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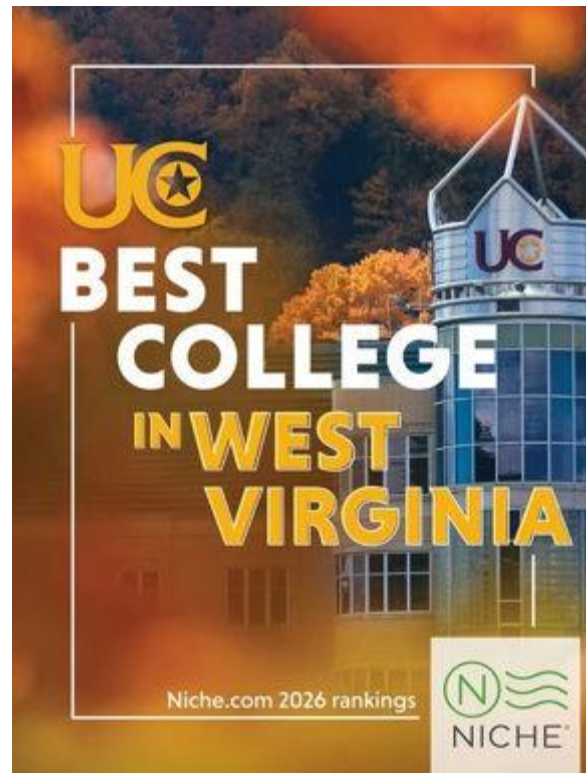


Dear Alumni and Friends,

Our morning air is now crisp and fall is just around the corner, but more importantly is Homecoming 2025! In another week, we will be celebrating class reunions, friendships, and football in Charleston. I cannot wait to see college friends getting together, reminiscing about the good ol' days, sharing hugs and talking about how those may have been some of the best times of their lives.

The semester has gotten off to a great start and we were just named the #1 College or University in West Virginia by Niche. We are truly proud of this recognition and know that this only came with the help and hard work of our alumni and friends as well as our great faculty, staff and students. Your support provides us with the resources we continue to need to provide scholarships for our students, high quality facilities and technology, and continued learning and programming. Read more about this recognition [here](#).

We have a lot of great events happening at UC this fall semester, please be sure to check our website for upcoming events both here on campus and at the Downtown Innovation Hub. I



hope to see you at homecoming weekend or one of our many athletic competitions or educational events.

