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Alumni and Friends,

The onset of Spring brings warmer weather, shades of green, and new growth, along with signs of accomplishments, hopes, and aspirations.

On Saturday April 27th we will recognize the latest UC graduates and celebrate them with their families and friends at the Spring 2024 Commencement Ceremonies.

In the morning about 220 undergraduate students will walk across the stage to receive their associate and bachelor's

degrees. U.S. Senator Joe Manchin III will be our commencement speaker. Our afternoon ceremony will include approximately 90 graduate students earning their master and doctoral degrees. The commencement speaker will be UC Assistant Vice President and retired General Dr. John Barnette. I am excited to hear their messages which will surely be insightful and inspiring.

As we shift into the summer terms, we are expecting over 1,600 students will be enrolled in UC classes. Included in this group are over 1,000 active military personnel earning leadership and cybersecurity degrees while serving our country, over 200 students at our Beckley location pursuing healthcare degrees, graduate students in our PA and PharmD programs, and new full-time Charleston undergraduate first-year and rising sophomore Charleston students who are being offered a free course to help them transition to UC and progress toward their degrees.

We hope many of you will take advantage of our [20% alumni tuition discount](#) and return for a career-enhancing graduate degree in business or healthcare. This is just another way UC creates value by enabling alumni to attain their personal and professional goals at a lower cost.

Best regards,

Marty



Did you look to the skies this week?

The UC Office of Student Life held a Solar Eclipse Watch Party on the Riverbank Monday afternoon as Charleston experienced 94% coverage. Our students, faculty, and staff, filled the lawn wearing the latest in solar eyewear fashion!



Women's History Month was honored on campus in March.

On March 20th, the UC Office of Student Life hosted the annual Women of Distinction Dinner. Students, faculty, staff, and community women gathered for dinner in the Erma Byrd Gallery and enjoyed remarks from Kayla Young. Kayla was elected to the WV House of Delegates in November 2020.

The following week, our athletics department held the Women's Networking Night. Female leaders from our community came as mentors for this special event. Students moved from one

table to the next in a "speed dating" style. As they moved, they heard advice and success stories from the mentors and had the opportunity to ask questions about the various careers represented.

Special thanks for our very own Golden Eagle alumni who participated as mentors, Bethany Kinder ('17), Niki Kurten ('99), Alexa Kay ('11), Rossitsa Getskova ('03 & '04), and Blaine Lewis ('19).



Guest Speaker Kayla Young, WV House of Delegates Representative



Bricks are still available- Deadline is May 1st!

With over 200 bricks already named, the walkway in between Riggelman Hall and Geary Student Union will now be a very special place filled with names of alumni and friends. If you would like to leave a little legacy in this way, please follow the link below. Funds donated to name a brick will be allocated to the Breezeway renovation project slated to take place this summer.

[Buy a Brick HERE!](#)



Athletics

CORNER

MEN'S SOCCER

MATCH TAILGATE

CHARLESTON GOLDEN EAGLES

HEAD COACH: DANIEL SMEE



West Virginia University

HEAD COACH: DANIEL STRATFORD

VS



4.14.2024

11:00 AM
Schoenbaum
Stadium



TAILGATE

10:30 AM - Halftime



FÚTBOL

at its finest



[Register for this event HERE!](#)

CHARLESTON SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS



Bring your young athletes to campus this summer! Our stellar coaches, staff, and student athletes have exciting camp experiences planned for youth athletes, check out dates and registrations [HERE](#).

UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON ATHLETICS

A NIGHT AT THE NEST

MONDAY, MAY 6TH | 5:30-7:00^{PM} | H. BERNARD WEHRLE SR. ARENA

Celebrate the Golden Eagles 2023-24 Athletic Season!



TICKETS
\$100



[Purchase Your Tickets HERE!](#)

Congratulations to our March Madness Bracket Challenge Winners!!

1st Place - Todd Robinson, '89 is the winner of a \$50 Visa Gift Card and UC t-shirt.

2nd Place - Paul Palazzo, '08 is the winner of a \$25 Visa Gift Card and UC t-shirt

3rd Place - Charles Baisden, '18 is the winner of a UC T-shirt and water bottle

Thanks to everyone who participated, we will do it again next year!!



Happy 104th Birthday, Golden Eagle!!

Floretta Nestor ('73) celebrated her 104th birthday on April 1st. Floretta taught school in Roane County, West Virginia for over 35 years. She still resides in Roane County and we wish her a very Happy Birthday!

ALUMNI GATHERING

SATURDAY
MAY 18

UC
ALUMNI

IN NEW JERSEY!

MONMOUTH PARK RACE TRACK



\$25 Due
May 1

Includes admission,
parking,
program, and
refreshments.

Send check payable to Jon Block
9111 East Bay Harbour Rd, Apt. 3A
Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154

Contact Jon Block with further questions - 732-299-1287 or
rawtac@yahoo.com

[RSVP for this event HERE!](#)

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 TODAY, April 11th @ 4:00 pm EST.

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

Thank you to those who joined or renewed their membership this past month - Glenn Kirk, Ron Nowvskie, Lynn Radzilowski, and Otis Hinton

In Memorium

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

Patricia Farley Clendenen, '64

Ira Dadisman, III, '76

Darla Chittenden, '72 & '89

Kathleen Moynahan, '76

Frank Vincent, '71

Ronald Lorrison, '67

Kemp Winfree, '64

John Thompson, '71

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!

UC
BANDS



INVITE YOU TO OUR

Spring
CONCERT

3:00 PM SUNDAY APRIL 14

University of Charleston

Riggleman Hall

Geary Auditorium and Erma Byrd Gallery





TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

8:00-9:30 am | UC Downtown Innovation Hub

STEPHANIE SPENCER

SVP, Receivables Product Segment Manager,
Treasury Management, Huntington Bank

— DISPELLING THE MYTHS AND MYSTERIES OF —
MERCHANT ACCOUNTS

*Breakfast is free; registration is required;
seating is limited to 30 attendees*

April 14, 3:00 pm, Riggleman Hall - UC Bands and UC Singers Spring Concert

April 14, 10:30 am - Halftime, Schoenbaum Stadium - Coonskin Park- Tailgate at the UC Men's Soccer vs West Virginia University game. Register [HERE](#).

April 27 - Spring Commencement Ceremonies

May 14 - Fresh Start Breakfast series with guest speaker Stephanie Spencer, SVP at Huntington Bank. Register [HERE](#).

May 18 - Alumni Gathering at Manmouth Park - to register, click [HERE](#).

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

SAVE THE DATE



UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

HOMECOMING

AND FAMILY WEEKEND

SEPT.
20-21

2024

CELEBRATE TRADITION.
CREATE NEW MEMORIES.



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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