

# 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.

Students who participate in fall sports began moving back to campus last week as they prepare for their upcoming seasons. It is always energizing to have more campus activity and see students' excitement for another school year. Meanwhile, over 1,700 students are nearing the end of their Summer semester classes. While most of them are enrolled in online courses, they are getting the same high-touch, high-impact experience so many of you enjoyed as UC students.

Over the summer we completed various projects including the football locker room renovation, residence hall upgrades, and the installation of new branding and graphics. Our new Provost, School of Business Dean, and School of Leadership Dean began in their new roles in July, and several new faculty will be bringing their expertise to our students. Our Master of Occupational Therapy program launches this fall, and we are working through the accreditation process for a new Doctor of Physical Therapy program in 2026. Undergraduate students can start now at UC and transition into these great healthcare programs after completing their bachelor degrees. Meanwhile, I am happy to report that our most recent bachelor degree in nursing, radiological science, and master of physician assistant graduates achieved 100% pass rates on their licensure exams!

We are proud to serve the most diverse students in West Virginia. Many are the first generation of their families to attend college and come from low-income households. As such, we take great pride in offering them the services they need to be successful. That is why our first-year retention, the percentage of students that begin their college studies at UC who return for their second year, is at an all-time high.

To make this happen, we rely on your assistance. If you have not given lately, this a perfect time to donate to our student supply or annual funds. These funds ensure that every student who needs a computer, books, food to eat, or personal care products has what they need to concentrate on their studies and thrive as a Golden Eagle.

Thank you for supporting UC!

Best wishes,

Marty

**HOMECOMING**  
**AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2023**

**RSVP**  
**NOW!**

**SEPTEMBER**  
**22 & 23**

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[Click HERE for hotel discount information and to RSVP for Homecoming events.](#)



### 2023 Alumni of the Year Awards

As always, a special part of our Homecoming festivities is recognizing the Alumnus of the Year and the Rising Alum Award recipients. Now is the time to submit your nomination of a deserving Golden Eagle. Please follow the link for award qualifications and details on how to submit a nomination.

[Click HERE to submit a nomination.](#)



Class of 1973,

Your 50th class reunion is a momentous occasion and we hope you are planning to be on campus to celebrate! The Golden Reunion lunch will be held in your honor on Friday, September 22 at 12:30 pm in the Rotunda, click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

We also encourage you to contribute to the Class of 1973 50th Reunion Class Gift. Your Golden gift is an opportunity to create a legacy that reflects how Morris Harvey College has shaped and enriched your life. Your donation will benefit the General Scholarship Fund or the Student Supply

Fund - your choice!

Be part of providing for future students and celebrate your 50th reunion in the special way.

Click [HERE](#) to donate. Please include "Golden Reunion Gift" in the comments box on the donation form.

# ALUMNI

## SPOTLIGHT



### Betty's Beanie

My name is Elizabeth Spence Daugherty, but I've always been called Betty. I attended, and graduated from, what was then Morris Harvey College, now the University of Charleston. My freshman year at Morris Harvey was 1961-1962, after graduating from South Charleston High School in 1961.

I had hardly been out of West Virginia when I came to Morris Harvey, so it was quite heady for me to meet so many young people from so many places. The gathering place for students was called the Igloo, a snack bar with light food. We met, studied, and played cards and games in the booths around the room, it was a happy place. I was also a member

of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Friday, November 22, 1963, stands out to all Americans as that was the day President Kennedy was assassinated. It was such a shock when the news spread quickly through the Igloo, and we had no school for days following the event. I was actually at home in South Charleston, watching TV with my mother when Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald.

Some of the friends I made at Morris Harvey remained my friends throughout the rest of our lives. Some have passed now, but memories remain. So, something so small and commonplace as a beanie can bring back so many memories. I have sent it back to campus in hopes that it can bring a smile to current students.

