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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Happy New Year! January is the perfect time for a fresh start, setting new goals and looking toward the future year. Before I do that, I must reflect on the amazing year 2025 was and thank you for the generosity and support for your alma mater and Charleston's University™.

From the success of Give for Gold—supporting both academic programs and the athletic weight room project—to the opening of the

Morrison Rehabilitative Science and Athletic Center and the launch of our Master of Occupational Therapy program, 2025 has been marked by meaningful progress. We celebrated away from the nest with two alumni gatherings in New Jersey and created unforgettable experiences by sending our men's soccer team to England for a preseason trip. Closer to home, we welcomed friends and family at Homecoming and strengthened student success through scholarship funding that ensures every student can complete their degree at UC. In addition, gifts supported the student supply and emergency fund and ensured the annual fund remains strong, allowing the university to meet critical needs during a time when higher education is facing significant challenges.

As we enter 2026, we have so much on the horizon - another Give for Gold in February, athletic events, intriguing speakers, scholarship lunches for donors and students, Charleston's first marathon in 30 years, the beginning of the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program, and more!

Thank you for all your support for UC in 2025 and I encourage you to help us accomplish more in 2026. That could be more time, talent or treasure and if you are unsure of what to do or how to do it, please contact the Advancement and Alumni Office to get involved. We are all here to move the mission of UC forward everyday - to educate students for productive work, enlightened living, and community service.

Gail Carter, Vice President for University Development



This week, the UC Men's and Women's Basketball teams traveled to Pittsburgh and defeated Point Park University. The victory was even sweeter due to the special fans in the stands.

President Roth and Shari Reed met up with alumni to take in the games and enjoy fellowship together at a local joint, Tequila Cowboy.

Thanks for packing your school spirit and making the trip, Golden Eagles!

Pictured clockwise, Buddy Valinsky ('82), President Roth, UC Women's Head Coach-Bubby Johnson, Maria Coppola, Rob Pumo ('81), Dave Blashford ('81), Jon Block ('79), Tom Neal ('74), John Finlayson ('75), and Steve Kawash ('78).

Mark your calendars for our next basketball gathering!

YOU'RE INVITED!
ALUMNI GATHERING
AT THE UC BASKETBALL GAMES

FEBRUARY 7, 2026
UC VS FROSTBURG STATE
WOMEN @ 2:00 PM, MEN @ 4:00 PM

ALL GOLDEN EAGLE ALUMNI ARE INVITED TO ENJOY THE HOSPITALITY ROOM FROM 3:30 - HALFTIME OF THE MEN'S GAME!
ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ALUMNI, \$6 FOR CHILDREN AND SENIOR CITIZENS, AND \$11 GENERAL ADMISSION

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[RSVP for the Alumni Gathering HERE!](#)



MARATHON

Sunday, April 12, 2026

[Learn More and Sign Up HERE!](#)

AVAILABLE THROUGH FEBRUARY 27th, 2026!

Get yours TODAY to make the spring installment deadline!



UC
BUY A BRICK
SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND
\$250
4X8 BRICK - 3 ENGRAVED LINES
20 CHARACTERS PER LINE

University of Charleston
Class of 2025
Congratulations!

#WINGSUP!
LYNN & MARTY ROTH

For more information and
to donate:



For \$250, you can purchase a personalized brick that will be placed on the sidewalk between Riggleman Hall and the Geary Student Union. This is a unique opportunity to leave a lasting legacy on the University of Charleston campus. Bricks will be installed in Spring 2026, and your contribution will directly support UC's continued growth through the Annual Fund. Secure your brick today and become a permanent part of UC's history!

Thank you for your support! Click [HERE](#) to learn more and donate!



2026 is the Perfect Year to Join the UC Builders!

The UC Builders has been critical to the continued growth of the University, having donated more than \$400,000 over its history for various projects. Members annual dues fund projects that help improve the quality of life for University students. The projects have ranged from purchasing library books and computer software to redecorating the Student Lounge and Frankenberger Art Gallery.

The Builders host a spring luncheon meeting, a fall luncheon meeting, and three or more Book and Author luncheons annually. The guest speaker for each luncheon typically is either someone associated with the University or a visiting scholar or West Virginia author.

With over 250 members, the organization has been able to make a huge difference in the well-being of the University. Plus, lunch provided by the talented UC catering staff with a view from the Erma Byrd Gallery makes this the best lunch club in town!

[Click Here to Learn More!](#)



2025-2026
**LUNCHEON
SCHEDULE**

Erma Byrd Gallery, 11:30 am

WEDNESDAYS

September 24, 2025

Book & Author Luncheon

October 22, 2025

Book & Author Luncheon

December 3, 2025

Holiday Membership Luncheon

February 25, 2026

Book & Author Luncheon

March 25, 2026

Book & Author Luncheon

April 22, 2026

*13th Annual
Artists Among Us Luncheon*

May 27, 2026

*Annual Meeting &
Spring Membership Luncheon*

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT *DIRECTOR'S PICK!*



High 5 for 5 Years!!!

