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Dear Alumni and Friends,

With spring break already behind us, the next two months will be busy as we approach graduation. We hope you will take advantage of all the opportunities to visit campus and be enlightened by special speakers, cheer on your Golden Eagles at an athletic event, or enjoy a walk along our beautiful riverbank.

One of our biggest events of the year, Give Day 2023, was a success in great part to all of you who made a donation. We raised \$200,000 to benefit the UC football locker room renovation. The project is set to be

completed this summer. Thank you to all who supported us on this special day!

As we look ahead to other big events, it is with great excitement that we announce the dates for Homecoming and Family Weekend 2023. Mark your calendars for September 22nd and 23rd. We hope you will make plans to reunite with classmates and friends during this nostalgic weekend. More details coming soon!

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our students, faculty, and staff.

Sincerely,

Gail Carter

VP University Development



UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON
HOMECOMING
AND FAMILY WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 22-23 **2023**

SAVE THE DATE 





GIVE DAY 2023

2.16.23

THANK YOU!

#GIVEFORGOLD



Give Day 2023 was a Golden Success!

On February 16th, students, faculty, and staff gathered in The Commons for Give Day 2023. The twelve-hour fundraising marathon required campus-wide participation and the results are very exciting! The efforts put forth in The Commons on Give Day combined with our challenge donor funds raised \$200,000.

Those gifts will help fund the UC football locker room renovations.

Our Football coaches and players thank you as do all of us at the University of Charleston. We could not provide great facilities for our students without your generosity and support.

ALUMNI

SPOTLIGHT



Ashley Mellert, '16, UC Faculty

It is always special when we have a story that showcases our university's history and how it can span over generations of one family. Let us introduce you to Dolly and Ashley.

Ashley Mellert, originally from Woodstock, VA, came to UC as a graduate student. She and her husband, Matt, completed their undergraduate degrees at Emory and Henry College in 2016. Their romance began several years earlier and shortly into their relationship, Matt brought Ashley home to Ripley, WV.

There, Ashley was welcomed into the Mellert family and introduced to Dolly Withrow, Matt's grandmother. "Dolly had all grandsons until I came along. She was so excited to have a girl in the family and referred to me as her granddaughter from the moment Matt and I were engaged. We call her "Grammar" because she was an English professor. She is quick-witted, the life of the party, and calls the deer, skunks, and chipmunks on their property friends."

Click [HERE](#) to read the full story.



Peyton Harris, '19

After a freshman year at Syracuse University, Peyton decided playing collegiate lacrosse was a priority. In 2015, she was recruited to be a member of the inaugural UC Lacrosse team and found that the smaller class sizes and beautiful campus couldn't be beat.

"Lacrosse is personally very significant for me. I am indigenous and lacrosse is a sacred game and tradition in our culture. Traditionally, lacrosse is a game for healing and holds a lot of sacred ties. It obviously has expanded to a large platform and has been modernized, but it is such an important thing in my life.

"Unlike Syracuse, at UC, I was one of the few identifying indigenous people. Even though there was not an indigenous

community for me to connect with, the lacrosse team was my community.

Read more of Peyton's story [HERE](#).

It is always great to share what alumni are doing and celebrating! If your 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

Do you have a student interested in attending UC?

The Spring Into UC event is a wonderful way to learn more. Come visit UC's beautiful campus where you can spring into learning all about the specific program you want to study! Meet with our wonderful faculty to participate in workshops based on your potential major, grab a bite to eat, and see why UC is the best option for you. Limit of 2 guests per

attendee.



Follow the link for more information and to register for your visit!

[Register HERE](#)



New Tuition Discount for UC Alumni!

If you are considering a graduate degree, UC now offers a tuition discount for our alumni. The discount is 20% off the published tuition for the selected degree program.

The following UC graduate degrees are eligible for the discount: Master of

Business Administration (MBA), Master of Business and Data Analytics, Master of Science – Strategic Leadership, Master of Science – Cybersecurity, Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner, Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, Doctor of Executive Leadership (DEL), and Doctorate of Pharmacy.

Students must have earned a degree from the University of Charleston and be admitted to one of the approved graduate degrees to be eligible for the discount. The discount cannot be combined with any other tuition discounts (e.g. military/law enforcement discount, etc.) with the exception of athletic scholarships.

