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Dear Alumni and Friends,

September is always such a special month on campus with the academic year already in full swing. The month starts with our tradition of Labor of Love, a community service event. It is exciting to see the University come together as a family and make a difference in our communities. This tradition has become a source of great pride for UC.

Our next tradition in September is Homecoming in just a few short

weeks. Our office has some great events planned for you to come back “home” and celebrate your alma mater! Please make sure to check out the [UC website](#) for all the details.

As a special part of Homecoming this year, I want to highlight an opportunity for you to take home your special bottle of “Morris Harvey” Bourbon Whiskey. We partnered with Bullock Distillery here in Charleston to offer a single barrel, special label bottle along with a set of UC whiskey glasses. These items will be available to purchase on Friday evening (September 20) on campus during the cookout event. There are a limited number of bottles to purchase, so make sure to come out and get yours while they last! Thanks to some generous donors, all proceeds from this “Morris Harvey” Bourbon Whiskey and the glasses will contribute to the annual fund.

There is something for everyone this fall at UC whether it is joining your fellow alumni at Homecoming, attending a speaker series at the Downtown Innovation

Hub, or cheering on your Golden Eagles at an athletic competition. Check our website for upcoming events!

We want you to be engaged with your alma mater and hope to see you soon!

All the Best,

Gail



This past Monday, we celebrated **Labor Day the UC way** with our 6th annual Labor of Love event. Each year on Labor Day, hundreds of University of Charleston students, faculty, and staff leave campus, and scatter throughout the surrounding area, to volunteer their time on community projects. Over forty projects were complete and we even ran into a recent grad at one of the off campus work sites.



The UC Advancement and Alumni staff joined the UC Lacrosse team and students from the radiology and business departments on the west side of Charleston. We were partnered with The Religious Coalition for Community Renewal. The RCCR creates projects and programs to connect the community with affordable housing.

Zach Hall, pictured below with Christina Carr, graduated this past spring. He majored in psychology and political science and is the current Housing Navigator for the RCCR. Way to live out the UC Mission, Golden Eagle!







September is for pumpkin spice and everything nice and **HOMECOMING 2024!!!**

Check out this video for a virtual rundown of the schedule and be sure to RSVP for the events you plan to attend!

Call the UC Alumni office with any questions - 304-357-4734 or christinacarr@ucwv.edu.

[Watch the video HERE!!](#)



[Click HERE for event details, registration links, and MORE!](#)

Every good party has good music. We've got GREAT music lined up for the Friday night gathering on the UC Lawn!



We are planning for the Homecoming and Family Weekend crowd to be even larger than last year. WE NEED YOU to help us spread the word and invite a friend (or two...or twelve) to join you in Charleston on Sept. 20 & 21. Follow our social media pages and share all the Homecoming '24 announcements!



[Connect with us on Facebook](#)



[Follow us on Instagram](#)



Athletics

CORNER

Join us **THIS SATURDAY**, September 7th for the first home football game of the 2024 season!

GOLDEN EAGLES vs. California
University of Pennsylvania

🍷 Drinks and snacks will be provided under the alumni tent from 10:30 am - Noon.

🍽️ You are also invited to join in the annual first game meal provided by UC Catering at the stadium. The menu includes a smashed potato bar with baked potatoes, grilled steak and chicken and corn on the cob and salad for your sides. Cost for lunch is \$12, cash only.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO RSVP!!

Tickets for the game are not included with your Tailgate RSVP. You may purchase your tickets at the ticket booth, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, cash only.



With 619 student athletes enrolled this fall semester, there is no lack of athletic events happening on campus. The below graphic shows a decade of Golden Eagle athletic proven success, it is IMPRESSIVE.

 UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON ATHLETICS MEC COMMISSIONER'S CUP & LEARFIELD DIRECTOR'S CUP FINISHES 2013 THRU 2024	 ATHLETIC SEASON	 MOUNTAIN EAST COMMISSIONER'S CUP	 LEARFIELD DIRECTOR'S CUP
	2013-2014	1 ST PLACE	141 ST PLACE
	2014-2015	2 ND PLACE	68 TH PLACE
	2015-2016	1 ST PLACE	81 ST PLACE
	2016-2017	2 ND PLACE	63 RD PLACE
	2017-2018	1 ST PLACE	76 TH PLACE
	2018-2019	1 ST PLACE	43 RD PLACE
	2019-2020	1 ST PLACE	22 ND PLACE
	2020-2021	1 ST PLACE	COVID
	2021-2022	1 ST PLACE	17 TH PLACE
	2022-2023	1 ST PLACE	14 TH PLACE
	2023-2024	1 ST PLACE	7 TH PLACE

Golden Eagle Athletes are headed to Charleston for Homecoming! Check out these two athletic alumni events!



The 2024 Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner will take place on September 20th as part of the Homecoming and Family Weekend festivities. Follow the link below to RSVP, cost of the event is \$25 and capacity is limited.

[Register for the Hall of Fame Dinner HERE.](#)



If you were a student athlete, you are invited to gather at the Boathouse for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and s'mores by the fire pit. Come to reminisce about all the wins and lessons learned as a Golden Eagle athletic competitor!

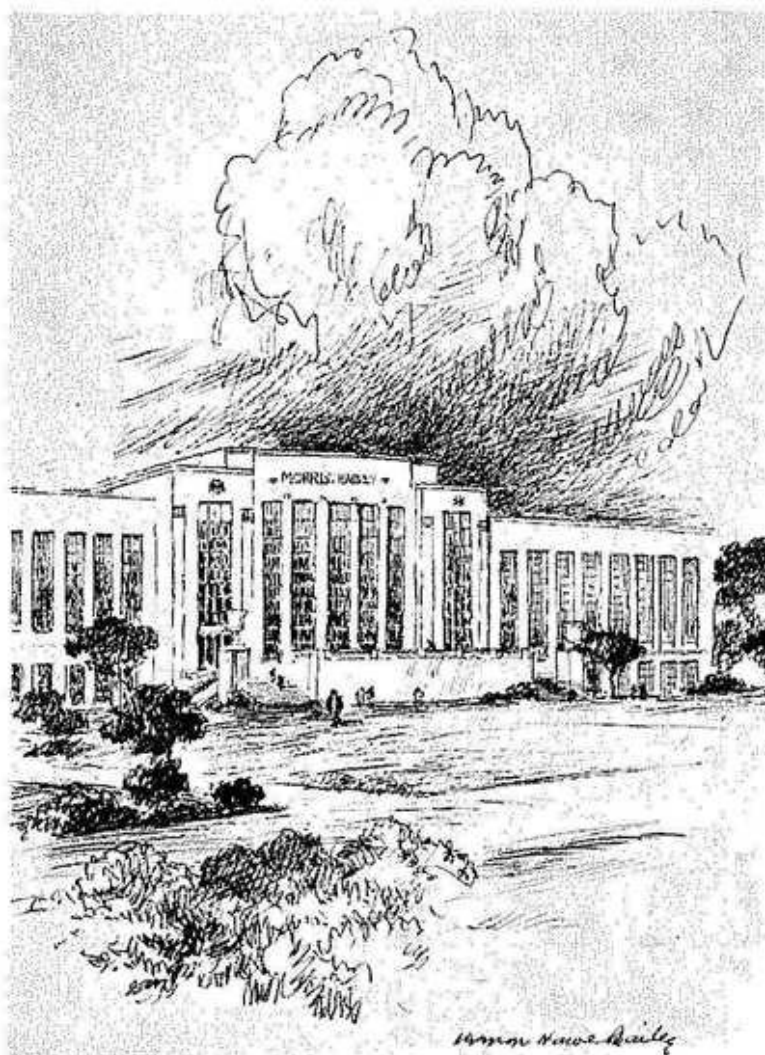
(If you are a Golden Eagle athletics fan, we welcome you to join us, too.)

The cost of registration for this event is \$25.

[Register for this event HERE.](#)

Remember When...