This past week, I received a certificate of appreciation and lapel pin, which I will wear proudly, recognizing my five years of service in the advancement office. I have officially been an employee of the university longer than I was a student!

I never expected that sharing your stories would become one of my favorite parts of the job. However, it has been a true privilege to have such meaningful conversations with alumni who have found success in the workforce, recounted tales of the “old days,” and shared love stories that began right here on campus. I’ve been inspired, learned more about the history of the university, and even had the chance to meet many of you in person after our Zoom interviews. Thank you for allowing me to put a spotlight on our wonderful alumni community.

Here are five of my favorite stories captured over the last five years. They are presented with a big ’ole virtual HIGH FIVE from me to you!

I look forward to seeing many of you during our 2026 alumni gatherings!

Christina Carr, Director of Alumni Relations



Joe and Jean Scheirman

A blind date and magical first kiss started Joe and Jeannie Scheirman’s love story that would result in a marriage ceremony held in the chapel of Riggelman Hall. Read their story [HERE](#).

Beth Pauley and Family

This highlight covers a family who has Golden Eagle roots running four generations deep. We were able to gather three of those generations and I was joined by Dr. Tom and Gloria Pauley, Dr. Beth Pauley, and Eli Watson. Read their story [HERE](#).



Now and Then, Class of '68, MHC

Rick Grauer, Bob Jontos, Tom Schulze, and Rob Siegel

After reading Robert’s initial submission, I had laughed a little, cried a little, and was ready to start casting what I am sure would be a box office success story. I love when you get a little “where are they now” and current photos at the end of a good movie. This [story](#) is complete with Robert's then and now photos.

Jay Goldman, '66 and '79

Friends and family of Jay Goldman gathered on the third floor of Riggleman Hall to dedicate and officially name room 307 as The Jay Goldman Classroom. This honor is a gift from the City National Bank Board of Directors in recognition and gratitude for Jay's 35 years of service to the board. Read Jay's story [HERE](#).



Brenda Canal, '72

As the class of 1972 prepared for the celebration of their 50th reunion, we are sure they thumbed through old yearbooks. On those pages, they would have found their classmate, Brenda Canal, listed as a recipient of the 1971 Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges honor. Fifty years later, Brenda received another honor.

This time, on a field, in her beloved hometown where she spent her career as a pioneer teacher and coach. Read her story [HERE](#).



Athletics

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Want your athlete to have some time with the best soccer staff in the Atlantic Region? Check out these soccer camp opportunities!!

★★ UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON ★★
ID CAMP

FEBRUARY 28TH
11AM-4PM
BOYS GRADES 9-12
WELCH ATHLETIC COMPLEX

\$150
UNIVERSITY TRANSFERS
WELCOME



Register for the February 28th Soccer Camp [HERE!](#)



University of Charleston

NIKE SOCCER

CAMP

JUNE 15-19

JULY 13-17



Register for the Nike Soccer Camp [HERE!](#)

Never miss a game! Click [HERE](#) for a full athletic schedule.

UC *online* ★★ ★★ ★★ ★★ ★★ BOOKSTORE



Shop the online bookstore [HERE](#) for all your UC Gear and Gifts!

A new year brings a time to look forward, but with a history as cool as ours, looking back is fun, too.

Check out this informative [article](#) published by *West Virginia Explorer Webzine* and sent to us by David Kurtz ('80). It covers the life of Morris Harvey and history of this institution that was once named in his honor.



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.

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

Thank you to those who joined or renewed their membership this past month - Patricia Casdorff, Toni Davisson, Wayne Bennett, Susan McEwing Schaubert, and Adam Gray,

In Memoriam

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

Mary Elizabeth Clark, '78

Andrew Stephen Underwood, '71

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**

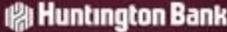
You're invited to campus!



INSPIRING INNOVATION
SPEAKER SERIES

THINKING OUTSIDE THE LUNCHBOX

Series sponsored by:



Catering by: **COCO'S**
kitchen + cafe

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

12-1 pm | UC Downtown Innovation Hub

SCOTT TERRY

Chief Information Officer, University of Charleston

WHY CYBERSECURITY IS IMPORTANT



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

[RSVP for the Lunch Box Event HERE!](#)

UC MBA
SPEAKER SERIES

Lunch sponsored by: **PRAY**
Construction Company

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED:



TONYA RIVENS

Award-Winning Radio and Television Journalist,
and Business Owner from Charlotte, NC

**ROOTED IN
RESILIENCE**

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

12 p.m. | Erma Byrd Gallery

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



MAHJONG PARTY

January 27 | 3-5 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!

Donation of \$30 and Reservations Required.

RSVP by January 23 to:
gailcarter@ucwv.edu | 304-357-4849



[RSVP for the Party HERE!](#)

UC 2.24.26 GIVE FOR GOLD SO ALL EAGLES CAN SOAR

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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