Please contact Matt Groves in our admissions office for more information, matthewgroves@ucwv.edu.

[Explore UC programs HERE!](#)



UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON ATHLETICS



The Annual UC Alumni March Madness Bracket Challenge Returns!

March Madness is just around the corner! Selection Sunday is March 12th. Be sure to follow the link and get your entries in to win the great prizes!

1st place - \$50 Visa Giftcard and UC water bottle
2nd place - \$25 Visa Giftcard and UC water bottle
3rd place - UC t-shirt and UC water bottle

Follow the link to register and receive details on how to enter your bracket for the annual UC Alumni March Madness Bracket Challenge!

[Register to participate HERE!](#)



UC Men's Volleyball defeats Ohio State University!

The Men's Volleyball impressive season continued this past Saturday as the #15 nationally ranked UC team traveled to defeat #13 ranked Ohio State University. To read a play-by-play of how it happened, click [here](#).

With only one conference loss this season, Head Coach Luke Reynolds is leading this team to set multiple school records.

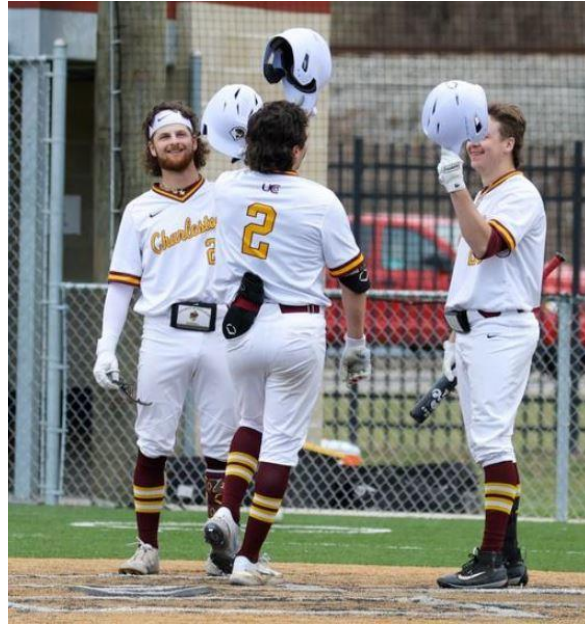
Up next, Charleston will host University of Mount Olive for a two-game series on March 10th (7PM) and March 11th (4PM) in the Wehrle Arena. Please come to cheer on these Golden Eagles. If you've never witnessed a collegiate Men's Volleyball match, it is very exciting!

MEC Baseball Championships coming to Charleston!

The Mountain East Conference announced an agreement with the City of Charleston, the Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Charleston Dirty Birds that will bring the MEC Baseball Championship to GoMart Ballpark beginning in 2023. The agreement extends through 2027. The 2023 MEC Baseball Championship will be held May 10-14.

"The City of Charleston, its Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Dirty Birds have been terrific partners throughout the bid process. We look forward to collaborating with them as we bring this championship experience to an entirely new level," stated Mountain East Conference Commissioner Reid Amos.

"This announcement speaks to the dynamic partnership between the Charleston CVB and the Charleston Dirty Birds, combined with strong support from the University of Charleston and West Virginia State University," said Charleston Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin. "We are thrilled to host the MEC Baseball Tournament here in Charleston and look forward to welcoming athletes and their families to the Capital City."



Speaking of UC Baseball...Here is a great way for you to support our Golden Eagles!

Follow the link below to register for this event!

2023 CONFERENCE KICKOFF DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH AT 6:00PM

GEARY STUDENT UNION BALLROOM

\$75 PER TICKET

\$500 FOR TABLE SPONSOR - INCLUDES 8 TICKETS

SILENT AUCTION

QUESTIONS?

