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I have had many moments of pride dedicating classrooms to a couple of my favorite professors, witnessing the entire Golden Eagle community come together to make our annual Give Day projects a success, and learning more of our campus history through the telling of your alumni stories.  Although I’ve had the privilege to meet many of you, I have not met nearly enough. I encourage you to attend alumni events as you are able, submit your success stories, be part of our Mentorship Program, and join the UC Alumni Association.  This past Homecoming and Family Weekend was one of the highest attended events in the last five years and we want to build on that momentum. If you have a suggestion or request of the type of alumni events and activities you would like to attend, please share those with us!  I consider it a privilege to bridge the gap between the institution’s past and its present, thank you for allowing me to be part of a team that works to nurture a sense of pride and loyalty among all Golden Eagle graduates.  Christina Carr, ‘06 | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A veterans day card with a dome  Description automatically generated |   **On behalf of the entire Golden Eagle community, we want to extend a special thank you to all veterans.** We currently have over 1,100 students who are current or retired military personnel. Dr. John Barnette, UC Assistant Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, wrote the following reflection of this special holiday.  "I believe Veterans Day should be a time not only honoring but recounting the story of everyone who accepted the call of duty. All veterans have a story that should be told, listened to, honored, and remembered. Veterans and service members at the University of Charleston are no different; they must be asked about their stories. They may be reluctant to share and talk because of their humble nature and because of the nature of who they are. However, their stories need to be shared, remembered, and appreciated. We must not let these stories go untold.  Let’s unite, today and every day, to honor our veterans and seek out their stories. We at UC are proud to serve those who serve or have served our country, and it is our honor and privilege to help them meet their educational goals." | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A logo for a mentor program  Description automatically generated |   **Interested in being a mentor to a current UC student?**  We will be pairing students and mentors at the beginning of the spring semester. You can impact a student's life no matter where your wings have taken you. If you are interested in being part of this program, please contact Christina Carr.   christinacarr@ucwv.edu or 304-357-4734 | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with text  Description automatically generated | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Two people smiling  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |   **The History of a Scholarship Revealed**  **Pictured are Nishelle Denson (current UC student) and her mother Monica Denson ('92).**  The Alumni Office has been busy with students stopping by to write thank you cards to the donors who generously provided their scholarships. Nishelle Denson, daughter of Monica Denson (’92), and an almost Golden Eagle alumnus herself, received the Rose C. Riggio Scholarship.  Through an interesting happenstance meeting, Nishelle learned more about the namesake of her scholarship and the connection the Riggio family has to our campus history.  As a member of the UC choir and band programs, Nishelle has spent a great deal of her campus life in the Keenan Music Hall. During Homecoming weekend this past September, she was approached by a visitor inquiring about the history of the building.  The visitor was Travis Clark, who was on campus to attend the Athletic Hall of Fame dinner with his wife, Allyson Lowdermilk Clark (’11).  Travis never met his uncle but heard stories of the music hall named after him and wanted to see the space for himself.  To read the full story, click [**HERE**](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/6E8DDE69-D5B5-498B-8EA8-1BCF12519C61/c). | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Two people standing together  Description automatically generated |   **Speaking of Scholarships....**  UC Alumnus and Board of Trustee member, David Gallagher ('67), was on campus this week.  Dave now resides in Florida but makes frequent trips to Charleston to support the UC Football team.  Robert Hartman is a freshman UC baseball player and recipient of the Dave W Gallagher Sales Development Scholarship.  It was a special introduction for both the donor and the recipient, Robert took advantage of the opportunity to personally thank Dave for his generosity. | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with red and blue text  Description automatically generated | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | As you have read in the stories above, scholarships have a powerful impact on the experiences we are able to provide students. Please consider making a donation to the UC Scholarship Fund today! Follow the link to give.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Give TODAY!