

Upper Columbia Academy Alumni Echoes

A Place to Grow

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Alumni Homecoming October 1-3, 2010

Just a reminder that UCA's date for Alumni weekend has moved from spring to the fall of the year, in response to numerous requests for a change. The honored classes are: '30, '40, '50, '60, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '00, and '10. The weekend schedule is as follows:

Friday - October 1, 2010

- 8:30 am Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament sponsored by the UCA Foundation
Indian Canyon Golf Club. See back page for more details.
Awards luncheon / many prizes and trophies
- 5:00 pm Supper available for purchase in the cafeteria
- 5:30 pm Alumni Homecoming registration opens (Gym)
- 6:30 pm Sundown Worship (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Afterglow in the Olin J. Peach Power House

Sabbath - October 2, 2010

- 9:00 am Registration re-opens
- 10:00 am Alumni Honor Class Roll Call / Worship Service (Gym)
- 12:45 pm Lunch -No charge/donations accepted
- 2:30 pm Honor Classes meet on campus for visiting and pictures - rooms assigned
- 6:15 pm Sundown Med at the Fire bowl – bring blankets & chairs
- 7:00 pm Alumni / Student Football game

Sunday – October 3, 2010

- 8:30 am 5K Peach Fun Run in honor of Olin Peach (minimum \$10 donation)
- 10:00 am Pancake breakfast in the Cafeteria - included for 5K runners and walkers
Register by emailing John Soule' at john.soule@ucaa.org.

Alumni Area Meet and Greet Gatherings

Rather than expecting alumni to always travel to campus, a new tradition of area-wide gatherings was begun last school year. Groups met in Palm Springs and Loma Linda, California, and in Vancouver, Kenmore, and Spokane, Washington. The schedule is built around UCA's music department tours. In 2010, plan on joining us in these places:

October 29 – Coeur d'Alene, ID SDA Church – light supper and alumni meeting

October 30 – Sandpoint, ID SDA Church – potluck lunch and alumni meeting

November 5 – Lewiston, ID SDA Church - light supper and alumni meeting

November 6 – Clarkston, WA SDA Church Worship service – potluck and alumni meeting

Looking for Prayer Guardians

For almost 2 decades, UCA students and staff have been surrounded in prayer by an ever changing group of prayer guardians who commit to praying for us on a daily basis. What a wonderful blessing for our campus! If you are willing to be one of this special group, please email alumni@ucaa.org. Tell us the number of students or staff you are willing to pray for, and we will send you a brief student bio so that you may know better how to pray more specifically, and perhaps, what to put in a surprise care package.

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UCA Honors the Memory of Olin Peach

Many of you are aware of the passing of UCA icon, Olin Peach. He was killed in a snowmobile accident while hauling firewood near his cabin in Joseph, Oregon – a cabin so often shared with outdoor education students before heading out on the trail. He had returned just days before, from leading his 14th mission trip to Sarawak, Borneo where the group built his 20th church. He died as he lived – full throttle. His funeral was held in the UCA church, and he is buried in the Spangle cemetery, overlooking the campus he served for so many years.

Mr. Peach began his journey at UCA in 1963. He “officially” retired in 1998, but continued to teach AP History classes for several years after that. Nothing could induce him though, to retire from organizing and leading out in Rec Ski and his legendary spring break mission trips



The 2010 Student Council proposed that the Power House be named in his honor. The UCA Board of Trustees voted unanimously to affirm the students’ request. It will be known as The Olin J. Peach Power House. Since the Power House is “Mission trip planning headquarters,” it seems appropriate that his name be attached to the place where our service begins.



Pearlá Suarez, UCA Junior, recieved the first Olin Peach Scholarship from Pastor Fred Riffle. The award is given to a returning UCA student for outstanding work ethic. (Photo credit goes to Mark Janke)

In addition, the Peach family has set up an endowed scholarship through the UCA Foundation. Interest from the professionally managed account will be awarded in the form of a scholarship to a returning UCA student, who has an outstanding work ethic. Alumni may contribute to this fund through the UCA Foundation or through UCA’s web site (Pay Pal) or by calling the business office at 509-245-3618 and setting up a monthly credit card gift. Over \$20,000 has been donated towards a goal of growing the fund to at least \$50,000.

In Their Own Words: Why Did You Come Back to UCA?

“I’m smart enough to know that I’m having the best years of my life here!”
“I’ve found out what a Christian family is about, and I want to be a part of this one.”

“Is there any place else?!”

“The teachers at UCA actually like us, and that’s cool.”

“They gave me a Bible... I’ve prayed for one forever...”

“People are nice to me here.”

