

Upper Columbia Academy *Alumni Echoes*



March 2013

Ground Breaking Signals Exciting Changes For Upper Columbia Academy

Shortly before the sun dipped below the horizon on Friday evening, October 5, UCA Principal John Winslow welcomed a group of students, staff and off campus friends who had gathered to celebrate the ground breaking for Upper Columbia Academy's new Dining Commons and Water Tower Plaza.

A shivering brass ensemble performed a fanfare befitting the dignitaries who gathered to maneuver their gold shovels into the hard clay soil. ASB President Jordan Wagner read a scriptural blessing and strains of "Great is Thy Faithfulness" floated over the Palouse hills as black and gold helium balloons were released by ASB officers.

Upper Columbia Conference officials affirmed their support of the new venture and Building Committee Chairman Weston Davis, shared his testimony on how God had led. Medallions in the shape of the UCA seal were presented in appreciation to the project's Anchor Donors, Carl Campbell and Odita Davis, whose initial generosity made it possible for the project to begin nearly a year sooner than expected. A prayer for God's blessings and a reception capped the simple service.



Participating in the ground breaking ceremony were John Winslow, UCA Principal; Troy Patzer '94, Former UCA Principal with daughters Amalie and Elianne - future UCA Alumni; Larry Marsh, Former UCA Principal and Upper Columbia Conference VP for Education; Weston Davis, Building Committee Chairman; Carl Campbell, Anchor Donor; Jordan Wagner '13, ASB President; Debbie Nelson, UCA VP for Finance; Rob Beaton, UCA Food Service Director; Randall Terry, Upper Columbia Conference VP for Finance; and Odita Davis, Anchor Donor.

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Building Project Progress

We are pleased to see daily progress in the building of the new Dining Commons, more easily visible since the walls are beginning to rise. We invite you to enjoy it with us by logging onto the UCA Web site at www.ucaa.org. On the Home page you will see a live Web cam shot of current conditions. Click on the Photo Gallery tab for a pictorial record of each stage of the process.

There are always questions that arise with a building project like this. Here are some we've been asked:

Q. When did you start excavating?

A. The first week of November.

Q. Where are you now in the building process?

A. The foundation and flooring system are in. During the next four weeks the shell of the building will go up.

Q. What's the next step?

A. In April the shell should be set and dried in, including the roof, so sub contractors can begin on things like plumbing.

Q. Have there been unexpected delays or problems?

A. Yes. The wet weather has created a big challenge with the clay soil and it has delayed us some.

Q. Is the bidding closed for any disciplines for the project?

A. Multiple bids in the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety areas allowed us an excellent field to choose from. Contracts are being finalized.

Q. Are you taking bids on other areas soon?

A. The new bidding process for the next phase of contractors will include dry wall, painting, brick masons, carpet, tile, paving, countertops, cabinetry, etc.

Q. What kind of help do you need?

A. Donated labor and materials and cash OR labor at a reduced fee and materials at cost. We will provide RV parking and food to those willing to volunteer their skills to help us reduce the cost of this project. Tax deductible letters will be provided on request for donated or reduced fee labor and materials.



Volunteers Needed

Skilled Volunteers Needed:

- Roofing - April & May
- Masonry - April through July
- Drywall - May
- Flooring - June & July
- Painting - July & August
- Soffit and Facia (metal) - June
- Concrete flatwork - July through September