**](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/9C8C3C05-7DD4-4E82-991D-991F4AFFCA8D/c) | | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A close up of a logo  Description automatically generated | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person and child posing for a picture  Description automatically generated |   **DOUBLE WINS with an Alumni Tailgate Last Night!**  Both UC Soccer programs have earned a spot in the MEC Tournament Finals! Come out on Sunday, November 12th to cheer on UC Women vs Frostburg State at 1:00 and UC Men vs Davis and Elkins at 4:00 pm, both games played on home turf at the Welch Athletic Complex.  It was great to tailgate with alumni last night, pictured is Brian Sharp ('23) and his son, Kason. | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A couple of people playing basketball  Description automatically generated |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Register HERE**](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/229DE1D1-AE96-458C-BBBB-74671A26829F/c) | | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A screenshot of a video game  Description automatically generated | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people in graduation gowns  Description automatically generated |   **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, Pharmacy, and the Doctor of Executive Leadership (DEL).  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.  Contact the UC Admissions Office for more information, admissions@ucwv.edu. | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A close up of a logo  Description automatically generated |   **The 2023-2024 NEW UCAA Swag has arrived!! Now is the time to join and renew your membership.** | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A brown bag with a logo on it  Description automatically generated | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A yellow ornament on a tree  Description automatically generated | | | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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! | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black mug with a white tag on grass  Description automatically generated | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A can next to a sticker  Description automatically generated | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **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 Renewa**l 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, December 7th @ 4:00 pm  EST.**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Click HERE to join or renew TODAY!**](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/34D247FF-23A1-423F-A00B-361EF33B9CE7/c) | |   Thank you to those who joined or renewed their membership this past month - Cindy Green-Ortiz. | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ***In Memorium***  ***Remembering Golden Eagle Alumni who have passed away in the last month.***  Alice Fields Cox, ‘72  Robert Shaver, ‘55  Emma Crowder Kuhn, ‘89  Augusta Kiing Brannen, ‘48  Lewis Thompson, ‘67  Karen Dennison Jones, ‘73  Clinton Taylor, ‘96  Susan Hollander, ‘70  Lois Null Fauber, ‘76  Ted Gibson, Jr. '75  Gary August, professor  Gary Austin, '69 | | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **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.** | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A logo with text on it  Description automatically generated |   **December 2 -**Alumni Day at UC Basketball Games, 2:00 pm - UC Women vs Fairmont State, 4:00 pm - UC Men vs Fairmont State, and the hospitality room will be open in between the games.  **December 3 @ 2:30 pm** - UC Choir and Band Holiday Concert, Rotunda, Riggleman Hall, dedication of the Riverfront Lampposts following the concerts.  **December 6 @ Noon** - UC Builders Luncheon (Meet and Greet begins at 11:30 am), RSVP [**HERE**](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/7FFB4FFF-1AA2-49B0-86CF-577D88FC4EE5/c).  **December 7 @ 4:00 pm** - UCAA Zoom Meeting  **December 9 @ 10:00 am** - December Commencement Ceremony, Wehrle Innovation Center  **For a full UC Athletic schedule, click**[**HERE**](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/D016CE3C-BBF6-4DEB-8392-65D80A68A407/c)**.** | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A yellow and purple text  Description automatically generated |   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**](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/89F9D65A-AEB7-4E50-9337-0E2A3650013F/c) | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Connect with us on Facebook](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/F80755FF-B86A-4331-84C5-C313BA0E3931/c) | | |  | | --- | | [Follow us on Instagram](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/9F0035E4-CABB-4D0E-816A-EDD02D19ED99/c) | | |  | | --- | | [Network with us on LinkedIn](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/E4DBBED9-E007-4C51-A333-AACEEC2E12CB/c) | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Gail Carter  VP for University Development  304-357-4849  gailcarter@ucwv.edu | | |  | | --- | | Christina Carr  Director of Alumni Relations  304-357-4734  christinacarr@ucwv.edu | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Unsubscribe](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/oo) | | [University of Charleston](https://eml-pusa01.app.blackbaud.net/intv2/j/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372/r/4D3EB61F-0624-4220-BD74-4D9F63B15372_41153d67-df38-45d5-9f75-b4d2366f5977/l/3D474278-381B-4AF6-9456-A6140B0CC678/c) | | [www.ucwv.edu](http://www.ucwv.edu/) | | | | | |  | |

