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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope this message finds you well.

This Summer we have over 1,900 students enrolled in classes online and in Beckley and Charleston. As the Summer semester winds down, this is also an exciting time filled with anticipation. The new academic year is about to begin, and the Fall semester will start in less than two weeks.

Resident Assistant staff are settled on the Charleston campus, as are our football student athletes who arrived last week. As I type, many more of our Fall sport athletes are checking-in, including men's and women's soccer, cross country, and golf, women's volleyball, band, cheer, and dance. All other students will join us next week. The campus is full of energy!

A number of projects have been completed that students and staff alike will enjoy. Our new Outdoor Fitness Center is open, the Breezeway connecting Riggleman Hall and Geary Student Union has been renovated, all parking areas have been resealed and relined, and residence halls have been prepped. Also in Charleston, the Gorman Hall renovation work for the Morrison Rehabilitation Science and Athletics Center is proceeding on schedule. And in Beckley, we have expanded our footprint. Student and faculty/staff lounges have been created, new radiology equipment installed, and the Bookstore and Student Solutions team have fresh spaces. All of these projects were made possible by donors' support.

Thank you for embracing UC's mission to educate each student for a life of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement. Your contributions are essential to our success.

I hope to see many of you here for Homecoming & Family Weekend in September!

Marty

Each year on Labor Day, hundreds of University of Charleston students leave campus, and scatter throughout the surrounding community, to volunteer their time on community projects that require special attention. From grounds-keeping, garbage cleanup, painting, to creating care packages for those in need of essential household items, our students care for their community.



Backpack Blessings is a local, non-profit that works to support food insecure families with food over weekends and breaks. Food is collected by Backpack Blessings and distributed through Kanawha County Schools to children in need.

Over the last six years, via our UC student volunteers, we have worked to provide food for approximately 200 families over a weekend and we include encouraging notes to students in bags packed during Labor of Love.

Here is how **YOU** can participate!! The following items are needed and can be dropped off to the alumni office M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm before August 28th.

Peanut butter, canned soup, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned stew, canned chili, canned fish, canned beans, soup, pasta, rice, personal care items, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**HOMECOMING**  
**AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2024**  
SEPTEMBER 20 & 21

FRIDAY  
**9.20**

- 9:00 am UC Baseball Golf Scramble  
(8:00 am registration)
- 12:00 pm Women's Volleyball vs Bowie State University  
Wehrle Innovation Center
- 3:00 pm Campus Tours  
Admissions Office
- 4:00 pm Golden Reunion Cocktail Hour  
Boathouse for classes '84, '79, and '74 (and any before '74)
- 5:00 pm Breezeway and Bricks Dedication
- 5:30 pm Dinner and Pep Rally  
8:00 pm UC Lawn
- 5:30 pm UC Bourbon Bottle Debut  
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- 6:30 pm Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner  
Erma Byrd Gallery (limited availability, reservation required)
- 7:00 pm Women's Volleyball vs Seton Hill University  
Wehrle Innovation Center

SATURDAY  
**9.21**

- 11:30 am Homecoming Tailgate  
UC Stadium
- 1:00 pm Homecoming Football Game  
UC Stadium
- 1:00 pm Men's Soccer vs Saginaw Valley State University  
Welch Athletic Complex
- 3:00 pm Women's Volleyball vs Bloomsburg University  
Wehrle Innovation Center
- 7:00 pm Athletic Reunion  
9:00 pm Boathouse
- 7:00 pm Women's Volleyball vs D'Youville University  
Wehrle Innovation Center

SUNDAY  
**9.22**

- 1:00 pm Women's Soccer vs Glenville State University  
Welch Athletic Complex

Contact the UC Alumni Office with any questions!  
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Visit [www.ucwv.edu/alumni/homecoming](http://www.ucwv.edu/alumni/homecoming)  
for all your Homecoming & Family Weekend details.





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



*Nominate a Golden Eagle for the Alumnus of the Year or Rising Alumnus award. Both awards are given annually to alumni of Morris Harvey or the University of Charleston. These individuals demonstrate the ideals of our mission*

*by living a life of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement.*

[Submit Your Nomination HERE!](#)



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**



# “Best in the Nest”

Select Your Seats for the Season

## Meet & Greet Men's & Women's Basketball Teams



WEHRLE INNOVATION CENTER

**Monday**

**August 26**

**5:00 - 6:30 pm**

**Hors d'oeuvres  
Soft Drinks  
Beer & Wine  
Provided**



**James Long**  
Men's Basketball

## New Head Coaches



**Bubby Johnson**  
Women's Basketball

**For More Information: [sharireed@ucwv.edu](mailto:sharireed@ucwv.edu) | (304) 357-0019**

**[Register for this event HERE!](#)**





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 even is \$25 and capacity is limited.