“I love my friends here!”

***Do you know a student who should be here?
Please contact UCA at 509-245-3614 – Now!***

Alumni Area Meet and Greet Gatherings cont.

December 18 – UCA’s Christmas gift to the Spokane Community - Free concert in the Fox Theater, preceeded by an Alumni Reception. Reserved seating available for Alumni attending the reception.

February 18 and 19 – Southern California - places to be decided

March 3-5 – British Columbia, Canada tour

April 8 – Tri Cities

April 9 – Walla Walla University Church service – potluck & alumni meeting

May 27 – Spokane Cathedral Concert – supper, meeting and reserved alumni seating

Cards with more specific information will be mailed to alumni in these areas prior to the event. Please inform the Alumni office if you have an address or email change, or if you have a winter address we should mail to:



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What's New at UCA

The 2010-2011 school year at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) is underway with 257 students registered. Several new programs in place, promise to make this year better than ever!

- **TIP Program:** The leadership team at UCA is committed to Christian education, believing the rewards far outweigh the financial investment required. Wanting to make Adventist education more affordable for more kids, they created a program to do just that. The Tuition Incentive Program, or TIP, is a plan to reduce tuition in each successive year a student attends UCA. The first year is full price; the second comes with a 20% discount; the third is 30% off; the fourth is 50% off. **Basically, if a student is a four-year senior, one year is free! For more information, visit the UCA web site at www.ucaa.org.**



- **One-on-One Laptops:** Computers have become the pen and pencil of academic instruction. This year, UCA will ensure that everyone has a uniform set of tools by providing a laptop to each student. Teachers will be able to give assignments knowing that each student has the resources needed to complete it. Students will turn in assignments electronically, with teachers checking and returning electronically, saving paper and printing costs.

Robust safeguards for content filtering will ensure students have access to the information they need, without access to inappropriate sites. In class, teachers can control student access via their own computers and monitor how students are using their computers in class.

- **Fresh Eyes Committee:** Because UCA desires excellence, at the suggestion of board chairman, Bob Folkenberg, Jr., a committee of business and management oriented friends of the school were invited to come to campus with the idea that those who don't see the campus daily, might, by looking at things through "fresh eyes," identifying areas where improvements could be made. The committee is focused on providing positive suggestions and guidance to the board and administration on improving the look and functionality of the campus, working in conjunction with the Master Plan Committee. Further reports will follow.

- **Staff Transitions:** Alumni Sidney Hardy, '95, and Bob Lenz, '03, are returning to UCA in a new capacity. Hardy will be teaching Bible while Lenz heads the IT Department. Also joining the staff is Kyle Gladding who will be teaching math. In-house transitions include current staff taking on new responsibilities: Chelle Jahn, '05, Attendance officer and HOPE Taskforce Director; Joe Hess, Director of Marketing and Recruitment; Pastor Ken Wetmore adds Freshman Bible to his pastoral duties.

Kohl's Facebook Campaign

On August 10, UCA became aware of the fact that we were eligible to participate in a \$10 million dollar give away sponsored by Kohl's department store. Though the contest had been in full swing for over a month, UCA jumped in because we HAD to try! The top 20 schools would get \$500,000 each, based on the number of votes generated on the internet's social networking site, Facebook.

On Friday, September 3 when the contest ended, UCA finished a strong #30. Though it was deeply disappointing that it wasn't enough, the miracle is, that a little Adventist school in the wheat fields of Washington, pulled through all the eligible schools in the nation to end at #30 - starting when they found out, just 3 1/2 weeks before the contest ended! Mt Ellis Academy learned about the contest almost a month before we did, and they ended in the 10th position in the top 20 - with 144,006 votes! Congratulations to our sister school, who will now have funds to re-do their sewer system.

Almost 9,500 people cast votes for UCA. If everyone who voted, gave \$50 over the next 5 months (\$10 a month) we'd have close to \$475,000 to kick off our campaign for building a new cafeteria, and money to do some renovations in our dorms.



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**October
Alumni
Weekend
Info**

UCA Alumni & Friends “Whole for One” Golf Tournament
Indian Canyon Golf Course in Spokane
Friday, October 1, 2010 8:30 AM

Sponsored by:

**The Upper Columbia Academy
Foundation Board**

Event Directors: Jim and Barbara Anderson

Fee: \$50 includes cart / suggested additional donation of \$50 (lunch included)

To register or get more information:

**ucafoundationgolf.myevent.com or
call 509-475-6237**

Proceeds from the “whole” event, will make it possible for one student to attend UCA this year.
Players, honor class foursomes, sponsors,
volunteers and donations for prizes needed.