After graduating from Morris Harvey, I married Sylvan Daugherty (Butch) in 1965. We moved to Maryland, I taught school for thirty years, and still live in Berlin, MD (near Ocean City).



**Stephen Anthony Beasley, '02**

"I graduated UC on Derby Day of 2002 and that fall, I arrived in New York and was part of a nine-student cohort that was admitted to the Brooklyn College MFA Arts Management Program. I had classes at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM), Second Stage Theatre, The Nederlander Group, and The Frankle-Baruch-Viertel-



Roth Group, the production companies who were, at that time, producing *Hairspray* and *Lion King*. It was a wonderful experience.”

Stephen is now the Coordinator of Community Affairs for New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. “We do about 300 in person and virtual events per year, impacting about 20,000 folks in Brooklyn and around New York City. “At the heart of it, I just like being a person that creates space for people to get the information they need to feel empowered and to be heard.”

Professionally, Stephen defines himself as a musician and public health advocate, because while his work in health has the greatest impact, his music continues to be the most authentic representation of who he is as a person. “Since 2007, I have been creating music from my heart and life experiences, with an intention of sharing joy and power.”

He has released thirty original songs, a few EPs, a couple of albums and at least 200 performances ranging from open mic nights to large outdoor festivals. He appeared twice on “Showtime at the Apollo” and his music has been featured on films, television, media campaigns and in podcasts, including several NPR podcasts.

Read Stephen's full story [HERE](#).





UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON ATHLETICS

You Are  
**INVITED**  
to  
**TAILGATE**  
with us.



## Let's Get Together at UC Stadium!

Join us on August 31st for the first home football game of the 2023 season!

🦅 Drinks and snacks will be provided under the alumni tent from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

👉 You are also invited to join in the annual all-you-can-eat steak dinner provided by UC Catering at the stadium. Cost is \$15, cash only. Follow the link to RSVP!

**[Register for the First Home Game Tailgate HERE!](#)**



### **New School Year, New Season, New Coach!**

Both the UC Baseball and UC Lacrosse teams have announced new head coaches for the 2023-2024 season. We are excited to welcome Dean Peterson as the baseball head coach and Ryland Luciano as the women's lacrosse head coach.

Dean Peterson commented, "I cannot adequately express what an honor it is to be named the head coach at Charleston. I get to stand on the shoulders of giants who have established this program as one of the best in the country, and it is my honor to polish the rock and continue to elevate the expectations and the experience for our student-athletes. I view this as a sacred trust to serve our players, staff, alumni, and the University of Charleston community."

Read Coach Peterson's full announcement [here](#).

Coach Luciano comes to Charleston after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Virginia's College at Wise for two seasons. While at UVA Wise, he assisted in leading the team to its first win over a top 25 team in program history. Luciano focused his teaching on both the physical and mental side of lacrosse to boost the program to success.

Read Coach Luciano's full announcement [here](#).





# GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that 100% of UC students receive some form of financial aid? Our students are afforded these opportunities in part because of the continued support of alumni and friends like you. Below are two important giving opportunities that allow our current and future students to have wonderful UC experiences.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## **The Student Supply Fund**

