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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Thank you, thank you, thank you! You, our donors and supporters made Give for Gold 2025 a roaring success. Although we had different opportunities for donations, you answered the call to support UC! Our overall goal every year is to raise the most money possible in one twenty-four-hour period for the University of Charleston and we had one of our best years ever. Thank you for supporting and believing in the great

things that happen here at UC – both on campus and online.

Spring is always such an exciting time at UC as the semester is halfway finished and graduation is on the horizon. The campus is buzzing with students, athletic competitions, academic competitions, and more. Please keep an eye out on our website, your emails and follow us on social to find out about all the events and activities you can take part in.

I want to encourage you to visit campus and drop by our office to say hello. We have had some recent visitors asking questions about planned giving, scholarships and how can I leave my legacy? The answer is easy...join the Heritage Society. This group of individuals have decided to leave a gift for the University of Charleston in their estate plan/will. If you are considering or have considered making an impact in this way, feel free to stop by or contact me for further details.

I cannot say THANK YOU enough times for all the time, talent and treasure that you commit to the University of Charleston. The advancement and alumni team are here and ready to help you support UC in whatever way you see fit.

Best Regards,

Gail Carter

VP of Development



THANK YOU!

**Students, Faculty,
Staff, Parents, Alumni
and Friends**

\$154,500 RAISED

OVER
700 Donors

Give Day 2025 Reaches Success!

On February 18th, the UC community came together for a very special day of giving. Donors chose one of eight different categories for their gift to have an impact. From scholarships, to the individual schools, the student supply fund, and athletics, donor dollars helped us reach the over all goal of \$125,000. Actually, exceeding the goal and raising over \$154,000.

From all current and future students, faculty, and staff who will benefit from YOUR generosity, THANK YOU!! It was a wonderful day to be a Golden Eagle.

Special thanks goes to our over 700 individual donors, brothers of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity who collectively gave over \$10,000, and the following Challenge Sponsors:

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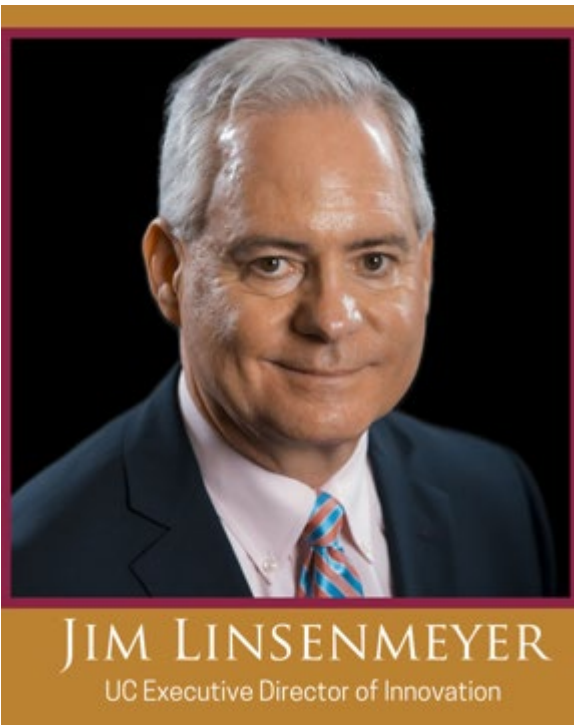


Can you fill in the blanks?

David Kurtz ('80), former SGA President, is working to compile a list of all former Student Government Association Presidents and we need your help to fill in a few missing years.

If you held the office or know who did during the academic years '99-'00, '00-'01, and '05-'13, please let us know!

Contact Christina Carr with any information. 304-357-4734, christinacarr@ucwv.edu.



The University of Charleston announced that Jim Linsenmeyer has been named as its Executive Director of Innovation.

As Executive Director of Innovation, Linsenmeyer will oversee all innovation initiatives, programs, and operations at the UC Russell and Martha Wehrle Innovation Center on the Charleston campus and the UC Downtown Innovation Hub at 240 Capitol Street. He will lead the Downtown Innovation Hub, develop and deliver programs, and design workshops for small and medium-sized businesses and UC students. Additionally, he will manage

innovation-related grants and donor activities.

Read more about Jim [HERE](#).

On Tuesday, March 11th at 4pm, the Innovation Scholars are hosting **Fail Fest** in the Innovation Center. Fail Fest is a "Ted Talk" style event where three West Virginia leaders will talk about how overcoming obstacles has led them to professional success. Everyone is welcome. Following the presentations, there will be networking time with the speakers and attendees. We will have some snacks and refreshments and a few door prizes for those who attend! We expect to wrap up by 5:30pm. Please join us next Tuesday!



