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A Note From Our President

Two weeks ago, we celebrated UC's 2023 Homecoming and Family Weekend. The turnout was extraordinary. You'll find pictures and details in this edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

Two types of interactions really stood out to me. First, so many alumni remarked on their positive UC (or Morris Harvey College) experiences. The lifelong friends, caring professors, and preparation for careers and life's adventures were common themes. They were also very complimentary of the many changes we have

made to campus. If it has been a while since you have been on the Charleston campus, we would love to show you how the campus is evolving and changing to best meet student, faculty, and staff needs.

Second, I met more parents than in past years, indicating that our emphasis to engage families is building momentum. Parents shared many examples of how well their students have transitioned to UC, and how grateful they are for the high touch environment we create. Such sentiments were particularly noteworthy coming from parents of first-year students. We truly are a family here at UC!

These stories are testament to the important work we do every day, ensuring that our culture is inclusive and caring, and creates a sense of belonging and enablement to fulfill personal and professional goals.

Special thanks to the outstanding work of our Development office, and our fantastic Catering, Facilities, Marketing & Communications, and Public Safety teams for making Homecoming and Family Weekend so enjoyable for alumni, family, and friends. And an assist to Mother Nature for the perfect weather!

Don't be a stranger to UC. We value your engagement and the opportunity to bring back great memories and give you a deep sense of pride in your alma mater!

Best regards,

Marty Roth





Golden Eagles and Friends,

I'm not sure if the Director of Alumni is supposed to be as excited to see everyone as I was but I wanted to run up and hug each one of you! We had the highest attendance for Homecoming and Family Weekend since before the Covid-19 pandemic and whether you were on campus or here in your heart from afar, it was a special time to be a Golden Eagle!

Our goal was to provide events that would give you the opportunity to reunite with longtime friends, have a pause of remembrance for friends we have lost, give a toast to good times, and create new memories. It was our pleasure to welcome and host you for all the special moments we packed into one weekend.

College is certainly an important phase of our youth and for those of us who experienced it on this riverbank, the nostalgia of these buildings is indescribable. I hope your short visit to Charleston brought back good vibes and great memories. Most importantly, I hope you had such a wonderful weekend that you are already planning to be back next year.

Christina Carr, '06 (pictured with Doug Carte, '74)





Be sure to like and follow our social media pages, more Homecoming and Family Weekend photos are posted there. If you have great pictures from the weekend, we want to see them!

Submit photos to christinacarr@ucwv.edu.



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The Alumni Spotlight for this month belongs to our two alumni award recipients. Both of these Golden Eagles are involved in their community, have successful careers, and continuously support UC. They were honored during Homecoming festivities and it is our pleasure to share a little more about them with you.

Congratulations, Steve and Mark!

Steve Kawash, '78

During his time at Morris Harvey College/University of Charleston, Steve was active in student government and many business and social clubs. He graduated *summa cum laude* in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and later obtained a master's in business administration from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

"In addition to getting a great education, joining the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity had a great impact on my life. It allowed me to meet fellow students from around the country and I made lifelong friends with whom I still maintain a close relationship. Despite the fact that several of them live throughout the US and other countries, we are still able to connect on social media, as well as meet in person periodically. Many of them were in attendance at homecoming this year."

"I thought Homecoming 2023 was a very special event. My graduating class was honored this year at a luncheon and we had the dedication of the Sam Femia Broadcasting Booth, in honor of one of my fraternity brothers. I have the good fortune of living in Charleston and get to see all the improvements that have been made on campus over the years. If you have not visited the school in a while, I would encourage you to come to Charleston and see all the great things that are happening at our Alma Mater."

Read more about Steve and his career [HERE](#).





Mark Broyles, '06

"I feel very fortunate that I was able to work so closely with the top-quality business professors at UC. The classes were challenging but I always felt comfortable knowing that their door was open to seek guidance. The personal relationships and just general accessibility that students have at UC is something that I just don't think you can find many other places. I still have all my notes from Alcazar & McMillen's classes!"

"This was quite an unexpected honor because I have seen first-hand the quality of talent that has walked through the campus hallways. It's exciting to see how UC has continued to elevate the college experience from expanding educational programs to upgraded athletic facilities. UC is a real jewel of the community that I am proud to call home."

Click [HERE](#) to read how the UC Men's Soccer program brought him to campus, how he has been involved with the program since graduation, and his career!



