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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Reflecting on 2024 is simple for me at UC because we accomplished so many great things together! I can never express my gratitude enough to the many alumni and friends we have that contribute and support UC. We had a successful Give for Gold to replace the walkway between Riggleman and Geary Student Union with a new brick walkway added, the Morrison Rehabilitative Science and Athletic Center construction got underway, and we welcomed so

many alumni back for Homecoming in September to a special Morris Harvey Bourbon release! The generosity of you our donors enable us to continue to create the quality education and resources needed for our students, faculty and staff. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Charleston's University™.

We are already starting 2025 off busy with athletic competitions, and more. We have another exciting year at the Downtown Innovation Hub with Thinking Outside the Lunchbox (modified to lunchtime this year) and Two Views series occurring monthly, MBA Speaker Series, Give for Gold in February, completion of the Morrison Rehabilitative Sciences and Athletic Center, and new programs in health sciences beginning by the fall.

This year Give for Gold will look a little different with the opportunity for you to contribute to the area you have the most passion for. This may be the annual fund, general scholarships, the school of your choice to support academics or athletics. Consider what area you may be passionate about at UC and help us exceed our goal during Give for Gold.

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

Wishing you a happy and healthy new year!

Gail Carter

VP of University Development



ALUMNI NIGHT at UC BASKETBALL

(Pictured counter clockwise)

JC MacCallum ('06) and son

Shannon ('97) and Larry Boggs ('96) with
Scott Geyer ('95)

Bethany Kinder Bogan ('17) with husband,
Zach, and friend, Dallas Johnson



Last night, UC Men's and Women's Basketball teams faced off with new MEC competitor Point Park University. Both teams took care of business and put another WIN on the board!

It was a great night to be warm in the Wehrle Innovation Center, celebrate the wins, and gather with fellow alumni. Thanks to all who came out. We will have our next Alumni Night at UC Basketball games on February 5th so make plans to join us! RSVP for that event [HERE](#).





Alumni Night put fans in the stands and on the court, well, for a minute anyway.

The sponsor for last night's game was Burke & Herbert Bank represented by UC grad, John Jividen ('77 and '94), and Clifton Clark.

John majored in business administration and was a star basketball player during his time at Morris Harvey College, earning a spot on the Golden Eagle 1,000 Point Club List. He also played baseball and was an active member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

After starting his career, he was influenced by Professor Dennis

McMillen to return to UC and complete his MBA. "I had wonderful professors across the board, but Dennis McMillen and Armando Alcazar made a significant impact. I learned so much in the classroom and traveling abroad with Armando. I am proud to say I am a Golden Eagle and two time graduate."

John is now Senior Vice President and Trust Officer with Burke and Herbert Bank and lives in Charleston with wife, Lucy, also an alumna, class of 1989.

John is pictured with his teammates from 1977 below.



STANDING, Left to Right: Coach R. Meckfessel, Asst. Coach G. Korobov, D. Harris, R. Neal, R. McFadden, T. Loe, B. Wetesnik, Trainer B. Francis, Head Mgr. M. Mazzella. SITTING, Left to Right: Sports Information Director G. McCollam, J. Jividen, E. Boatwright, R. Baruffi, M. Gibbs, M. Boxley, T. Osborn, G. Adkinson, Mgr. - B. Bradberry.

2.18.25
UC
GIVE FOR GOLD
SO ALL EAGLES CAN SOAR

[Check out the Give Day Video HERE!](#)

Mark Your Calendars - Give Day 2025 - 2.18.25

At the University of Charleston, every student, every dream, every passion has a place to grow and thrive. On Give for Gold Day 2025, you will have the opportunity to impact an area of interest you are passionate about at UC as we come together for a special day of giving.



Athletics

CORNER

UC finishes 8th in the Fall Learfield Directors' Cup after spectacular Fall seasons! Cheers to our student-athletes, coaches, staff, and administrators! Amazing efforts all around.



We've got athletic achievements to celebrate on and off the field! We are very proud of our student athletes and their commitment to excellence in the classroom!

ACADEMIC *excellence*

Fall 2024

DEPARTMENT GPA

3.27

105

ATHLETES

EARNED A
GPA of 4.00

76

ATHLETES

EARNED A
GPA of 3.75+

84

ATHLETES

EARNED A
GPA of 3.50+

158

ATHLETES

EARNED A
GPA of 3.00+

UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON ATHLETICS



Shop great holiday gifts or 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



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



C. J. HARVEY
VP of Communications and Marketing

We are excited to introduce a new UC Cabinet member! The following note was sent to faculty and staff from the Office of the President.