Best Regards,

Gail Carter

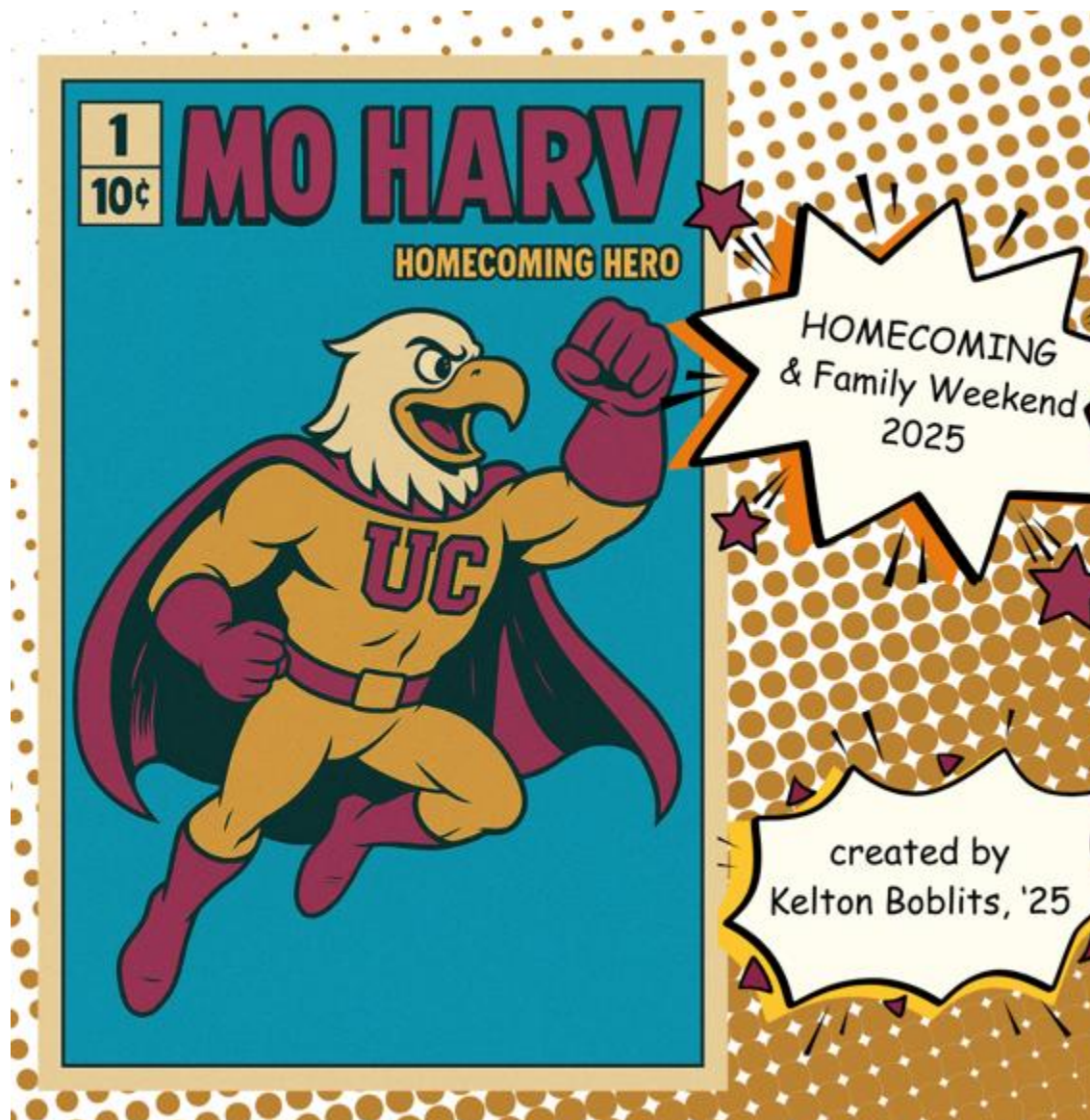


Each year over Labor Day weekend, the University of Charleston community rolls up its sleeves for Labor of Love, a campus-wide day of service that unites students, faculty, staff, and coaches in projects across Charleston and beyond.

Nearly 1,500 Golden Eagles take part annually, supporting over 50 projects across dozens of programs and community organizations. From trail cleanups and community beautification to preparing meals, sorting donations, and creating outreach bags, UC students experience firsthand how meaningful and fun service can be.

Labor of Love reflects UC's mission to prepare students for productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement. The day is more than volunteerism; it is a tradition that builds stronger communities while teaching students the value of leadership, teamwork, and giving back.

Thank you to our sponsors who allow us to live out our mission!



We're having a little fun with sharing Homecoming & Family Weekend details in this issue!

September 19 & 20 will be here soon and we have an exciting lineup of events ready for you! Follow the link to see a full schedule and RSVP for the individual events you plan to attend! Your registration reserves your free T-shirt (while supplies last)!

[Click HERE to RSVP for Homecoming and Family Weekend Events.](#)





Thank You for Supporting the PA White Coat Campaign!

We are thrilled to share that, thanks to your generosity, the 2025 UC PA White Coat Campaign exceeded its goal, raising over \$6,000 to sponsor white coats for UC's Physician Assistant students as they transition from classroom learning to clinical rotations.

Your support helped honor a major milestone in our students' journey toward becoming compassionate, capable healthcare providers. Thank you for being a part of their story, and for continuing to invest in the future of healthcare.



[The Donation Link is still open if you'd like to contribute, Click HERE.](#)



Click [HERE](#) to read the latest edition of the Maroon and Gold Magazine. This edition features a list of donors we wish to recognize for their continued support of UC.



September is "Back to School" Season!!!

If you are considering a graduate degree, 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, 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.



Is the UC DEL Program the right fit for you?

Air Force Chaplain Jerry St. Pierre wasn't planning to return to the classroom. Thirteen years after finishing his last degree, he was focused on serving his country—not searching for another credential.