Check out this Welcome Week Program from 1951 that was found in an antique shop in South Charleston, WV. We want to feature more historical memorabilia like this more often. If you have similar items and would like to share, let us know!



MAIN BUILDING

WELCOME WEEK PROGRAM

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 2, 1951

Morris Harvey College

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Morris Harvey College

"The longed-for shadow of a man"

Incorporated under the name of Barboursville Seminary in 1886, the College was placed under the control of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a year later became Barboursville College. The name was changed to Morris Harvey College in 1901 in grateful recognition of the generosity of Mr. Morris Harvey.

Degrees in education, literature, arts, and science were conferred until 1910 when, due to a change in educational requirements by the State Board of Education and a larger endowment required by the General Education Board of the Church, the institution became a junior college, and so related until 1915, when it was raised to senior college rank.

The Charleston Educational Center, Inc., invited Morris Harvey College in 1935 to become a unit of a higher educational project to be undertaken in Charleston. For four years the College and Kanawha Junior College, which was named in Charleston as an independent venture in 1932, shared quarters in the Kanawha County Public Library building. The utilization of these institutions in 1939 secured the Board of Trustees the united and wholehearted continuous support for higher education.

Morris Harvey College, operated by the Methodist Church until 1942, became an independent Christian college under the direction of a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees which has been given power commensurate with its responsibilities.

The history of Morris Harvey's name history comes in the transfer to a permanent campus in South Ruffner in 1947. Temporary buildings moved from the Government have been in use for the past four years. This present building, together with the Student Activities Building recently constructed, will become part of an overall long-range building plan.

Morris Harvey is more than an educational institution. It is itself a social group that defines our principles of democracy. Here are gathered students of wide variance in age, residence, preparation, program, religion, employment, income, and vocational ambitions. However, they have in common the desire for a Christian education, seeking for leadership, and personality development that will make possible a more useful life.



Courtesy Frankenberg & Co.

The College is an industry whose products are well-trained men and women. It is a business that enriches every phase of community living. It is a service which increases the capacities of the individual and his contribution to society.



Morris Harvey
(1821-1908)

*"He dies but his life is moulded
Lives on in the world more;
His soul pervades and is filling the earth
As the stars fill the skies above;
He taught us to yield up the love of life
For the sake of the life of Love;
His death is our loss, his life our gain—
The joy for the true, the peace for the pain."*

—HARRISON

Addressing a Morris Harvey College Founder's Day gathering in 1954, the Rev. L. S. Cunningham, an alumnus who served as the Harvey's pastor, recited the above poem and added: "God left them children that they might be father and mother to thousands. I rejoice in the belief that every Morris Harvey man and woman who lives an honorable and useful life is but the lengthened shadow of Morris Harvey, his good wife, and all the life of benefactors of this School. Wherever the influence of Christian education is felt, the spirit of this great West Virginia industrialist lives on."

Morris Harvey, the son of John Harvey and Celia Morris Harvey, was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, which became Raleigh County, West Virginia. His early home was at Camellion, Kanawha County, and his residence is stated as Fayetteville in Fayette County. His ancestors and relatives were the owners of thousands of acres in Nicholas, Fayette, Kanawha, Putnam, and Cabell Counties.

His early training in local values proved to be his success as a businessman. Honest, diligent, and shrewd in his private business, he was called to public service. He became deputy clerk of Fayette County, later sheriff, and is remembered as the County's most efficient tax collector.

His first gift to the College was \$5,000. During his lifetime his gifts totaled \$65,000. Mrs. Rosalita Dickinson Harvey increased this giving to \$75,000 and from their estates the Board of Trustees have secured almost a quarter million dollars. They are the College's greatest benefactors.