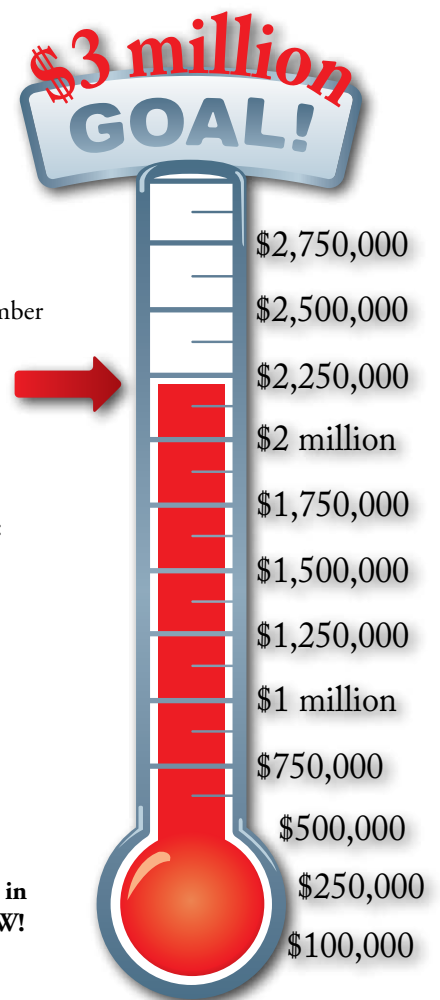
Unskilled Volunteers Needed:

- (willing to follow directions)
- Insulation (foundation) - April
- Insulation (batt) - June
- Insulation (blow in) - July

Donated or at Cost Materials Needed:

- Precast Concrete - April & May
- Cabinetry - June through August
- Countertops - June through August
- Toilet Partitions and Accessories - June
- Carpet - June through August
- Ceramic Tile - July
- Kitchen/Quarry tile - July
- Sod - September
- Trees & Shrubs - September

Contact the Alumni Office at UCA immediately if you are willing to help in any way. Assembling work teams NOW!
(509) 981-9318/alumni@ucca.org



Did You Know?

. . . that UCA's Board Chairman Bob Folkenberg (and his wife Audrey) have accepted a call to be the President of the China Union Mission headquartered in Hong Kong . . . and that daughter Katie is a student at UCA?

. . . that the last "Did You Know" column had a mistake?! UCA Alumni are serving as missionaries in 14, not 11, countries/island territories of the world as we reported. To our knowledge they are: Australia, Cambodia, China, Guam, Guyana, Honduras, India, Laos, New Guinea, Nicaragua, South Korea, Saipan, Taiwan and Thailand. Let us know if we left out YOUR corner of the world!

. . . that NOTE NIGHT continues to be the highlight of the week for students at UCA? Methods that are used to communicate include hand drawn flagging signals, photo puzzles, actual words and braille, to name a few!

. . . that a moc presidential election was held on election day at UCA? Romney won by a landslide—131 to Obama's 63—26 votes were split between third party candidates.

. . . that UCA has been hosting campus blood drives for the Inland NW Blood Center for 20 years? This school year there will be four of those events. The blood bank needs 200 donors a day to ensure adequate supplies for our area of the NW.

. . . that UCA has an annual Christmas Tree Lighting? The event begins with carols around the tree, a Christmas story, and ends with each student picking a fellow student's name off the tree to pray for over Christmas vacation.

. . . that second semester is in full swing with 264 students, 160 of which are receiving TIP scholarship discounts.

. . . that UCA hosts a gymnastics clinic every other year? On November 1, 2012, more than 100 curious student guests arrived on campus. By the end of the clinics and break out sessions insecurity had dissipated as the budding gymnasts partnered with UCA's Gymnastic Team for a grand finale showcasing their new found skills!



Prayer PATCH Expands its Ministry

Prayer PATCH is a 20-year UCA tradition of praying for a specific student(s) throughout the school year. This year that tradition expanded to include a Prayer PATCH e-mail [prayer.patch@uca.org] and a Web page [www.ucaa.org/life-at-uca/prayer-patch] to include student prayer requests. This allows our UCA extended family to pray for student requests corporately whether or not they are part of the Prayer PATCH program. Student privacy is respected and only general information listed, but God knows the person and the specific request.