But curiosity has a way of opening doors. What began as a passing thought became a months-long mission to find the right doctoral program—one that would challenge him, support him, and fit his busy life as an active-duty service member.

"I searched across the country, and I didn't find another program like this," he said. "There were one or two that came close—

but the more I looked, the more the UC program kept rising to the top. It stood out in every category that mattered.”

St. Pierre compared programs coast to coast, evaluating everything from structure to student experience. He wasn’t looking for prestige or price tags—he was searching for the things he valued most: meaningful interaction, personal connection, and academic environments built for real-world leaders.

“I didn’t want to just get the title of doctor,” he said. “I could have taken an easier, less expensive path to that. My goal was to find a community of scholars, where I could grow to become something greater because I was part of that community.”

The University of Charleston’s Doctorate of Executive Leadership (DEL) program had what he was seeking. What set it apart was its cohort model and synchronous online structure, which offered the closest thing to an in-residence experience without being on campus full time.



Athletics

CORNER

These athletes and coaches will be celebrated during Homecoming and Family Weekend (September 19 & 20). Congratulations to Sean Teepen (men's soccer, '15), Lindsey Kentner (women's basketball, '11), Xavier Humphrey (men's basketball, '14), and Coach Nick Bias (track and field, cross country). Look for more details on how to get your ticket to the Hall of Fame dinner set for Friday evening of the annual weekend.

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

CLASS OF 2025



SEAN TEEPEN



LINDSEY KENTNER



XAVIER HUMPHREY



NICK BIAS

HALL OF FAME

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

UC
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SPECIAL OFFERS

The following hotels have partnered with UC to provide discounted rates for UC Alumni. Make sure to call the hotel to receive your "UC Alumni Rate".

- Four Points Sheraton Charleston: 304-344-4092
- Holiday Inn & Suites Charleston West: 304-744-4641
- Fairfield by Marriott Charleston: 304-744-4444
- Hampton Inn Charleston Southridge: 304-746-4646

Homecoming and Family Weekend 2025 is set for September 19 & 20. We partner with several Charleston hotels to offer alumni discounts. Make your reservations for Homecoming or any visit today!

JOIN US!

September 18th, Noon

UCAA September Zoom Meeting

with special guest President Marty Roth

This is your virtual opportunity to hear
campus updates, enjoy some Q & A
with Dr. Roth, and help kick off
Homecoming and Family Weekend
2025!

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[RSVP for the Zoom Call HERE!](#)

JOIN TODAY!
UC ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION

The '25-'26 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 UC lunch cooler and UC icons lanyard, 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 UC icons lanyard, invitations to special events, discounts, and more.

The next UCAA Zoom Meeting will be September 18, 2025 @ NOON EST. We will be joined by President Roth with a campus update and kick off Homecoming Weekend! Watch your email for an invite and Zoom link.

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

Thank you to those who joined or renewed their membership this past month - Michelle Marlowe, Joe and Jean Scheirman, Robert Gehres, Steve Kawash, David Kurtz, Bob Nichols, Ron Nowviskie, Liam Mumford, and Doug Singleton.

In Memorium

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

Nancy Nozica, '71

Karen Cardwell Teel, '72

Stephen Brown, '77

Edward Gibson, '70

James King, '57

Betty Linger '77

Frank Webb, '60

Andy Paterno, '75

The Honorable Tim Armstead, '87


Patrick Graney, III, former UC board member and chairman

Dr. Janet Welch, wife of Emeritus President Dr. Edwin Welch


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!



UC MBA
SPEAKER SERIES

Lunch sponsored by:
 **UNITED BANK**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:



TOM & NIKKI ORCUTT
MULLEN
Plumbing • Heating • Cooling

**TRANSFORMING A
FAMILY BUSINESS**

Wednesday, September 17, 2025
12 p.m. | Erma Byrd Gallery

[RSVP for the Speaker Series HERE!](#)

A collection of white Mahjong tiles with various symbols including red and black Chinese characters, green and red flowers, and black and red dots, scattered across the top right of the banner.

UC
MAHJONG
PARTY

October 9 | 4-6 pm
The Commons, Geary Student Union, 2nd floor

Join us for a fundraiser to benefit the Student Supply Fund. Enjoy some light snacks and play Mahj with your friends – all for a good cause!

[Register for the Party 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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