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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The end of the fall semester is one of our most exciting times of year here on campus as graduation is upon us this weekend. It's such a meaningful time for family and friends to see their loved ones walk across the stage and celebrate with them their commitment and dedication to education.

This seems to me to be the definition of a great donor as well – showing commitment to education by supporting a high quality and life fulfilling institution like the University of Charleston. Your generosity along with your dedication are what help us keep our campus beautiful with renovations, additions, new equipment, and new programs. All of which help make meaningful moments in life possible for so many of our students.

Thank you for all you do for the University of Charleston and please remember us with your generosity as we finish out 2022. I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

Warm wishes,

Gail Carter



It's time to welcome additional Golden Eagles into the alumni community!

The Fall 2022 Commencement Ceremony will be held Saturday, December 10 in the Russell and Martha Wehrle Innovation Center Sports Arena. Over three hundred students will be graduating this fall semester and over half will be participating in the live ceremony. Charleston Mayor, Amy Goodwin will be our guest speaker.

In addition to the traditional commencement ceremony in the morning, the afternoon certification ceremony will bring the first class of Emergency Management Service Leadership Program graduates and their families to campus. UC launched a leadership certificate program for EMS professionals throughout West Virginia in July this year. The program is designed to enhance the leadership skills of first responders. It is part of West Virginia Governor Jim Justice's Emergency Management Services Initiative. Governor Justice will be addressing the EMS professionals during the ceremony.

To celebrate the upcoming graduation, four-year undergraduate seniors were invited to join Dr. Roth for a Senior Send-Off reception. Students were welcomed into the Erma Byrd Gallery for desserts and a champagne toast! Photos from the event are shown below.





UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

UNIVERSITY BUILDERS

Thank you to the UC Builders for providing a meal to students who stayed on campus through the Thanksgiving break. They enjoyed a catered meal and homemade desserts! Check out the jersey cookies created by UC Builder, Roberta Fowlkes!

For more information about the UC Builders and how you can be part of the group, click [HERE!](#)





A Note from our Director of the Annual Fund, Catherine Eckley

The holiday season is a great time to give back to the University of Charleston. Many of you are making plans for your end of year giving, and we want to make sure UC is on your list. Gifts to the University can be directed to a special scholarship fund, team or organization, or you can give to the Annual Fund, which goes to the area of greatest need. You can also make a gift to a special project like our PA Mission Trip.

Make your gift now at [Give Now - University of Charleston \(ucwv.edu\)](https://ucwv.edu/give)

All University of Charleston offices will be closed from December 22-January 2. While we will be spending time with family and friends throughout the holidays, we will continue to service your needs. If you need assistance with an end of the year gift during that time, feel free to contact Gail Carter, VP of University Development at 304-357-4849 or gailcarter@ucwv.edu.

The Annual Holiday Dinner - A Favorite Tradition!

The Ballroom was filled with ginger and spice and everything nice for the annual student Holiday Dinner. Faculty and staff were on hand to serve savory dishes and a gingerbread man decorating station and holiday photo booth were set up for entertainment.



The Office of Student Life provided materials and challenged student organizations and campus departments to design gingerbread houses ahead of the annual event. The houses were used as centerpieces and guests were encouraged to vote for their favorite! The Golden Eagle's talents for gingerbread house designs were stellar!

Do you remember your Holiday Dinner?



ALUMNI

SPOTLIGHT



Benjamin Guell, '14

A basketball rivalry brought Ben to UC, teaching keeps him coming back!

“From the first time I came to campus, I knew I wanted to be a communication major. I just didn’t know exactly what that would evolve into. At UC, the Communication Program was structured in a way that allowed me to be creative and tap into different sides of myself that I knew I always had.”

“I always wanted to be an educator of some kind, but in high school, I realized teaching in a typical classroom setting was not for me. At UC, I became a Peer Educator, and that experience helped me understand there are many types of teachers. I also give immense credit to Nicky Bell who saw my excitement for teaching and served as a valuable mentor. She showed me that knowledge sharing, compassion, and creativity inside and beyond the classroom are critical.”

To read where Ben’s career has led him since graduation, click [HERE!](#)

Rachel Kerwin '20

The spring class of 2020 is a unique group of graduates. Their traditional senior year came to a halt when the global pandemic began in March of 2020 and yet there are countless stories of how they persevered and have had successful starts to their careers. Here, we share just one of those stories.

When Rachel Kerwin started playing lacrosse during her junior year of high school, she never imagined the game would become a driving force in her decision to attend college at UC. She also never imagined it would be a part of her answer to “Where were you when Covid hit?”.



To read her answer and more of her story, click [HERE!](#)

It is always great to share what alumni are doing and celebrating! If you reuniting with fellow alumni, we want to know about it! Please submit photos and details of your event to Christina Carr, 304-357-4734, christinacarr@ucwv.edu



The UC Office of Student Life is asking for donations to stock the Eagles Essentials Pantry for the winter!

The Eagles Essentials Pantry stocks items that are essential to living on campus. The items are provided at no charge to the students in need. This provides a valuable resource for those students who will be staying on campus during the holiday break.

If you live locally and would like to donate essential items to support our students, you can drop those items off at the Alumni Office. Contact Christina Car, Director of Alumni, for details. 304-357-4734, christinacarr@ucwv.edu

If you would like to make a donation, follow the [LINK](#) and choose "Student Supply Fund" in the "I want to support..." drop box.