Be sure to check out all the events the UC Innovation Center and Downtown HUB have to offer under the ["Events"](#) section on the UC website.



[Register to submit a bracket HERE!](#)

It's time for the annual Golden Eagle Alumni March Madness Bracket Challenge! Please register using the link above and look for an email with all the details and instructions on how to create your bracket with our Golden Eagle Alumni Group. Have some fun with your fellow alumni and maybe earn some prizes!

ALUMNI

SPOTLIGHT



Kappa Delta Rho Brothers Gather 'Round!

by Larry Boggs, Class of '96, KDR fraternity brother

Every year, the Gentlemen of Kappa Delta Rho eagerly anticipate a cherished tradition—a long weekend gathering that embodies the spirit of brotherhood and camaraderie. This annual reunion is more than just a casual meet-up; it's a vibrant tapestry of shared memories, outdoor adventures, and heartfelt conversations. The fraternity brothers, some of whom have traversed great distances and diverse life paths, reconvene in a place where time seems to stand still.

The days are filled with an array of outdoor activities that reflect their shared love for nature and adventure. It's a time when the pressures of daily life fade into the background, replaced by the warmth of friendship and the thrill of the great outdoors.

The 2025 weekend included a Friday evening cocktail hour on campus and culminated with the elegant and time-honored Red Rose Formal. As the sun sets, the Gentlemen don their finest attire, transforming the evening into a celebration of tradition and unity. The Red Rose Formal is a reflection of the values that Kappa Delta Rho holds dear—honor, respect, and lifelong bonds. Amidst the soft glow of candlelight and the melodies of live music, they toast to the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a future enriched by their enduring brotherhood.

This annual gathering is a testament to the strength of their connections and the profound impact of fraternity life. It's a reminder that no matter where their individual journeys may lead, the Gentlemen of Kappa Delta Rho will always have a place to call home—a place where they can come together, year after year, to share in the joys of fellowship and the timeless tradition of the Red Rose Formal.

The KDR fraternity is committed to staying connected to and supporting the University, as well as, fostering that same spirit in their young alumni. This group is the first official sponsor of Homecoming & Family Weekend 2025, THANKS for your support!

~Honor Super Omnia~



Front Row (L-R) Jon Stickland, Greg Ludvik, Ben Blackwell, Scott Geyer, Derek Hudson, Larry Boggs, Daelen Boggs, John McGlennon

2nd Row (L-R) Christopher Balladeros, Lance Richards, Drew Atkins, Caron Boggs, Will Belongia, Colleen Ryan, Jacob Ryan, Sammy Magner, Ross Arroyo, Robbie Knight, Bret Kessler, Ken Carrier

3rd Row (L-R) Noah Glenn, Zach Newsome, Jed Ngoa, Chase Trader, Hunter Adkins, Donnie Mccollister, Lamont Brown, Nijil Amburgey, Ean Hamric



Athletics

CORNER



RUNNING FOR A CHAMPIONSHIP...AGAIN!

The University of Charleston men's and women's track & field teams dominated the competition at the 2025 Mountain East Conference (MEC) Indoor Track & Field Championships, securing both team titles for the second consecutive year. The Golden Eagles also amassed 30 All-MEC awards across various events.

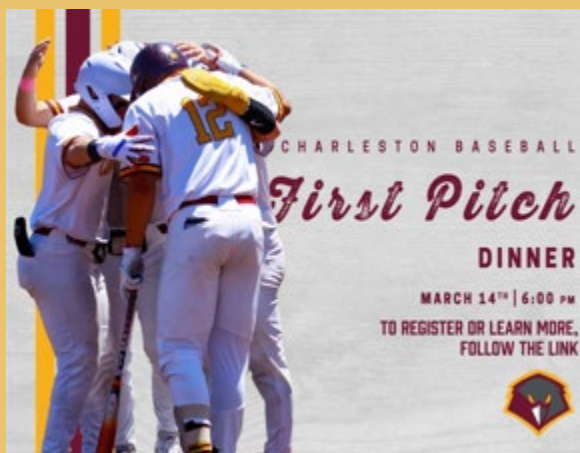
The Golden Eagles now set their sights on the NCAA Indoor Championships, taking place March 14-15 in Indianapolis, Ind., where they will compete against the nation's best in pursuit of national titles.

