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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Happy New Year! We are so excited to be starting 2023 with you and all the UC/MHC supporters who are dedicated to helping us carry out our mission of educating students for a lifetime of productive work, enlightened living and community service. Thanks to your generosity in 2022, we are able to help so many students succeed at UC. They are receiving scholarship assistance, finding new and improved spaces on campus, and getting incredible experiential learning with new resources obtained. You make these things possible and I can't thank you enough.

As we enter the spring semester, there are many exciting things ahead such as athletic and speaker events, innovation competitions and more. We hope you will join us for your favorites and realize the success your support is enabling. Look for information on our website or the newsletter for the upcoming events.

Best Regards,

Gail Carter

VP of University Development



This year, our 2023 Enlightened Living Week will begin on Monday, January 16. We will observe the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to kick off our expanded Enlightened Living Week programming. UC will not hold traditional classes on this day, but instead students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in shared programming.

Programming for Monday will include the presentation of the documentary film – *From Selma to Stonewall: Are we there yet?* and hosting the film’s director, Marilyn Bennett in Geary Auditorium, with a student discussion to follow. This will be a live event for the Charleston campus and streamed for online and Beckley participation. The day will conclude with a Unity March and Candlelight Vigil held on the Charleston campus at 6:00 pm.

Enlightened Living Week will include a variety of in-person, online, and hybrid activities, workshops, and experiences. This is a vital pillar to our mission, and we look forward to an enlightening week.



## Special Announcement!

We are excited to announce that gifts received on Give Day 2023 will help fund the Men's Football locker room renovation project!

After 20 years of a successful program, it is time to make UC Stadium as great as the Wehrle Innovation Center and Welch Athletic Complex. Each year 120 student-athletes and 10 coaches use the UC Football Locker Room and provide our largest fan base with fun Saturday afternoons. Let's create a locker room that helps us attract more great student-athletes and provides Golden Eagle pride!

**Watch for more information in the coming weeks and make plans to join us on February 16th for Give Day 2023!**



# ALUMNI

# SPOTLIGHT



Xavier Humphrey, '14

Xavier was an accounting student for three years, graduated in 2014, and then stayed an additional year to help coach the basketball team with Coach Dwaine Osborne. “Coach Osborne and I remain close. My senior year was his first year coaching at UC and the inaugural year of the Mountain East Conference. That year, we won the MEC conference championship against West Liberty with a buzzer-beater basket (shot by Xavier)! We were the first team in UC history to ever win a MEC title. Nobody can ever take that title, it’s not a record that can be beaten. It was the cherry on top of a wonderful three years.”

“Xavier was instrumental in leading the Golden Eagles as a senior. He did that on the court evidenced by being named an All-American, but he also did it off the court through his leadership influence on everyone within the program, as well as others throughout campus. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to coach Xavier and win a championship with him.” –UC Men’s Basketball Head Coach, Dwaine Osbourne

To read Xavier's full 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](mailto:christinacarr@ucwv.edu)



### **Spirit of the Valley: A Special Recognition of our Board of Trustees Chairman, Patrick Graney, III.**

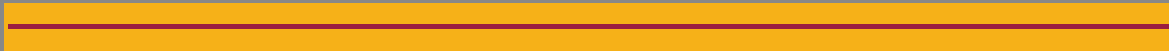
UC Board of Trustees Chairman Patrick Graney has been named as the 2022 recipient of the Spirit of the Valley Award, given by the YMCA of the Kanawha Valley. The award recognizes those who offer exemplary community service in the Kanawha Valley and across West Virginia.

In addition to serving on the UC Board, Graney also serves on the Executive Committee of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and Executive Board of the

Buckskin Council. He is a member of the Sacred Heart Parish and serves on the Parish’s Finance Council. He is a member of the Board of Directors of two public companies, Truist Financial Corporation and Ramaco Resources, Inc.

“We are honored to recognize Patrick Graney for his lifelong commitment to the Kanawha Valley,” said Sarah Bolyard, President, and CEO, of YMCA of Kanawha Valley, in an article from The State Journal. “Pat is the embodiment of community service and steadfast leadership in the Mountain State.”

