

# UC NEWS

ALUMNI FROM THE NEST

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

As I reflect on 2023, I am grateful for the many alumni and friends we have that contribute to UC. Amongst the turmoil of the higher education landscape, we hold true to our mission, we deliver quality education to our students, and we remain successful and able to do these things because of the generosity of our donors. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Charleston's University™.

The coming year is already gearing up to be an exciting one with the Downtown Innovation Hub Fresh Start Breakfasts

and Two Views Tuesdays 2024 series occurring monthly, Give for Gold in February, construction slated to begin on Gorman Hall for the Rehabilitative Sciences and Athletic Training Center, and new programs in health sciences beginning by the fall.

We need to keep the momentum going with the project selected for Give Day this year. The breezeway between Riggelman Hall and Geary Student Union is going to be refurbished and renovated. Most students, faculty and staff use the breezeway daily. It makes our campus unique in that all academic buildings are connected. In addition to the main project, we will be offering the opportunities for naming pavers on the walkway below the breezeway.

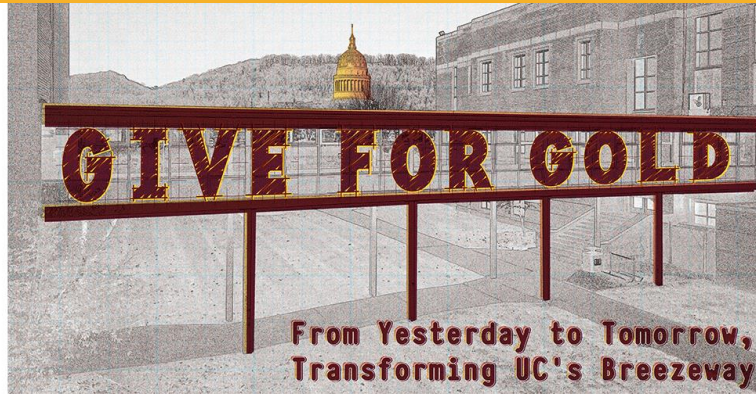
It is our mission to educate students for a life of productive work, enlightened living and community service. We live this mission everyday and your support enables us to do so.

Wishing you a happy and healthy new year!

Gail Carter

VP of University Development

**UC**  
GIVE DAY  
**2.8.24**



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

On January 2, the UC Men's Basketball team defeated Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ and there were some special guests the stands to cheer them on! Gail Carter, VP for University Development, traveled to host local alumni for a pre-game meet and greet with UC Head Coach Dwaine Osborne and a post-game celebration. Special thanks to Bill Greenblum ('68) and Jon Block ('79) for suggesting and aiding in planning the event, and rallying local Golden Eagles to join us!



(back row) Tim Donohue ('79), Fran McNeil, Paul Turner ('82), John Scharff ('80), Rob Hammond ('78), Rob Pumo ('81), Pat Amendola ('68), Rick Baruffi ('78) - (middle row) Paul Arcell ('79), Cathy Stewart Arcell ('80), Peter Gayowski ('68), Jim Dempsey ('73), Kevin Kane ('79), Richard Itz ('74), Vicki Amendola ('67), Peter McAtee ('67), Frank Hellinghausen ('67) - (front row) Tim Gallagher ('83), Laurie McGraw ('80), Jon Block ('81), Jill Bohlinger Bryck ('79), Bill Greenblum ('68)



Rob Pumo ('81), Fran McNeil, Tim Gallagher ('83), Ruth Selikowitz Stillwaggon ('84)



John Lynch ('90), Tim Rafter ('89), Tom Donohue ('79)

To view more photos from the event, check out our social media story from January 4th.



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# SAVE THE DATE



UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

# HOMECOMING

AND FAMILY WEEKEND

**SEPT.**  
**20-21**

# 2024

**CELEBRATE TRADITION.**  
**CREATE NEW MEMORIES.**





## Continuing a campus tradition.

### Thank you to our event sponsors!

Each year, the University of Charleston offers its community a visionary agenda focused on the betterment of society. It is held to honor the university's commitment to its mission – particularly its pillar of enlightened living. Our 2024 theme is “Celebrating our Similarities and Differences,” and the celebratory events will include ethnic meal options and activities focused on disabilities, art, and yoga. There will be a Unity Walk and a very special Fireside Chat on Martin Luther King Jr. Day with Carri Twigg, Co-founder and Head of Development for Culture House media.