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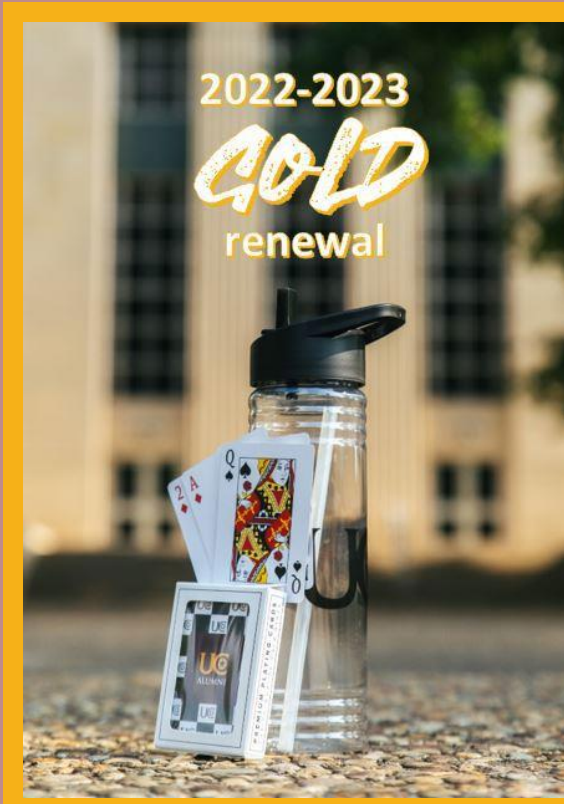
ROBERTBRITT@UCWV.EDU



[RSVP for the dinner 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, April 6th @ 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.

Rita Church, '68

Winfred Sias, '70

Margie Blake, '70

Glenn Wilson, '71

Amber Casto Horsfall, '74

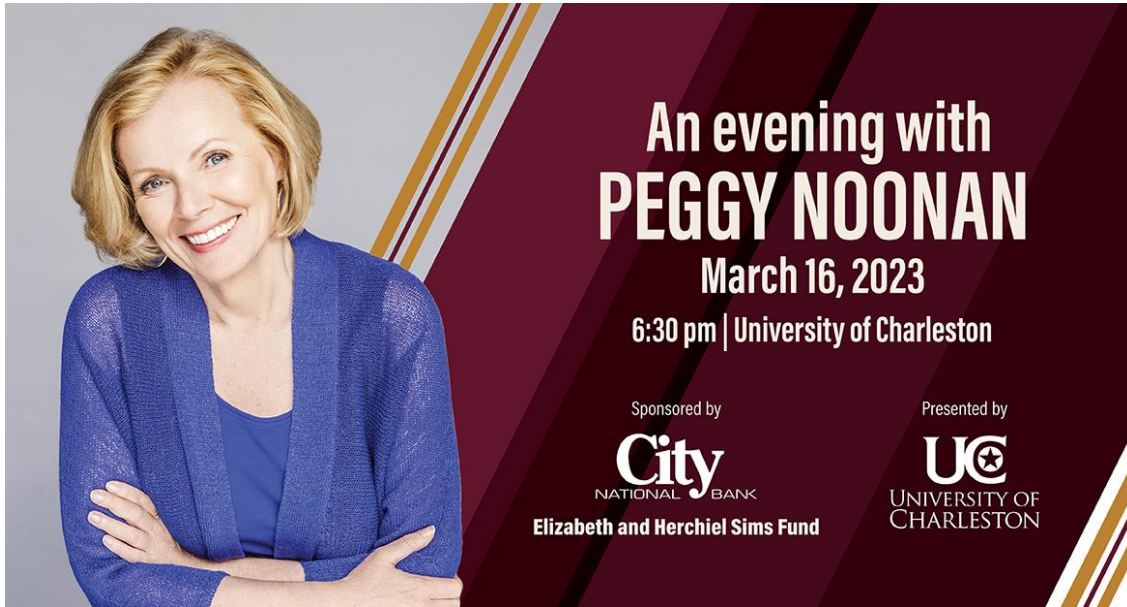
Robert Knight, '90

Thomas Hurley, '59

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.

UC EVENTS

You're invited to campus!



An evening with
PEGGY NOONAN
March 16, 2023
6:30 pm | University of Charleston

Sponsored by
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Elizabeth and Herchiel Sims Fund

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March 16- An evening with Peggy Noonan, register for the event [HERE](#)

March 25 - Spring Into UC, visit with your high school student and learn more about the programs UC offers. register for the event [HERE](#).

April 6th @ 4:00 pm EST - UCAA Zoom meeting

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

SAVE THE DATE - Homecoming and Family Weekend 2023
- September 22-23

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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