To view a special video of Pat's life and career, click [here](#). The video was created by MotionMasters in Charelston, WV for the Spirit of the Valley event.





## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



All purchased items, including the oral history book, have been shipped! If you have any questions about your book or other items, please call the alumni office, at 304-357-4734.

Thank you for making this a wonderful project!

### Help us support UC students!!

The Student Emergency Supply Fund provides emergency funding to students who, because of personal financial hardship, are unable to cover incidental, but necessary, costs associated with being a student at the University of Charleston. The fund has helped provide notebook computers, webcams, and other distance learning tools. Additionally, it aids to cover the cost of required textbooks, class and lab fees, and emergency travel expenses for students in need.



With your support, the University can continue providing students with critical emergency support now and into the future.


[\*\*Click HERE to Give!\*\*](#)



## UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON ATHLETICS

We want to see fans in the stands!

Join us anytime for a Golden Eagle athletic event but especially on **January 13th** for the Men's Volleyball game and on **February 11th** for the Men's and Women's Basketball games. We are offering free admission and a hospitality room for all Golden Eagle alumni on these dates!



**UC ALUMNI**

**UC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI NIGHT**

-FREE ADMISSION TO THE GAME  
-HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR ALL GOLDEN EAGLE ALUMNI - 6:00-7:00 PM

JANUARY 13 - 7:00 PM  
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!](#)**



**JOIN TODAY!**



# **New Year, New Schedule**

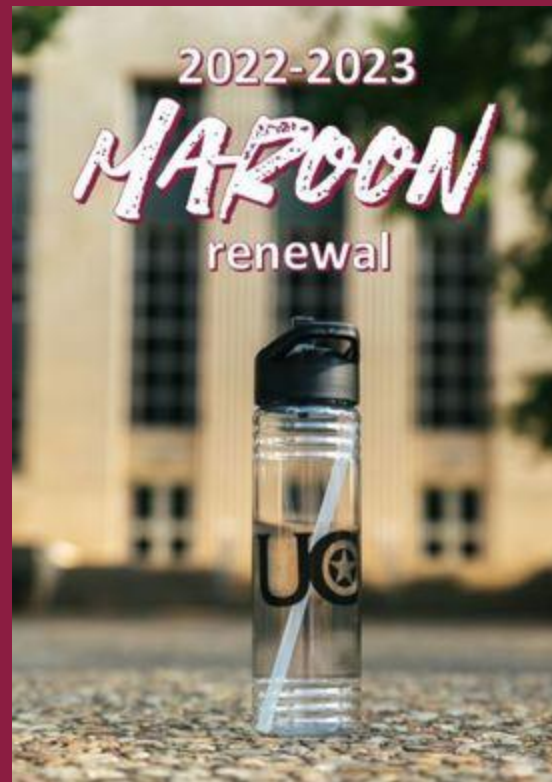


**UCAA meetings will now be  
bimonthly!**

**The first Zoom meeting of 2023 will be on Thursday,  
February 9th at 4:00 EST.**

**We will be joined by UC Head Football Coach, Quinn  
Sanders.**

**\*The first call of the year is open to all Golden Eagle  
alumni, join us to learn more about the UCAA!**



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, February 9th @ 4:00 pm EST.**

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

**Welcome to our newest member** - Tereance Moore

**Thank you for renewing your memberships** - Sharon Burke, Jerry Skelly, Dean Emig,  
Ned Lehmann

**[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.***

Teresa Hickey, '85

Robert Melton, '58

Virginia Vaughn, '67

Hugh Wilder, '64

James Christian, '70

Bill Cole, '64

Carolyn Groom, '72

Donald Harmon, '65

Virginia Walther, '57

James Brannon, '67

James Hodskins, '70

June Houchins, '59

William Kirk, '73

Patricia Robinette Lindberg, '68

Bill Adkins, '72

Edward Warner, '64

William Hartner, Jr., '88

John Montazzoli, '71

Gwendolyn Nelson, '96

Gregory Patterson, '87

James Shock, '65

Robert Boehm, '56

Everett Thompson, '61

**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



**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 2023

**March 16**- An evening with Peggy Noonan - Save the Date!

**For a full athletic schedule, click [HERE](#).**

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# 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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