Following a national search, I am delighted to introduce C.J. Harvey as UC's next Vice President of Communications and Marketing. C.J. will be responsible for leading the Office of Communications and Marketing, the Bookstores, and the Mailroom.

C.J. brings to UC extensive experience in digital media and storytelling, organizational communications, and broadcasting. He most recently served as the Director of Communications for West Virginia Governor Jim Justice. He has also served as Founder and Executive Director of Mountaineer Media, and as a WCHS/WVAH broadcasting anchor and reporter.

I am confident that C.J. has all of the qualities we need in our next Communications and Marketing Vice President. He is creative and innovative, thinks both strategically and tactically, keenly understands markets, and is an inspirational leader. He is equally effective in the boardroom as he is in the field capturing moments that can be crafted into compelling content. His focus on quality work that shines brightly and consistently aligns with UC's core values. I am excited to have C.J. join the UC senior leadership team and help us continue on our path of growth and success.

-President Marty Roth

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CHEERS to a New Year!

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.

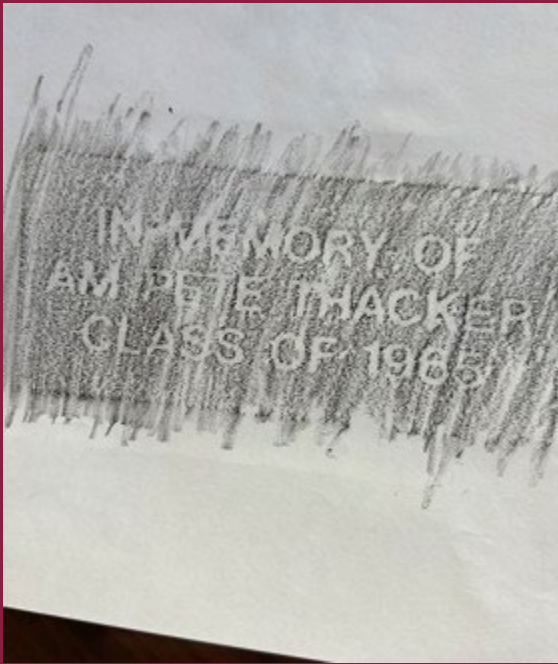
Your donation supports the UC Annual Fund.

(**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 Brings Visitors!!

Andrew Thacker, son of Pam ('70) and Pete Thacker ('65, deceased in January 2024), stopped by campus to see the brick that is in place in memory of his father. He took a rub of the brick as a memento.

Good News - we still have room for more bricks. Get yours today!

Bricks ordered by March 1, 2025 will be installed in late spring/summer 2025.

Your donation benefits the UC Annual Fund.

Purchase your brick [HERE](#).

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 January 22, 2025 @ 4:00 EST, watch your email for a invite and Zoom link.

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

Thank you to those who joined or renewed their membership this past month -
Teresa Diaz and Toni Davisson

In Memorium

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

William Slager '71

Frank Rogerson, '73

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.

UC EVENTS

You're invited to campus!



TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

12-1 pm | UC Downtown Innovation Hub

DR. HITENDRA PATEL

Managing Director
Global Innovation Management Institute (GIMI)

INNOVATION FOR ALL



*Lunch is free; registration is recommended;
seating is limited.*

[RSVP for the DIH Speaker Series HERE.](#)



MBA **SPEAKER** SERIES

VINCENT CENTOFANI

Senior Manager, Brown Edwards

BUSINESS VALUATION:

The Basics and Current Application

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

12 p.m. | Erma Byrd Gallery

In person or online

Registration required for the event

Lunch sponsored by:  **UNITED BANK**



It's always special to have one of our own presenting. Vincent is a UC Grad, class of 2014!

[RSVP for the MBA Speaker Series HERE.](#)

FEBRUARY 5, 2025
ALUMNI DAY
AT THE UC BASKETBALL GAMES

UC GOLDEN EAGLES VS FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
WOMEN - 5:30 PM
MEN - 7:30 PM
WERHLE INNOVATION CENTER

**ALL GOLDEN EAGLE ALUMNI ARE INVITED TO
ENJOY THE HOSPITALITY ROOM FROM 7:00 -
HALFTIME OF THE MEN'S GAME!**

ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ALUMNI, \$5 FOR CHILDREN AND SENIOR CITIZENS, AND
\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION

UC
ALUMNI

[February Alumni Night at UC Basketball RSVP 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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