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Dear Alumni and Friends,

November is the National Gratitude Month, and the UC Advancement and Alumni office has so much to be thankful for. Most of all, thanks to you, our donors that give generously to make UC such a wonderful place for our students, faculty and staff. This year has been another great one as far as growth with scholarships, capital projects, new programs and more.

We are always looking for new relationships while we strengthen the ongoing ones. I would urge you as this year ends to be and stay involved with UC. Think back to your time at UC that may have been for school or a community event and show your thanks this holiday season. It may be donating to the annual fund, giving to our food pantry, or helping students via the student emergency fund. It could also be opening a scholarship or supporting one of the pillars of our mission to educate our students for a life with productive work, enlightened living and community involvement. We live our mission every day at UC as a student-focused institution.

Hope to see you during the upcoming basketball season and the championships of our fall sports. Athletics are always a fun way to gather with your family and friends.

Wishing you happy holiday season in 2024!

Best Regards,

Gail Carter

VP of Development



**Alumni showed off  
Maroon and Gold in  
MoTown!**

Thanks to David Kurtz ('80) for acting as our Alumni Host for the Morgantown gathering this past month.

Golden Eagles enjoyed



some food and drinks at Pizza Al's ahead of the UC vs WVU men's basketball exhibition game and complimentary tickets to the main event.



Golden Eagle alumni in attendance included John Finlayson '75, Eric Fletcher '80, Billy Atkins '67, Mary Rothlisberger Ferrebee '81, Kathy Hackney '76, Cathy Tarkett Cunningham '79, '83, '05, Eileen Quinn McDonald '78, Bernie Layne '92, Ellen Joesbury Linger '78, '80, Susan Small '79, Jeff Fleck '05 and David Kurtz '80. Thank you, alumni and friends, for representing the Maroon and Gold in Morgantown on Oct. 18th!





# Athletics

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## CORNER



### **A Full Golden Eagle Athletics Report**

by UC Athletic Director, Dr. Bren Stevens

**Football:** Yesterday, Coach Quinn Sander's team was ranked #6 in the AFCA National poll. This is the highest ranking of any UC or Morris Harvey football team. Our guys continue to enjoy a perfect 9-0 season after shutting down the Hilltoppers of West Liberty 38-0 on Saturday. Next up is a road trip to WV Wesleyan on Saturday and then your Golden Eagles return home for a crosstown match up with WV State. Quinn's team is ranked first in the Atlantic Super Region, which

means if we continue to win out, we will be in a position to host NCAA games and will be featured on ESPN+.

**M. Soccer:** Dan Smee's squad returned from Frostburg this weekend with another win over the Bobcats (3-0). Our men's soccer team boasts an impressive record of 16-0-1 and are 13-0 in MEC competitions. Our team faces a tough challenge when they travel to Concord University on Wednesday. Concord is one of the few schools in the country that still play on a grass field. Coach Smee's squad will receive a bye in the first game of the MEC tournament and should host a semi-final game the following Wednesday.

**W. Soccer:** Coach Sarah Leiby's team has won their last 8 games on the pitch. They defeated Concord on Sunday 4-2 at the Welch Athletic Complex. Sarah and her squad have amassed an impressive 14-3 and 13-1 record to date. They face crosstown rival, WV State on Wednesday at 7:00 pm at home to wrap up the regular season. MEC Tournament play will commence on Sunday against either West Liberty or Wheeling at 7:00 pm. As a brand-new head coach, Sarah has been masterful at preparing her team to play high-level soccer.

**W. Volleyball:** Congratulations to Coach Tyler Kanelos as he locked in his 100<sup>th</sup> victory as a head coach on Saturday. Tyler became a head coach for the first time when he was hired in 2021 to lead your Golden Eagles. His team has an impressive 21-6 overall record and are 9-2 in league play. On Friday night they defeated the Cardinals from Wheeling (3-1) which was another significant win for the program. Your Golden Eagles will play at home this Friday at 2:00 pm against Concord University. Please note the earlier playing time as we are also hosting men's basketball games on this same day.

**M. and W. Cross Country:** Nick Bias and his teams will travel to the campus of Lockhaven University for the NCAA Atlantic Regionals on Saturday. The top three teams that finish in this regional event will then have the opportunity to compete at the National Finals in Sacramento, CA. As you can see there is a lot at stake this weekend for our tremendously talented runners.

**M. Basketball:** This weekend you will have the opportunity to see two of our new head coaches make their debuts on the hardwood. Coach James Long and his

squad will start the season off with a tough regional match up against CAL PA. Our guys will take to the floor this Friday evening at 7:00 pm in the HB Wehrle Arena.

**W. Basketball:** Many of you may remember Coach Bubby Johnson from his time a few years ago as one of our assistant coaches for the women's basketball program. On Saturday, Bubby will make his debut as the new head coach for UC Women's Basketball when his squad faces the Rams from Shepherd University at 5:30 pm. Bubby's positive demeanor and vast basketball knowledge should prove helpful as the squad begins the season with some tough regional match ups.

**Be a Fan in the Stand! Click [HERE](#) for a full athletic schedule.**

And be a Fan in the Stands in STYLE! Catch the latest in Maroon and Gold apparel at the UC Online Bookstore!

**SHOP [HERE](#).**

# UC *online* ★★ ★★ ★★ ★★ ★★ BOOKSTORE



**You can pick up your bottle of Morris Harvey Bourbon and UC glasses today!**

Order online for pick up or stop in Bullock Distillery on Washington Street in Charleston during their regular business hours. Feel free to call the distillery, (681) 205-2770, or the alumni office, 304-357-4734, with questions.