ALMA MATER

*In the shadow
of the mountains
by Kanawha's river,
O'er beloved
Alma Mater
prayerfully stand forever:
Morris Harvey, Morris Harvey,
True we'll ever be,
Morris Harvey, Morris Harvey,
Hail, all hail to thee!*

Building Progress

*"Unless the Lord build the house, they labor
in vain who build it."—Psalm 126.*



Plans for the location of a college in the present South Ruffner site were proposed as early as 1924 when the Charleston Chamber of Commerce organized a Kanawha University Foundation to promote the establishment of an institution of higher education in Charleston. This group invited Morris Harvey to locate here.

With a gross enrollment of 1,965 during the academic year 1939-40, the College faced the serious problem of finding sufficient building space. A more serious shortage was foreseen unless additional facilities could be provided. A Building Fund Campaign launched in 1940 had produced \$100,000 toward a \$500,000 goal when uncertain war conditions terminated this activity.

The first real effort toward a permanent location was the purchase on December 4, 1940, of an eleven-acre plot of land in Charleston's South Ruffner. Two months later a committee was appointed to plan for the development of the new campus. The late Mr. Wilbur A. Menor, Charleston architect, was engaged to draw building plans.

Subsequent purchases during the following ten years has brought the total campus tract to thirty acres.

During November-December of 1945 friends of the College oversubscribed a \$750,000 Building Fund Campaign. Critical building costs of the time prevented immediate construction. However, by arrangement with the United States government temporary buildings were obtained. The two permanent buildings, the cafeteria and Student Activities Building, were built in 1947 and 1948.

In December, 1949, the Board of Trustees awarded to C. H. Jamison and Sons a contract for constructing a main building unit on East Campus and authorized a Building Fund Campaign for \$750,000 be launched in the spring of 1950. This fund has currently received subscriptions of \$735,000.

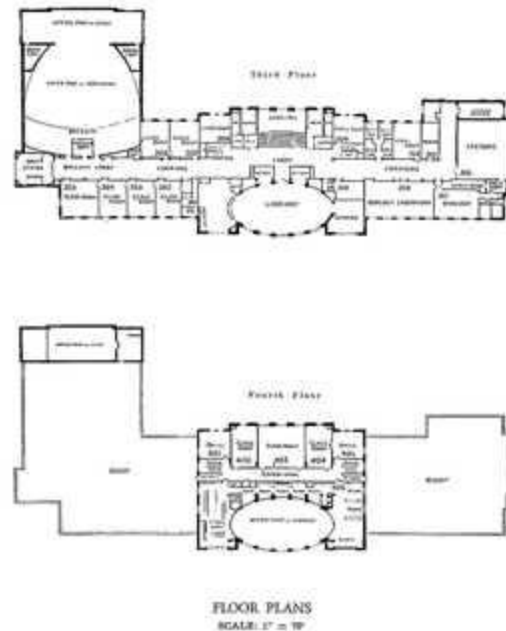
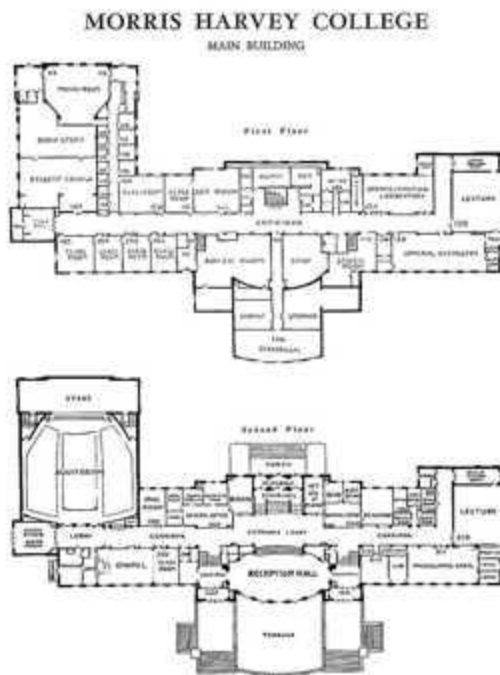
A ground breaking ceremony was held on January 7, 1950. The first steel was placed April 25, and later in May the white brick wall had been built to cornerstone height. As a part of the commencement program, Mr. W. B. Geary, chairman of the Building Committee, assisted by Dr. Godfrey L. Cabor sealed the cornerstone.

