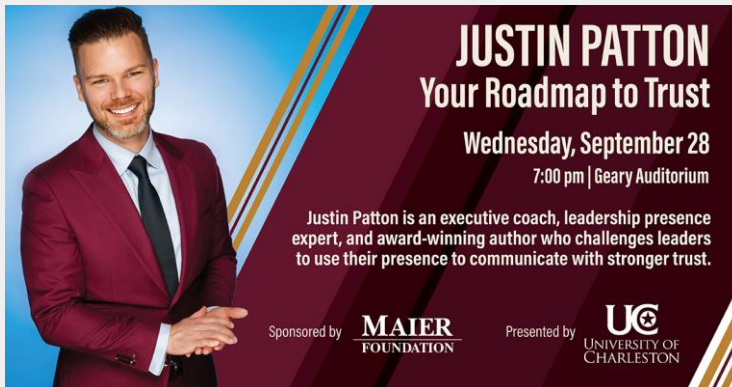
Harry Kirtley, II, '59

Harry Wagner, Jr., '59

Maribeth Henson, '80

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



JUSTIN PATTON
Your Roadmap to Trust
Wednesday, September 28
7:00 pm | Geary Auditorium

Justin Patton is an executive coach, leadership presence expert, and award-winning author who challenges leaders to use their presence to communicate with stronger trust.

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September 17, 11:00 am - UCAA Tailgate for First Home Football Game, register [HERE](#)

September 23 & 24 - Homecoming and Family Weekend 2022, see details [HERE](#).

September 28, 7:00 pm - Justin Patton Speaker Event, register [HERE](#)

October 5, 4:00 pm - UCAA Monthly Zoom Meeting

October 12, 6:00 pm - Alumni Soccer Tailgate, more details coming soon

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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