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

## Academic Announcements

### Calling all BSN graduates!!

If you earned your BSN from UC and have been thinking about taking the next step in your nursing career, consider enrolling in UC's Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner program. This fully-online program offers a 20% alumni discount on tuition and can be completed in as few as 5 semesters. If you start with our next cohort in January, that means you could be an FNP by August 2026! Learn more about the admissions requirements, curriculum, and career

opportunities here: <https://www.ucwv.edu/academics/majors-degrees/master-of-science-in-nursing/>

### **Back to School For You, Too?**

Our fall semester classes begin on August 19th. Students will begin courses in Charleston, Beckley, and online. Have you considered going back to school for a graduate degree?

If so, 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. For more information, please contact the UC Admissions Office at [1-800-995-4682](tel:1-800-995-4682) or [admissions@ucwv.edu](mailto:admissions@ucwv.edu).



# ALUMNI

# SPOTLIGHT



Vivien Souders McClain's "UC Made Me" photo collection was shared with the alumni office several weeks ago and we just had to find out the story behind the most adorable photos to ever land in the alumni newsletter.

The little ones in these photos all have one thing in common, their parents met at UC!

Vivien ('12) and Austin McClain ('11) are parents to Edith, Jett, and Stone.

Amanda (alum attend) and James ('12) Settle are parents to Maliya and Aubrey.

Brittany ('11) and Terrance ('09) Spencer are parents to Tatum and TJ.

LeAnne ('14/'15) and Matt Kelly ('14) are parents to Crew and Camden.

The McClain family is settled in Pickerington, OH, and the Spencers and Settles reside nearby. During a recent gathering the conversation turned to how many couples they know from UC. The idea for a mini reunion complete with t-shirts for the kids was born.

Matt and LeAnne still live in Charleston but traveled to join the others at the McClain's house for a day of fun and a photo session. Vivien designed the t-shirts and put her photography skills to work.

Vivien is a seasoned photographer and owns her own business, Light Barn Studios. She has captured several milestones for this friend group as she was the photographer of choice for Amanda and James' engagement photos and LeAnne and Matt's engagement and wedding photos.

It was great to see these UC families and have the opportunity to share Vivien's talent. We hope to see many of you and your families at Homecoming 2024!







### **It's MORE Than a White Coat!**

The transition into pharmacy school is a significant and challenging step for many students. While the iconic white coat symbolizes their entry into the pharmacy profession, there are numerous essentials that go beyond this symbol of dedication. These essentials include scrubs, lab supplies, equipment, and other resources that are crucial for their education and future success.



Your generous contribution to the "More Than a White Coat" campaign will help cover these vital needs, ensuring that incoming pharmacy students have the tools and support necessary to thrive in their studies and future careers. By donating, you are not just providing financial assistance; you are making a profound difference in the lives of these future healthcare professionals.



When you make your gift, you can provide an incoming UC School of Pharmacy student with their required white coat and write a note of encouragement that will be placed in the coat pocket.

Give our future UCSOP Class of 2028 a warm welcome by making a donation to the MORE Than A White Coat Campaign TODAY!

[Give a White Coat HERE!](#)

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**Don't Forget! The Outdoor Fitness Court located near the Boathouse is OPEN to the public. Stop by campus for a workout on the riverbank.**



UC  
OUTDOOR  
FITNESS COURT  
*OPEN FOR YOU!*

*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, September 12 @ NOON EST.**

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

**Thank you to those who joined or renewed their membership this past month - Candice Stadler and Dean Emig.**

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### ***In Memorium***

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

Ellyn Losow Pleiman, '80

Eloise Crickard Caroland, '56

Keith Atkinson, '57

Jerry Noel, '77

Alice Anderson Robertson, '55

Sarah Karnes Berg, '68

Elizabeth Leeson, '63

**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.**

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# UC EVENTS

You're invited to campus!



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024**

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

**ROBERT MCCOY**

President and CEO, Amherst Madison

WHY CHOOSE  
**EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP**

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

**August 8, NOON** -UC Alumni Association bi-monthly Zoom call.

**August 19** - First day of Fall 2024 semester classes.

**August 13, 8:00 am** - Fresh Start Breakfast at the Downtown Innovation HUB with guest Robert McCoy, President and CEO of Amherst Madison. RSVP [HERE](#)

**August 26, 5:00 - 6:30 pm** - Best of the Nest athletic event, RSVP [HERE](#).

**September 7, Noon** - First Home Football Game and Alumni Tailgate, details coming soon.

**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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