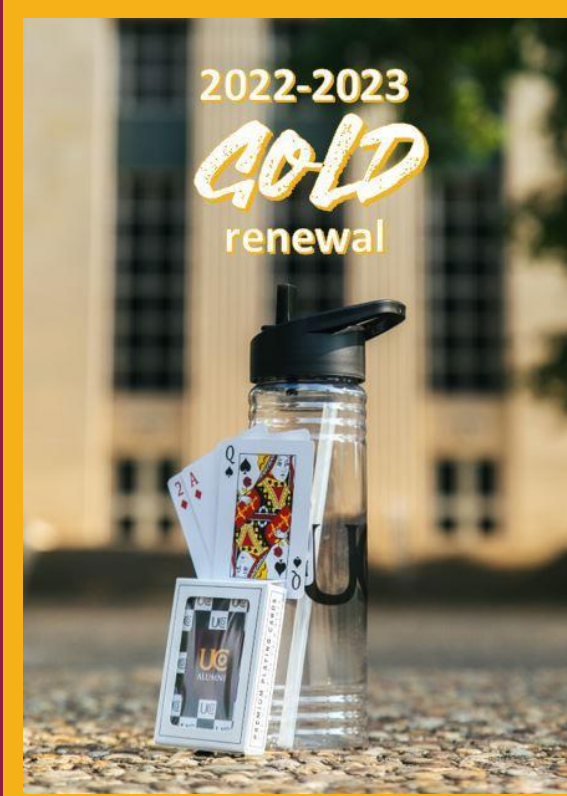
This fund helps to cover the cost of incidental expenses, including notebook computers, webcams, distance learning tools, textbooks, class and lab fees, and emergency travel expenses for students in need. These expenses can quickly add up to thousands of dollars, and many students are unable to cover

the cost of these necessities without the assistance of the Student Supply Fund. Thanks to the support of friends and alumni like you, the University of Charleston is able to quickly and easily provide these students with support to acquire the materials and resources they need to be successful at UC.

Be sure to choose the Student Supply Fund under the "I want to support" drop box.

**[Donate to the Student Supply Fund HERE.](#)**

**JOIN TODAY!**  
**UC** **ALUMNI**  
**ASSOCIATION**



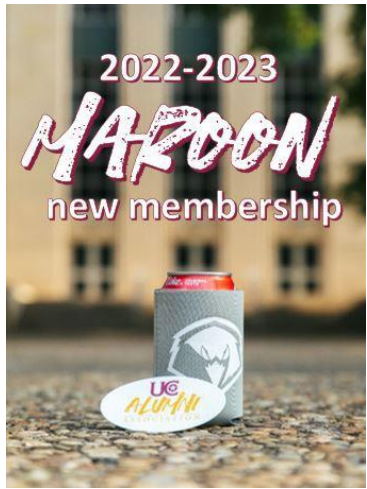
The UC Alumni Association is a great way to stay engaged, help plan alumni events, network with other alumni, and give back from wherever your wings have taken you!

**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 **THURSDAY,**  
August 17th @ 4:00 pm EST.

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

## *In Memorium*

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

Joseph Sokolewicz, '77

Marilyn Morris, '58

Margie Warner, '98

Jimmie Summers, '62

Mary Hopkins, '70

Violet G. Farmer, '57

Sybil Hickman, '69

John Maynard, '62

Richard Cooper, '90

Mary G. Ellis, '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!

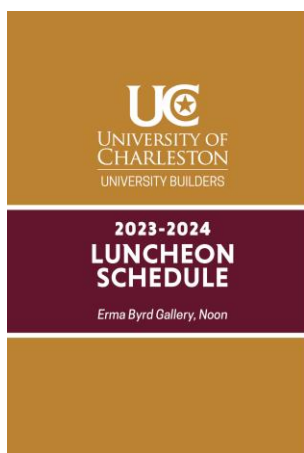
**August 21** - First Day of Classes

**August 31** - First Home Game Tailgate and Steak Dinner, RSVP [HERE](#).

**September 22 -23** - Homecoming and Family Weekend 2023

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

**The 2023-2024 UC Builders Luncheon Schedule is below! Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this organization and how to join!**



## WEDNESDAYS

**September 27, 2023**  
*Book & Author Luncheon*

**October 25, 2023**  
*Book & Author Luncheon*

**December 6, 2023**  
*Holiday Membership Luncheon*

**February 28, 2024**  
*Book & Author Luncheon*

**March 27, 2024**  
*Book & Author Luncheon*

**April 24, 2024**  
*12th Annual  
Artists Among Us Luncheon*

**May 22, 2024**  
*Annual Meeting &  
Spring Membership Luncheon*



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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