“*Celebrating Our Similarities and Differences* has the potential to serve as a unifying theme that preserves a dedicated place for MLK day while creating an opportunity for more students, faculty, and staff to become active participants,” stated UC President Marty Roth. “The theme is inclusive and student-centered and broad enough to accommodate a wide variety of student-led sessions, including student organizations, international students, and members of the LGBTQIA community. As we have seen with International Education Week and Worldfest, students enjoy the opportunity to celebrate and share their cultures with others.”



Innovation Hub in 2024!

There is an exciting new series that UC is bringing to the Downtown Innovation Hub for 2024. *Inspiring Innovations* will include six “Fresh Start Breakfasts” featuring area leaders sharing their innovative business, management, and leadership models, and four “Two Views Tuesdays” in which subject matter experts share different viewpoints on a contemporary topic that affects business success and quality of life in the Valley, followed by a networking happy hour.

Our first breakfast was this week and we welcomed Tighe Bullock, Chief Operating Officer and Co-Owner of Bullock Distillery, to be the speaker.

We look forward to seeing you at one or many of our events at the UC Downtown



## FRESH START BREAKFASTS

January 9, 2024	June 11, 2024
March 12, 2024	August 13, 2024
May 14, 2024	October 8, 2024

## TWO VIEWS TUESDAYS

February 13, 2024	September 10, 2024
April 9, 2024	November 12, 2024



# Athletics

## CORNER

LEARFIELD DIRECTORS' CUP

# #4

NCAA DIVISION II  
FALL FINAL

UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

UC cracks the Top 5 in the LEARFIELD Directors' Cup Final Fall standings for NCAA Division II finishing #4 overall! Simply outstanding! Huge kudos to our Fall teams, players, coaches, and staff!

## FEBRUARY 10, 2024

### ALUMNI DAY

AT THE UC BASKETBALL GAMES

UC GOLDEN EAGLES VS FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

WOMEN - 2:00 PM  
MEN - 4:00 PM

WERHLE INNOVATION CENTER

ALL GOLDEN EAGLE ALUMNI WILL HAVE FREE ADMISSION AND ARE INVITED TO ENJOY THE HOSPITALITY ROOM BETWEEN THE GAMES!

UC ALUMNI

[Register HERE](#)



The latest edition of our campus magazine, "Maroon & Gold", is available NOW! Click [HERE](#) to read even more about what is happening at UC!



## MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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

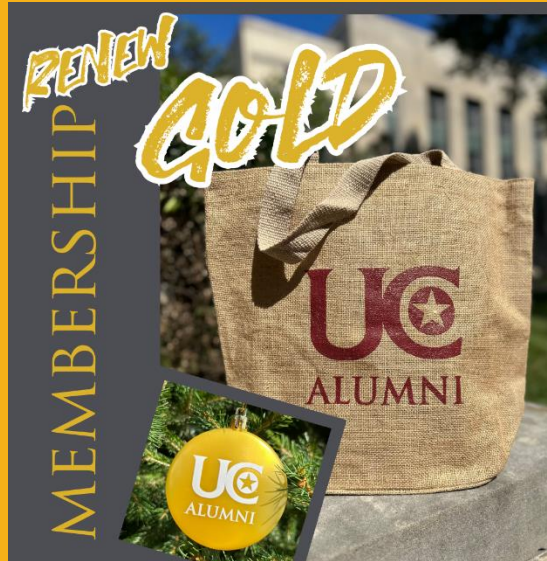


are interested in being part of this program, please contact Christina Carr.

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

**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, February 1st @ 4:00 pm EST.**

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

**Thank you to those who joined or renewed their membership this past month - Michael Myers**

## ***In Memorium***

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

Wayne Pegram, '75

James Weber, '69

Margaret Roop Brown, '72

James Rowe, '86

Robert Underwood, '82

Carmen Karnes Culpepper, '54

**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!

**Jan 15** - Enlightened Living Day 2024

**Feb. 1** - UCAA Zoom Meeting, join the UCAA [HERE](#)

**Feb. 8** - Give Day 2024

**Feb. 10** - Alumni Day at UC Basketball Games [RSVP HERE](#).

**For a full UC Athletic schedule, click [HERE](#).**

# 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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