

UC NEWS

ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope this message finds you enjoying summer activities with family and friends.

Last Sunday we hosted the 40th anniversary of Symphony Sunday on the Charleston campus lawn and riverfront. This was a particularly special event as Maurice Cohn was introduced as the new Musical Director of the West Virginia Symphony. Maestro Cohn conducted the WVSO's performance including the accompaniment to spectacular fireworks. As usual, our incredible staff did an amazing job preparing and managing the event. We

received many compliments throughout the day and evening. Much thanks go to our grounds, housekeeping, facilities, food service, and security teams, and many others for their great work!

Hosting Symphony Sunday is just one way we serve the community as *Charleston's University*[™]. The annual Wine & Jazz music festival Fund for the Arts fundraiser will also be held on the back lawn Saturday, June 17th from 3-10 pm. Consistent with our community involvement mission pillar, as a university and individually we are committed to making a positive impact in the communities where we live, work, and study.

Another upcoming community initiative I hope many of you can attend is the grand opening of our new Charleston Downtown Innovation Hub on Monday July 10th at 9 am. Funded by U.S. EDA, City of Charleston, and Benedum Foundation grants totaling ~\$1.9M, the Hub will provide training, advising, coaching, and networking services for area small businesses to help them scale up and grow. Located at 240 Capitol Street in the heart of downtown Charleston, the Hub is intentionally designed space for assisting area small businesses, fostering business education and networking, connecting UC students with entrepreneurs, and

raising UC's visibility. We expect U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito and Joe Manchin III, Charleston Mayor Amy Goodwin, and other area leaders to join us. We would love to see you there!

Thank you for supporting UC and our mission to educate each student for a life of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement. Your contributions are essential to our success.

Best wishes for a great summer!

Marty

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us for a special ceremony to celebrate the opening of the



Monday, July 10, 2023 | 9 am

*Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 5 to:
development@ucwv.edu | 304-357-4849*



THANK YOU, UC MENTORS!

We want to extend a special thank you to those who participated as a mentor in the UC Mentorship Program for the 2022-2023 academic year. If you are interested in mentoring a UC student, contact the Alumni Office at 304-357-4734 or christinacarr@ucwv.edu.

Sam Colvin, '14

John Ranson, '62

Katrina Escudero, '00

Doug Singleton, '01

Alize Farhat, '18

Alicia Smith, friend of UC

Melissa Greene, friend of UC

Jim Strawn, friend of UC

Sharon Hall, friend of UC

Dave Walters, '03

Isiah Lineberry, '74

Randall Worth, '92

ALUMNI

SPOTLIGHT

Jean G. Farmer, '89

Jean G and Donna could be famous! Well, at least have their 30 seconds of fame...maybe.

Jean G. Farmer (pictured on the left), class of 1989, and current Florida resident paid a visit to her best friend Donna Hamra a couple of weeks ago. "We've been friends for a long time, and I had not seen Donna in two years. We take turns visiting each other and it was my turn to come to Charleston. When she picked me up, she said, 'I have a surprise for you, and it may or may not give us national exposure.' She has the most fun ideas and I enjoy playing along."



Donna, a fan of "Sunday TODAY with Willie Geist", gifted Jean the very TODAY Show mugs as seen in their picture and they headed to UC for a mini photo shoot. Our swing with the capital building in the background is one of the most Instagram-able spots in West Virginia after all! The television show encourages viewers to take their "mug shots" and submit them to be featured on air. Be on the lookout for these lovely ladies posed with their mugs on the UC Lawn.

Our Golden Eagle, Jean G, graduated from UC in 1989, earning a bachelor's degree in interior design. She worked in commercial design for five years before she began her 20-year career in banking.

She is now artistically living and working in Florida. To read her full story, click [HERE](#).

It is always great to share what alumni are doing and celebrating! If you're 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



We are gearing up for Homecoming and Family Weekend 2023 and want YOU to plan to be here!

Individual event registration links are now open. Register for one... or two... or ALL events for this exciting weekend. Then, invite a friend to come along for a trip down memory lane with you.

See ya in September!

Click HERE for hotel discount information and to register for Homecoming 2023 events!

Check out this SPECIAL reunion added to the Homecoming event lineup for 2023!!

GREEK LIFE
REUNION
—2023—

Come together with your sorority and fraternity friends to celebrate with good music, food, and drinks in the UC Ballroom!

SATURDAY
9.23
7:00 - 10:00 PM

Cash bar service will be available
\$25 registration fee, visit www.ucwv.edu/alumni/homecoming to RSVP

Contact the UC Alumni Office with any questions!

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IT'S SURE TO BE AN EXCITING WEEKEND WITH THESE EVENTS...AND MORE!

FRIDAY
9.22

- Golden Reunion Luncheon (classes 1973, 1978, and 1983)
- Broadcasting Booth Dedication in honor of Sam Femia, '81
- UC Alumni Association Cocktail Hour
- Pep Rally
- Dinner on the Lawn
- Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

SATURDAY
9.23

- Tailgate at UC Stadium
- Homecoming Football Game
- Greek Life Reunion

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UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON ATHLETICS



Looking for ways to entertain your kids this summer? Bring them to campus!

Several of our UC athletic teams have skill camps scheduled throughout the summer and fall. Young athletes have the opportunity to learn from coaches and players of elite programs and have a little fun, too!

Get all the details by clicking [HERE!](#)



[Register HERE!](#)



20TH ANNIVERSARY
CHARLESTON FOOTBALL
2003-2023

Join your fellow football teammates at the Tailgate Tent to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the return of the Golden Eagle football program!

SATURDAY
9.23
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Contact the UC Alumni Office with any questions!

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Let us know if you plan to come [HERE!](#)



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Charleston? Make your gift to the Annual Fund today.

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JOIN TODAY!

UC **ALUMNI**
ASSOCIATION

2022-2023

GOLD

renewal



2022-2023

MAROON

renewal





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 THURSDAY, August 10th @ 4:00 pm EST.

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

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

Dr. Diane Bunch, Jon Block, and James Watson

In Memorium

Remembering Golden Eagle Alumni who have passed away in the last month.

Joseph Gollie, '87

James Murphy, Jr., '62

Sheila Filbin, '94

Thomas Gruitt, '85

Warren Kaul, '72

Helen Wanner Parker, '93

Allison Gray Rainer, '65

Louise Dearman Pullen, '48

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.



You're invited to campus!

June 17th - Wine and Jazz Music Festival

July 3rd & 4th - UC Offices closed - Happy 4th of July!

July 10 @ 9:00 am - Downtown Innovation Hub Opening

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

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



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

SAVE THE DATE 

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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