

Upper Columbia Academy *Alumni Echoes*

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It's Official: Wallace Dining Commons Grand Opening



Outside photos by Alex Tataryn '14

◀ The official grand opening of Upper Columbia Academy's new Wallace Dining Commons took place Monday, February 24, 2014, during a strong winter snow storm. Wind whipped up the snow as invited guests, students and staff gathered on the Water Tower Plaza for the grand opening ceremony. Cutting the ribbon were Cliff Wallace, son of Clarence "Pop" Wallace for whom the building is named; Paul Hoover, UCA Board Chairman; Weston Davis, Building Committee Chairman; John Winslow, UCA Principal; and Omar Alfaro, UCA Student Body President. Linnea Torkelsen, UCA Alumni & Development Director looks on.



◀ The temperature and biting wind dictated a very short program which lasted all of two minutes. A welcome by John Winslow, a prayer of blessing by Paul Hoover and a brass fanfare written for the occasion by Music Department Chairman Dean Kravig (at left).

▼ The four class presidents cut the cake for the student body reception.



Inside photos by Stephen Lacey

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Wallace Dining Commons Grand Opening Donor & Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Following the student/staff reception, donors and volunteers who had given time, talent or financial support to make the Dining Commons possible, were invited to an appreciation luncheon and program in the cafeteria. Almost a dozen Wallace family members were in attendance at the event. At the end of the program, a video of Mr. Wallace reminding some of his students, attending their 50th at UCA, how much he wanted to spend eternity with them. He ended his appeal to them by singing "An Angel Walks With Me."

About the Name: Initially, the new cafeteria building was to be named for an alumnus, good friend and business partner of an anchor donor, Carl Campbell. His friend, Forrest Preston '53, asked instead, to be able to name the building after a UCA faculty member who significantly impacted his life, and the lives of many on the UCA campus—Clarence "Pop" Wallace. Preston said, "He dedicated his life to making men out of boys—and good men at that!" And so it came to be that Wallace Dining Commons carries the name of former UCA Dean, "Pop" Wallace.

Leave Your Mark on the Water Tower Plaza

Purchase a personalized 12' x 12" cement paver, custom made with your message for \$450 tax deductible dollars. The amount may be paid over 12 months. You may have up to 8 lines of text with 18-20 spaces. Reserve Yours Now While They Last!

*Your name, class year/or your name and family members who attended

*In memory of a deceased UCA classmate, sibling or family member

*To honor your child or grandchild who attended UCA (graduation gift!)

*To honor those who helped pay your way

*Honor a teacher who made a difference for you

*Your name or your name and your business



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Did You Know?

*That Ted Lutts, former UCA faculty, spent days and days on scaffolding painting the new cafeteria dining hall. He and a few friends he recruited saved UCA close to \$30,000 by volunteering their time to do this.

*That UCA sent 27 missionaries to India during spring break including three alumni? Seven thousand two hundred people from 100 villages attended the students' meetings, and 1,021 of those were baptized with more still preparing! Eye clinics were conducted with 3,648 patients screened; 901 cataract surgeries, 1,407 fitted with glasses, and 2,748 treated for infections.

*At the end of the UCA Week of Prayer, more than 40 students came forward after a call for baptism. Almost half were baptized already. The rest are preparing.

*That a Carillon (electronic bells/chimes) will soon be installed on the tallest structure on campus to ring in the Sabbath hours and call students and staff to worship? Thank you Ron and Joyce Knutson '53 for reminding us how special it is to spend time with Jesus!

*That our oldest (that we know of) alumnus turns 100 on Alumni Homecoming Sabbath? Come celebrate with Earl Bolton and wish him Happy Birthday!

*That during the past 25 years 1,975 alumni and friends have given to the worthy student fund? However, 750 of those have not given during the past 10 years.

*That regular classroom teachers are given a total budget of \$250 for classroom expenses which includes copying work sheets, tests and buying supplies?

*That senior class composite photos from YVA and UCA are being digitalized and framed to hang in the Administration Building thanks to Tamara Terry and her photography/yearbook students?

*That seventy percent of UCA's students are involved in the music program on campus? Between current staff and contract teachers, UCA offers lessons in voice, violin, cello, piano, and every band instrument ever made.

*That you can update your mailing, phone, email and name changes on UCA's website by visiting www.ucaa.org/alumni-of-uca/alumni-information-update or by scanning this QR code.



Tell Us About Yourself . . .

Laura Marsh Pascoe '96 is the director for "God's Closet" in Vancouver, WA. She is assisted by a team of volunteers including **Kathy Bevins Bordeaux '89** in providing clothing for community kids whose families can't afford them. The ministry serves almost 300 families every quarter.

Dr. Candria Meharry '98, has moved from New York City to open an Optometry office in Scottsdale, Arizona. She was recently awarded VIP Woman of the Year by The National Association of Professional Women for her active involvement in her community. Prior to her move, Candria practiced in New York and Las Vegas. She enjoys hockey games, camping, stand up paddling, live theater and volunteering for weekend mission trips with Remote Access Medical. "I love providing people with the gift of sight!" she says.

Todd Davis '98 founded Success Valley Aviation, an aircraft management and pilot services company of which he is CEO and Chief Pilot. His primary clients are in the oil industry and he transports rotating crews to satellite operations every two weeks. He also provides contract pilot services for a variety of people in healthcare, construction and farming industries.

Beth Porch Clark '99 has taken on preparing (in her commercial home kitchen) nutritionally dense, balanced, vegetarian meals three days a week for her son's school. She also leads the school kids in a fitness program and plans to put in raised garden beds at the school so the kids have the knowledge of how to grow their own food.

John Nafie, Jr. '03 has recently moved to California where he is the Senior Development Officer at the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy.

Brent Davis '04 has become the CFO for Avista Adventist Hospital in Louisville, Colorado.

Mike Stratte '07 is now a pilot flying for Sky West Airlines.

Noah Wallace '09 placed second in the finals of the World Cup Slope-style Skiing event in Switzerland this winter. Guess Rec Ski at UCA paid off!

After graduation from UCA, **Zach Huff '11** worked as a writer for the Ron Paul Presidential Campaign before studying at Baruch College in Manhattan. Foregoing continuing classes, Zach went to Israel to explore his roots. While there, he accepted a three month scholarship to study Torah under Orthodox Rabbis in Jerusalem. Wanting more immersion, he volunteered for the Israel Defense Forces through an army program for non-Israeli Jews. He began combat training in November of 2013, and at the end of his 18 months of service, plans to return to the US to finish college and use his unique Middle East insights in politics.



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Bob Larrabee Annual Golf Tournament

Upper Columbia Academy
Alumni Homecoming
October 3-5, 2014

Honored Classes end in "4" and "9"

Friday, October 3, 2014

11:00 AM Bob Larrabee Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by the UCA Foundation
Registration opens August 1 at www.ucafoundation.org
6:30 PM Alumni Weekend Registration & Welcome Back Reception
7:30 PM Sundown Vespers

Sabbath, October 4, 2014

9:00 AM Registration Opens
10:00 AM Worship Service - Former UCA Faculty, Dr. Tammy McGuire is speaking
Alumni Roll Call - Honored classes have reserved seating
Children's Sabbath School & Church provided
12:45 PM Buffet Lunch
2:30 PM Honor classes meet for pictures and visiting
7:00 PM Private honor class dinners in town

Sunday, October 5, 2014

7:45 AM Peach Fun Run & brunch sponsored by the UCA Foundation
Registration opens August 1 at www.ucafoundation.org



Dr. Tammy McGuire