Items needed include:

- ❁ Canned meat or fish (tuna, chicken, salmon, corned beef, slim jims, beef jerky)
- ❁ Oatmeal, cereal, granola
- ❁ Canned fruits (We have plenty of canned vegetables.)
- ❁ Canned soup or stew of a large variety (Maybe something a little more hearty like Progresso or Campbell's Chunky.)

- ✿ Shelf stable microwave meals that just require water added (meatloaf and mashed potatoes, macaroni and chili, chicken and dumplings, or macaroni and cheese)
- ✿ Canned pasta dinners
- ✿ Peanut butter and other shelf-stable dips and spreads (cheese, salsa, or ranch)
- ✿ Jelly
- ✿ Crackers- any variety to add to soup, used for spreads, or snacks like Cheeze-its
- ✿ Chips, pretzels, popcorn, gummies, granola bars, breakfast bars, nutria-grain bars
- ✿ Juice, water, tea, coffee
- ✿ Laundry detergent
- ✿ Fabric softener
- ✿ Dryer sheets
- ✿ Hygiene items (deodorant, razors, hand soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, tampons, pads)
- ✿ Toilet paper
- ✿ Tissues

[Donate to the Eagles Essential Pantry HERE!](#)



Golden Eagles Soared in Seattle!



After winning the MEC Championships, then the NCAA Atlantic Region Championship, both the men's and women's cross-country teams traveled to Seattle for the NCAA National Championships.

Both teams represented UC in an impressive way – the men's team finished in 8th place, and the women's team finished in 15th. There were 34 teams competing.

The USTFCCA named three of our cross-country runners as All-Americans: Elise Levelle, Joao Pereira, and Thomas Termote. (pictured above with Head Coach Nick Bias)

Way to run, Golden Eagles!!



UC ALUMNI

UC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI NIGHT

FREE ADMISSION AND HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR ALL GOLDEN EAGLE ALUMNI

JANUARY 13 - 7:00 P
WEHRLE INNOVATION CENTER
UC VS BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE

[Register for the Alumni Night HERE!](#)



FEBRUARY 11, 2023

ALUMNI DAY

AT THE UC BASKETBALL GAMES



UC GOLDEN EAGLES VS DAVIS AND ELKINS COLLEGE

WOMEN - 2:00 PM

MEN - 4:00 PM

WERHLE INNOVATION CENTER

**COME AND ENJOY THE HOSPITALITY ROOM
BETWEEN THE GAMES!**

**FREE ADMISSION TO BOTH GAMES FOR
GOLDEN EAGLE ALUMNI**



[Register for the Alumni Day HERE!](#)





MISSION TRIP DONOR WALL



Below is the up-to-date donor wall to recognize our generous donors featured on the UC PA Program Mission Trip Donor Wall!

Thanks to our donor wall supporters, we are that much closer to reaching our goal to assist UC PA students with the cost of travel, boarding and other essentials when they take their mission trip to serve underprivileged parts of the world without immediate access to healthcare.

Join the wall and claim your brick! Visit the link below to learn more.

MISSION TRIP DONOR WALL

MADELEINE LONG

"EVERY DAY IS A NEW DAY TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON SOMEONE'S LIFE!"

BOB & CHERYL WELTY

"THE BEST VIEW COMES AFTER THE HARDEST CLIMB."

GLENN D. KIRK

MARTY & LYNN ROTH

"KEEP MAKING A DIFFERENCE!"

WILLIAM & CONSTANCE DURKIN

"THANK YOU FOR HELPING OTHERS IN NEED"

ANONYMOUS

"GOOD LUCK. I AM IN AWE OF YOUR WONDERFUL WORK."

DANIEL S. REICH

THOMAS & SUZANNE FINK

PAUL & JUDY BEDRIN

NANCY HUTZELL

"LOVE THE EDUCATION UCPAP PROVIDES OUR FUTURE PA'S!"

JOHN KIMENHOUR

"BE SAFE."

LINDA KIMENHOUR

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BEVERLY J. TRIPLETT

KATELYN BARNAHRT

KIM & PHIL FAMILLETTI

Donate HERE!

JOIN TODAY!

UC *ALUMNI*
ASSOCIATION





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 alumni playing cards, water bottle, 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 water bottle, invitations to special events, discounts, and more.

The next UCAA Zoom Meeting will be on THURSDAY, December 8th @ 12:00 pm EST.

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



Welcome to our newest members - Ronald Philip, David Mulligan, Valery Maya, Eon Pereira, Sarah Haynes

Thank you for renewing your memberships - Alize Farhat, Mary Converse, Benjamin Guell, Charles O'Byrne, Dave Walters, Sam Colvin,

[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.

Susan Persuex Rothermel, '72

Rona Lehman Rothhouse, '66

Phyllis Burns Rowe, '78

Joseph Apicella, '82

Phyllis Joan Ritchie Seville, '57

Harriet Ware Greenwood, '58

Thomas Greenwood, '55

Roger Wheeler, '59

Philip Fitzpatrick, '62

Samuel Femia, '81

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



#GIVEFORGOLD

2.16.23

December 7 - UC Builders Holiday Lunch

December 8 - UCAA monthly Zoom meeting, 12:00 noon

December 10 - Winter Commencement and EMS Certification Ceremony

January 13 - Alumni Night at UC Men's Volleyball Game, register for the event [HERE](#)

February 11 - Alumni Day at UC Basketball Games, register for the event [HERE](#)

February 16 - Give Day 2022

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 so that we can share your successes with the rest of the Golden Eagle family. Keep soaring to new heights!

[Update Your Information HERE](#)



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