Your donation supports the UC Annual Fund.

(\*bottles cannot be shipped due to WV ABC law regulations)



[Purchase a bottle of Morris Harvey Bourbon HERE.](#)

[Purchase your UC Bourbon Glasses HERE](#)

**The Breezeway looks fantastic!!**

Thank you to those who contributed to the Give For Gold '24 campaign by purchasing a brick or otherwise. Good News - we still have room for more bricks. Get yours today or gift it for the Holidays.

Bricks ordered before the new year will be installed in late spring 2025.

Your donation benefits the UC Annual Fund.

Purchase your brick [HERE](#).



The graphic is set against a background of a brick wall. At the top center is the UC logo (the letters 'UC' with a star in a circle). Below it, the text reads 'GIFT A BRICK' in large yellow letters, followed by '- for the Holidays!' in green. The price '\$250' is displayed in large white letters. Below the price, it says '4X8 BRICK ▪ 3 ENGRAVED LINES' and '15 CHARACTERS PER LINE (INCLUDES SPACES)'. In the bottom left corner, there is a 3D rendering of a brick wrapped as a gift with a red ribbon and green tinsel, with 'University of Charleston' printed on it. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and the text 'For more information:'.

# Academic Announcements



## **UC Signs Agreement with Mongolian University**

At a signing ceremony on Tuesday, October 29, the University of Charleston (UC) and the Mongolian University of Science and Technology (MUST) formalized an agreement allowing MUST students to study at the UC Charleston campus. A six-person delegation from MUST and the Mongolian Embassy visited UC to sign the agreement and tour the campus. A reception was held following the signing ceremony.

Through the agreement, Mongolian University students can complete the final year of their MUST degree at UC while earning a UC business certificate, then

enroll in and earn a UC Master of Business Administration (MBA) or Master of Science in Business and Data Analytics (MSBDA) degree.

The Mongolian Embassy to the United States encouraged Mongolian Universities to develop international cooperations in higher education, noting that the University of Charleston has robust business, analytics, cybersecurity, leadership, and entrepreneurship programs – all programs of interest to MUST students.

The Mongolian University of Science in Technology was founded in 1959 as part of the National University of Mongolia. In 1982, the university was reorganized into an independent university. MUST has 12 affiliated schools that offer business, engineering, technology, education, social work, and public service and management undergraduate and graduate degree programs. For more information about MUST, visit their website [here](#).

The University of Charleston recently reached enrollment of 3,000 students across its Charleston campus, Beckley location, and online programs. It has also recently established two-year to four-year degree pathway partnerships with several West Virginia Community & Technical Colleges, including Mountwest, New River, and Southern. Also enrolled in UC programs are hundreds of West Virginia first responders and municipal workers who are earning certificates that can be applied toward educational degrees.

**Pictured: (left to right) Dr. Namman Tumurpurev, Rector of the Mongolian University of Science and Technology, and Dr. Marty Roth, President of University of Charleston, sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the two schools.**

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# HIPE

Healthcare Interprofessional Education



HIPE (Healthcare Interprofessional Education) is an essential component of our healthcare program, providing healthcare students with unique ways to develop skills that will set them apart in the workplace. Studies have shown that cooperation among healthcare professionals can lead to better patient outcomes. Training

healthcare students to work together is a significant step in ensuring a cooperative attitude when they enter their careers. UC offers regular opportunities for our students to gain hands-on experience in medical situations and in collaborating with others.

A recent (simulated) bus accident with multiple victims gave UC



health sciences students a chance to work together to triage, treat, and support accident victims and each other in an emergency.

JOIN TODAY!

# UC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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 in January 2025 - watch for details on date and time.**

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

**Thank you to those who joined or renewed their membership this past month -** Jim Triplett, Steve Kawash, Katrinka Pauley, Joe and Jean Scheirman, William Duffey, Howard Crain, and Robert Alfred.

***In Memorium***

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

Lowell Witters, '58

Ruth Ann Hutchison, '65

**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!

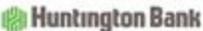


**INSPIRING INNOVATION SPEAKER SERIES**

# TWO VIEWS TUESDAYS

*Join us for appetizers and cocktails after the event.  
Registration is recommended:*



Series sponsored by:  Catering by: 

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024**  
 UC Downtown Innovation Hub  
 4 - 5 PM | Panel Discussion  
 5 - 6 PM | Networking with Appetizers and Drinks

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**SMALL & MEDIUM BUSINESS FINANCING:  
 Traditional vs. Creative**

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**FEATURING**

**James Becker**  
 Partner, Whitewater Capital Partners

**Aaron Sporck**  
 Vice President, Commercial Banking  
 Huntington National Bank

**Moderator: Eric Nelson**  
 President, Nelson Enterprises, Inc.



# MBA SPEAKER SERIES

## HANNAH HUTSON

Manager of Community & Government Relations  
 Diversified Energy Company PLC

**SEE A NEED, FILL A NEED:**  
 How to Differentiate Yourself in the Modern Workplace

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

12 p.m. | Erma Byrd Gallery

In person or online

Registration required for the event

Lunch sponsored by:  UNITED BANK



Nov. 12, 4:00 pm @ Downtown Innovation HUB - Two Views Tuesday -  
 RSVP [HERE](#)

Nov. 13, Noon, Erma Byrd Gallery - MBA Speaker Series - RSVP [HERE](#)

Nov. 27 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break, offices closed.

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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