The building progressed rapidly during the summer and fall of 1950. It was under roof and permitted interior construction during the winter months. Through the present year, Morris Harvey's \$1,600,000 Main Building has been vying with the State Capitol for the attention of motorists and pedestrians along Kanawha Boulevard and MacCorkle Avenue.

The movement of equipment to the new building began in late August of 1951 in readiness for the opening of the fall semester.

This record of progress is necessarily that of benefactions as well as construction. Colleges are supported by persons interested in education and culture. Hence, such an institution lives in the minds and hearts of its friends.





Academic Announcements

Connect UC with Prospective Students and Help Us Grow!

We all know there's no better advertisement than the referral of a satisfied customer. That's why the Admissions Office wants you to connect us with potential students for whom UC would be a great fit.

With our Refer a Friend form, you can give us the contact information for a prospective student of any type (freshman,



transfer, grad student), and the Admissions Office will reach out with a personalized invitation to learn more about UC.

The more information you can provide about the prospective student the better, but with just their name and one form of contact (mailing/email address or phone number), we'll get the conversation started! At the end of each semester (fall, spring, and summer), each referral will be entered into a drawing for some special UC swag!

Complete the form and help us recruit the next generation of UC alumni! <https://www.ucwv.edu/refer>



The '24-'25 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 5x7 UC photo frame and grey cooling towel, 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 a grey cooling towel, invitations to special events, discounts, and more.

The next UCAA Zoom Meeting will be THURSDAY, September 12 @ NOON EST.

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

Thank you to those who joined or renewed their membership this past month - Wesley Johnson, Jennifer Lendvay, and Jeanine Doffont,

In Memorium

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

Kay Mynes, '92

Joyce Ann Stephens, alum attend

Marvin Reaser, Jr., '68

Angela Viars Wall, '95

Rosalee Oatridge, '73

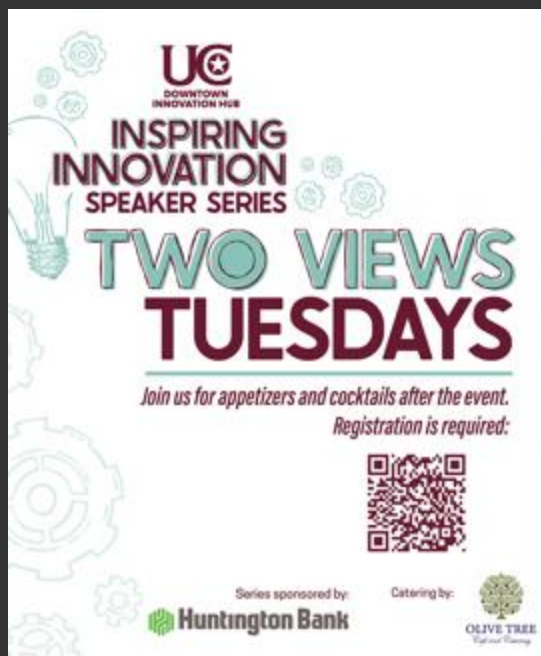
Gordon Palmer, '59

Katherine M. Rice, '79

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!



Tuesday, September 10, 2024

UC Downtown Innovation Hub

4 - 5 PM | Panel Discussion

5 - 6 PM | Networking with Appetizers and Drinks

ENERGY FOR APPALACHIA: Renewables and Fossil Fuels

FEATURING

Nancy Payne Bruns

Chairman of the Board, the John L. Dickinson Family Holding Company

Elizabeth Opyoke

Solar Educator, Solar Holler

Moderator: David L. Yaussy

Member at Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC
and Chair of the firm's Environmental Law Practice Group

September 7, 10:30 am - Tailgate, Noon - Game - First Home Football Game and Alumni Tailgate, RSVP [HERE](#).

September 10, 4:00 pm - Two Views Tuesday at the HUB. RSVP [HERE](#).

September 20 & 21 - Homecoming and Family Weekend 2024

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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