Read the full article [HERE](#).

UC Basketball Season Rolling into Tournament Play!

Both UC basketball teams have prepared for the MEC Basketball Tournament, which began March 5 in Wheeling, WV. The men's team drew a No. 3 seed, and will play No. 6 Glenville State on Friday at 2:30 p.m. After defeating the West Liberty Hilltoppers on Wednesday afternoon, the Golden Eagles fell to the #1 seeded Fairmont State Fighting Falcons in the quarterfinal round.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the games LIVE!



Support the UC Baseball team and enjoy dinner in the UC Ballroom with special guest speaker Keith Madison, former Head Coach at the University of Kentucky and Editor of Inside Pitch magazine.

[RSVP for the UC Baseball Dinner HERE!](#)

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](#).



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



UC Half Marathon and 5K on Saturday, April 5, 2025 starting at 8:30am and 8:45am. Registration is open!

Funds raised at the Half Marathon and 5K will directly serve students in the UC Honors College for program activities, research, and conference participation. This event is designed for participants of all ages and fitness levels. The UC Half Marathon/5K unites us with our Charleston neighbors, generates new

connections and friendships, and allows us to experience the strength that comes from supporting each other. We invite you to join the fun!

If you have questions, would like to volunteer, or are interested in sponsoring student participation, please contact Honors College directors Hallie Chillag (halliechillag@ucwv.edu) or Kara Fisher (karafisher@ucwv.edu).

[Register HERE!](#)

Orders Due:
March 28th!



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[Buy a Brick HERE!](#)

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 '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 April 24, 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 -
Scott Geyer, Larry Boggs, Darren Ray, Thomas Marchio, Jonathan Caldwell, and Marie-Ann Barnhart

In Memorium

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

June H. Walker, '85

James Barnes, '64

Robert Plott, '56

Anna Margaret Bucy Quillen, '67

Tammy Fields Windham, '80

Paul Westfall, '56

Dorothy Butler, '73

James Keefer, '70

Roger Copley, '71

Monty Ramella, '69

William Albright, '68

Ronna "Ron" Null, '67

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!

MBA Speaker Series – Project Delivery Methods in Construction How the WV Public Sector can Update Procurement Laws

March 18 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

The cost of building materials is 39.7% more than pre-pandemic costs, putting a significant burden on the public sector to afford new infrastructure projects. WV procurement laws can be updated to those of our surrounding states to curb those costs early in the design phase. Learn more about construction delivery methods and how the public sector can improve procurement laws to lower project costs. Event Speakers are Tina McPhail, Mark Grigsby, and Jak Kuhl.

[Download Speaker Bios](#)



Tina McPhail



Jak Kuhl



Mark Grigsby

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



WORLD Fest

Step into a world of tradition with Global Student organization will be showcasing Legends and Myths around the world.



18 MARCH 2025

START 6:00 PM
GSU (3RD FLOOR) BALLROOM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

FASHION SHOW
FOOD FROM ALL OVER THE
WORLD

Follow us for more information

@gso_ucwv

Free Event! Come learn about other countries from the UC International Students.



THINKING OUTSIDE THE LUNCHBOX

Featuring area leaders sharing their innovative business, management, and leadership models.
Each event takes place from noon-1:30 pm.

January 14

March 4

May 14

June 10

August 12

October 14

TWO VIEWS

Featuring fireside chats followed by happy hour networking. A moderator will facilitate discussion with two experts who share different viewpoints on contemporary topics.
Each event takes place from 4-6 pm.

February 6

April 10

September 9

November 12

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



Please join us and enjoy a presentation
from author

CAT PLESKA

as she discusses her book
"My Life in Water"

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

11:30 a.m. | Meet and Greet

Noon | Meeting and Luncheon

Erma Byrd Gallery | Riggleman Hall

RSVP on or before Monday, March 17
to christinacarr@ucwv.edu | 304-357-4734.

RSVP on or before Friday, May 20,
to brendadearien@ucwv.edu or 304-357-4735.

[RSVP for the Luncheon HERE.](#)

SAVE THE DATE 2ND ANNUAL ALUMNI GATHERING

SATURDAY
MAY 31



IN OCEANPORT, NEW JERSEY!
MONMOUTH PARK RACE TRACK



\$30

Includes admission,
parking,
program, souvenir t-shirt,
and refreshments.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

HOMECOMING

AND FAMILY WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

2025

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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