FALL OPEN HOUSE

Do you have a high school student who is interested in following your legacy and attending UC? Come to campus, grab a bite to eat, and meet with faculty, staff, and current students to see what UC has to offer! The student and two guests are invited to attend our Fall Open House and see what makes the University of Charleston a great place to live and learn. The event is limited to the first 50 registrants, so act fast!

Registration period closes Thursday, October 26, 2023.

[**Register for the Fall Open House HERE!**](#)



Athletics
CORNER

**The UC Athletic Hall of Fame dinner
is another wonderful Homecoming
weekend tradition.**

"All four honorees have established remarkable professional careers after graduating from our university, and their presence in their respective local communities has

been impressive. We are so proud of what you have accomplished on the court or field and in the classroom during your time at UC." - Dr. Bren Steven, UC Athletic Director.

Join us in congratulating the UC Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023 and read more about each athlete [HERE](#).

JENNIFER MCCORMICK '97

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Jennifer (Walters) McCormick was outstanding on the volleyball court for the Golden Eagles from 1996 to 1997. After two years at Clackamas Community College in Portland, Oregon, the volleyball star was recruited to play at the University of Charleston by then head women's volleyball coach and current Vice President and Director of Athletics Dr. Bren Stevens.



ROBERT VINCENT '13

MEN'S SOCCER

Rob Vincent called the pitch at the University of Charleston home for four years. The Liverpool, England native played as a midfielder for UC Men's Soccer from 2009 to 2012.

During his athletic career at Charleston, he scored nine goals in each of his four years; a total of 36 career goals as well as 25 assists. He

helped propel the Golden Eagles to four conference titles and three NCAA national tournament appearances.



STEFANIE UNGEROTT '11

SOFTBALL



Stefanie (Rossman) Ungerott was an ace in the circle for UC Softball from 2008 to 2011, and she is a two time All-Region and three-time All-WVIAC honoree. As a freshman, she was fourth in the nation in wins and led the WVIAC in innings pitched, strikeouts, wins, appearances and games started.



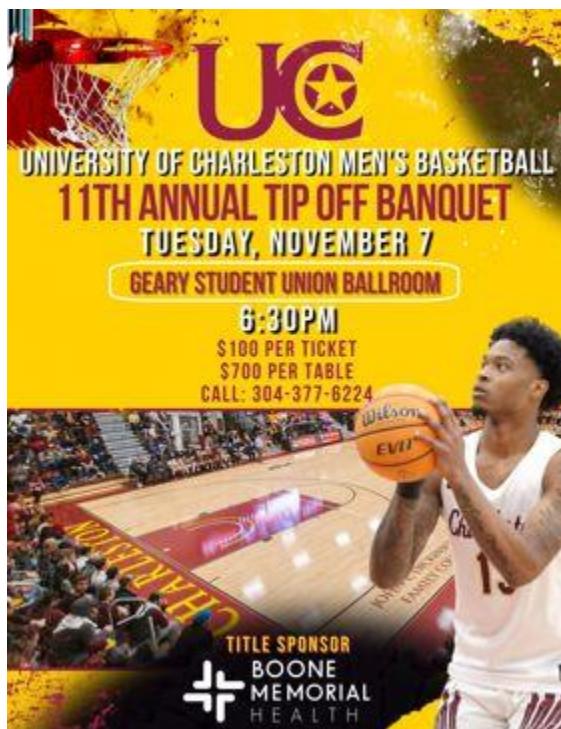
JORDAN ROBERTS '13

FOOTBALL



Jordan was a star running back for UC Football from 2010 to 2012. He was awarded All-WVIAC First Team and Offensive Player of the Year honors as a senior, WVIAC First Team and Second Team All American honors as a junior and WVIAC Second Team honors as a sophomore.

Below are a couple of opportunities to support UC athletics and provide wonderful student-athlete experiences like the ones our Hall of Fame athletes had!



