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Alumni and Friends,

March and April are always busy months at colleges and universities. This is certainly the case at UC.

On Saturday, April 29th we will recognize the latest UC graduates and celebrate them at the Spring 2023 Commencement Ceremonies.

In the morning, about 250 undergraduate students will walk across the stage to receive their associate's and bachelor's degrees. Pat Graney, our Board of Trustee Chair since 2018 and member for 18 years will be our commencement speaker. Our

afternoon ceremony will include approximately 120 graduate students earning their master's and doctoral degrees. The commencement speaker will be West Virginia State Senator and Pulmonologist Dr. Tom Takubo. I am excited to hear their messages which will surely be insightful and inspiring.

The Spring 2023 Commencement Ceremonies will be a wonderful day for all of our graduates, families, friends, faculty, and staff!

As we shift into the summer terms, we are expecting over 1,600 students will be enrolled, the majority in online classes. Included in this group will be new full-time Charleston undergraduate students and rising sophomore Charleston students who are being offered a free course to help them transition to UC and progress toward their degrees.

And we hope many of you will take advantage of our new 20% alumni tuition discount and return for a career-enhancing graduate degree. Who doesn't want to be a Double Golden Eagle?

Best regards,

Marty



Thank you, Scholarship Donors!

On Tuesday, March 28th, we welcomed scholarship donors and recipients to a special lunch in the Erma Byrd Gallery. During this time, students had the opportunity to personally thank those who have impacted their UC experience and share their future plans. Donors had a chance to share wisdom and advice and witness what a difference their gift is making in the lives of Golden Eagle students.

UC alumnus, Bethany Kinder ('17), shared remarks on how her time at UC was made possible through scholarships and how her education has impacted her career.

Ava Reed, current UC student, Presidential Scholar, and daughter of Kathryn Brown ('95), shared remarks from a grateful scholarship recipient perspective.

Thank you to all who generously support UC Scholarship Funds.



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SPOTLIGHT





Dr. Beth Pauley and Family

As your Director of Alumni Relations, one of my favorite tasks is to sit down with my fellow alumni, listen to how their experience here shaped their life and career paths, and then share those stories with the entire Golden Eagle community.

Typically, the conversation takes place via Zoom between me and only one alumnus. This highlight, however, covers a family who has Golden Eagle roots running four generations deep. We were able to gather three of those generations and I was joined by Dr. Tom and Gloria Pauley, Dr. Beth Pauley, and Eli Watson.

A clearly labeled family tree with photos would be helpful as I share our conversation here but, alas, we are

confined to words. So, allow me to introduce these family members who are also University of Charleston/Morris Harvey College graduates, professors, and administrators.

Between 1949 and 1951, Dr. Leonard Riggleman was president of the college, construction on the Rotunda had just been completed, and the first generation of this family earned their degrees. The Musser brothers, Dwight and Ray, came to MHC after receiving their GI Bill benefits.

Ray was a member of the spring class of 1949, the first class to graduate in the new gymnasium. The gymnasium was the first permanent structure completed on our current South Ruffner property and was later named the Eddie King Gym. The gym has now been transformed to be part of the Wehrle Innovation Center.

Dwight was just behind his big brother and graduated Summa Cum Laude in December 1949 with his first degree and completed a second degree in 1951.

George Pauley, although not yet connected to the Musser brothers, also graduated in 1951. George was involved in the campus Ministerial Association as a student and earned a bachelor's degree in religion.

To learn how these gentleman become more than just fellow alumni, click [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



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



Announcing the Annual UC Alumni March Madness Bracket Challenge Winners!

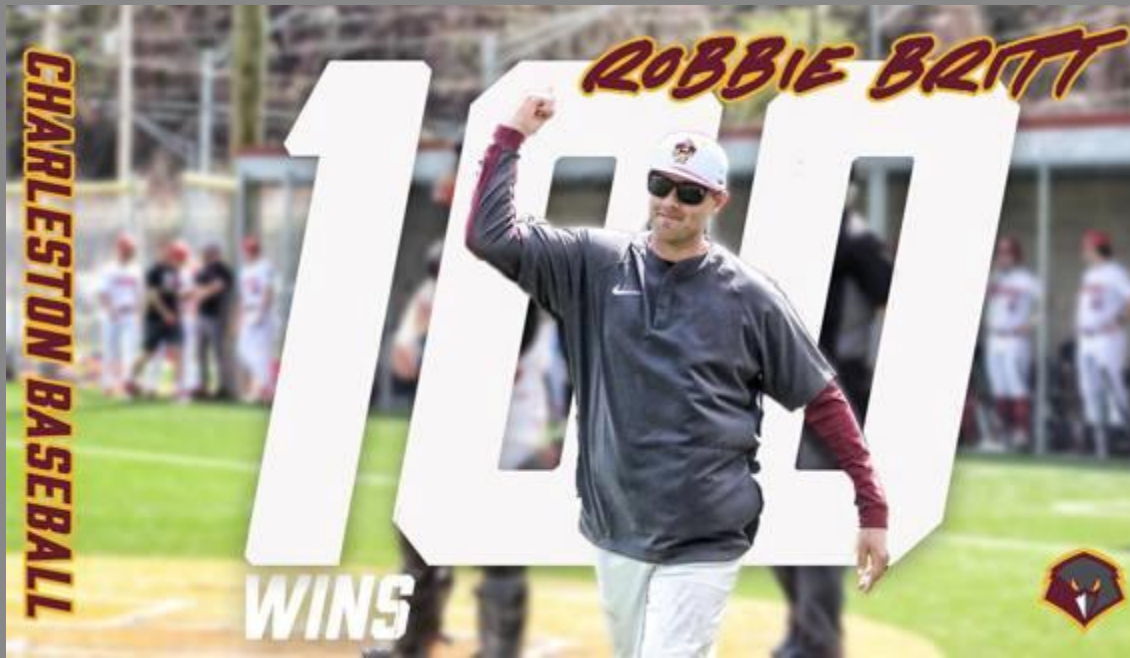
What an exciting tournament!! Despite all the bracket-buster games, we have some winners to announce.