[**Click HERE to register for the UC
Golf Fundraiser!**](#)

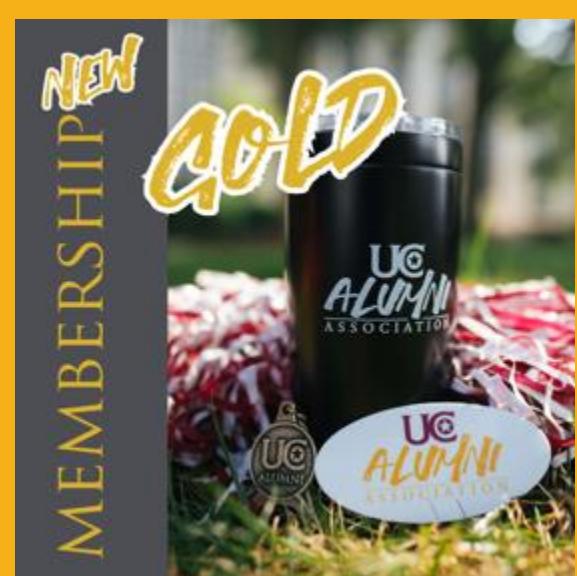
[**Click HERE to register for the
Men's Basketball Fundraiser!**](#)



The 2023-2024 NEW UCAA Swag has arrived!! Now is the time to join and renew your membership.



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, tumbler, invitations to special VIP events, discounts, and more.

The Gold Renewal requires a \$100 membership donation and includes alumni tote, holiday ornament, 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 holiday ornament, invitations to special events, discounts, and more.

The next UCAA Zoom Meeting will be THURSDAY, October 19th @ 4:00 pm EST.

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

Thank you to those who joined or renewed their membership this past month - Lisa Woo, B. Diane Clements, David Kurtz, Eric and Darla Fletcher, Virginia Tucker, Brandy Zickefoose, Melanie Ford, Danielle Day, Jamie Richmond, and Steve Kawash.

In Memorium

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

Janice Aston, '82

Joseph Copenhaver, '84

William Mayne, '65

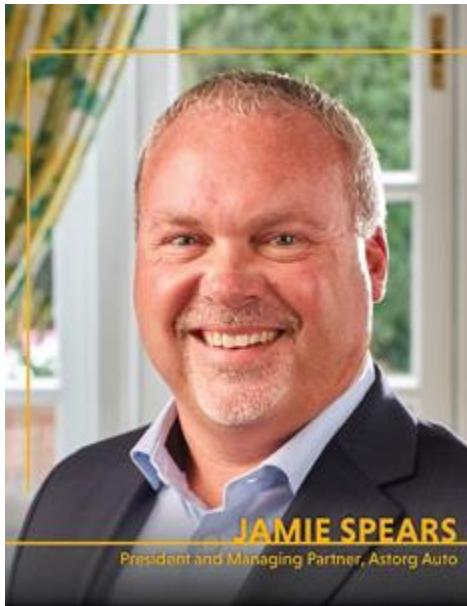
Janet Keener, '55

Heidi Brotz Shutey, '88

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!



MBA SPEAKER SERIES

CURRENT TOPICS IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Astorg Auto was founded by Joe Astorg in 1967 in South Parkersburg, WV. The company has grown to include franchises for Buick, Mercedes-Benz, Ford-Lincoln, and Fiat. In 2017, the company acquired Smith Motor Cars, offering brands including Jaguar, Volvo, and Land Rover. Learn more about how Astorg Auto was built through a passion for service and what the future holds for the industry.

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

12 p.m. | Erma Byrd Gallery

In person or online

Registration required for the event

Lunch sponsored by:  UNITED BANK



October 11 @ Noon - MBA Speaker Series, Jamie Spears, Erma Byrd Gallery, register [HERE](#).

October 24 @ 6:30 pm - An Evening with Conor Knighton, register for the VIP reception prior to the main event [HERE](#).

October 25 @ Noon - UC Builders Luncheon (Meet and Greet begins at 11:30 am), RSVP [HERE](#).

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



The poster features the "UC PRESENTS" logo at the top left. The main title "An evening with CONOR KNIGHTON" is prominently displayed in large, bold, maroon letters. Below the title, it says "New York Times best selling author and 'CBS Sunday Morning' national correspondent". The date "October 24, 2023" and time "6:30 pm | Geary Auditorium, Riggleman Hall" are listed. It also mentions "Book signing to follow in the Rotunda, hosted by Taylor Books". A QR code is provided for ticket purchases. At the bottom, it says "Join us for an Exclusive VIP Reception 5pm | Erma Byrd Gallery" and includes information about tickets and registration. Sponsors listed are AARP West Virginia, 13 WQVA, and West Virginia Humanities Council. To the right of the poster is a portrait photo of Conor Knighton, a smiling man with dark hair, wearing a dark jacket over a blue shirt.

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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