Jason Shelley, President Roth's son-in-law, won first place. (We invited the President and his family to join in the fun, too.)

LeAnne Kelly ('14 and '15) won 2nd place, and we have a third-place tie between Kevin Fulmer ('90) and Jenny Shelley, President Roth's daughter.

Congratulations and we will do it again next year!





Man, it feels good to win!

Last week, Robbie Britt snagged his 100th win as UC's head coach. Robbie was named head coach in 2020 and during that time has led the team to a MEC Tournament Championship title and two MEC Regular Season titles.

Come to the Welch Athletic Complex to see Coach Britt and the Golden Eagles take on Glenville State this weekend. Friday, April 7th @ 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm, Saturday, April 8th @ 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2022-2023
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The UC Track and Field and Cross Country Teams need your help!

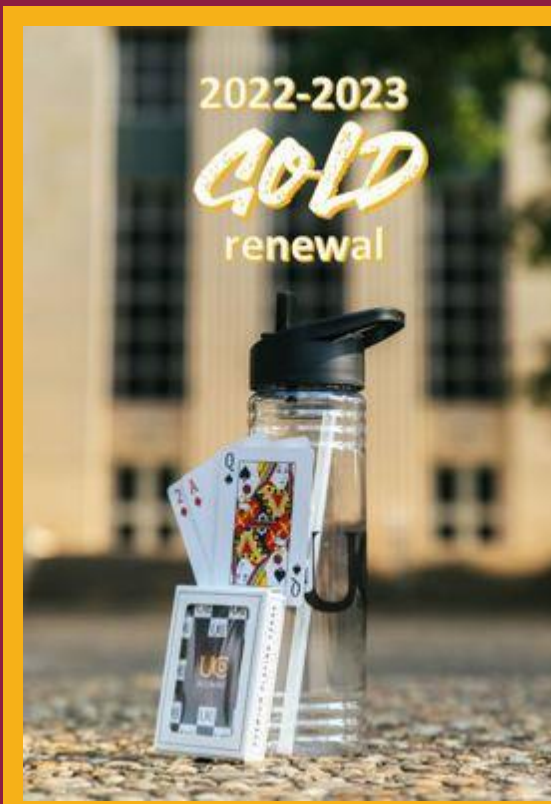
Wow, that's a lot of hardware on display!

"As you can see, our teams have had the continued success that has transcended the MEC Conference, the Atlantic Region, and recently, National rankings. We can only sustain this success with the help of our supporters. Our campaign will run 4/1- 4/17, I hope you will consider a donation."

-Nick Bias Head Coach

[Click Here to Support the Track and Field and Cross Country teams!](#)

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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 TODAY!
THURSDAY, April 6th @ 4:00 pm EST.**



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

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership in the last month!

Andrew Orrison, Robert Willock, Thomas Fink, Robert Alfred, Jeffery Westbrook, Charles Morris, Josh Huggins, Charles O'Byrne, Roy Reed, Dave Walters, Tereance Moore, Brad Hodgson, Maria O'Reilly, Lisa Holland, James Holland, Wut Tantaksinanukij, Timothy Quimby, Howard Crain, and Lynn Radzilowski.

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

Thomas Hurley, '59

Robert Knight, '90

Roy Holstein, '60

Paul Green, '57

James Chase, '60

Jill Tribble Taylor, '96

Vicky Murphy Algozzini, '78

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!

April 15 - Spring Football Game, UC Stadium at Laidley Field, 1:00 pm

April 26 - UC Builder's Luncheon and Meeting at Noon

April 29 - Spring Commencement Ceremonies

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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