Prayer PATCH supplied students with an individually wrapped cookie first semester. Students received an e-mail asking their favorite candy. The students that respond will receive their favorite candy second semester. We appreciate our Prayer PATCH partners and the generous donors and volunteers who help make these extra treats possible. One Student Week of Prayer speaker even commented in her talk on how she was having a down day and then received her favorite candy from Prayer PATCH and it brightened her day.

Prayer is powerful. Your prayers will help students make good choices, do well in their studies, and feel the presence of God. Thank you for supporting Prayer PATCH.

Tamara Terry, Prayer PATCH Coordinator (tamara.terry@uca.org)

“Lord in The Morning . . .”

In preparation for Week of Prayer two years ago a small group of faculty and students began meeting in the early morning hours of Wednesday mornings to lift up our campus, our students, and our staff. Still to this day, students set their alarms and roll out of bed to walk together to the church. Sophia Rich, a UCA senior says, “The hour from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. almost flies by. We break the time into 15-minute segments dedicated to praise, confession, supplication and thanksgiving. Sometimes someone starts singing in the middle of the prayer, and we all join in.”

Lisa Randall, founder of the group said that she read a quotation in the Spirit of Prophecy where Ellen White tells of seeing in a vision, small groups praying all around the world at the end of time. “I literally felt God’s call to do it at UCA,” she said, “And the church seemed like a good place to do it. It’s such a blessing to pray with these students and staff friends.”

Laurel Jessop, one of the student regulars observed, “My favorite part of this hour is sensing God come into the church to be with us while we’re praying. Sure it’s early, but what better way to start your day?”

Anyone is welcome to attend in person if you live close by or consider joining in even if you live on the other side of the globe. The students say they would be encouraged to know that you are adding your prayers to theirs during that special hour of prayer for UCA.” E-mail lisa.randall@uca.org “to let them know you’re praying too.”

Chopsticks Even Sounds Better . . . !

“Even those of us who can only play chopsticks are excited,” says student Zach Morrison, “but the talented musicians are ecstatic!”

The above enthusiasm was generated by the arrival of four beautiful new pianos that were delivered to the UCA music department just three months ago. Thanks to UCA’s much appreciated piano tuner, “Dan The Piano Man,” these wonderful instruments came to campus for a pilot program through his association with the Kawai Music Company.

Generally only university music departments are allowed to participate in the “Piano Loan” program. But Dan has fallen in love with UCA’s campus, the students and staff, and decided to see what he could do to convince Kawai to take a chance on expanding their program to include the high school level . . . at least for one particular school with an amazing music department!

“The way it works” says keyboard instructor, Krista Dalrymple, “is that the company loans us a certain number of brand new pianos. In our case, we have a new baby grand, two uprights, and an amazing digital piano. In June on the Sunday after Camp Meeting, our four pianos and some from other schools will be made available for inspection and for sale.” Dalrymple suggests that this is an especially great year to buy because our pianos will have been not only gently used but hardly used—for less than five months. “Though we don’t know what the prices will be on the day of the sale, we do know they will be significantly reduced.”

If you, a family member, your church, or your school is in the market for a piano, June 22 is the day to come and claim it. Dan The Piano Man is also a piano mover and is willing to deliver and tune the instrument of your choice for a reasonable fee. The school will not make any money on these sales but will again be provided with new pianos for the following school year. If the company finds that UCA is a good “risk” for this project, and that we attract a good crowd of interested buyers, the number of pianos they loan us may be increased.

UCA has 25 pianos - some of unknown origin. They have been well used for many years. Some of them need major repairs or re-building. Because the cost is significant and not in the budget, we are grateful to have the opportunity for our students to perform and practice on some great new instruments.

Please join us for the sale (June 22) of our new, gently used pianos to make room for the next round of the latest editions of pianos on loan!



Piano Quartet Members: Lizl Lamera, Monica Carr, Zachary Morrison, and Louis LaRiccia.



UCA Foundation Welcomes New Executive Director

The Upper Columbia Academy Foundation (UCAF) is pleased to welcome Linda Klinger to the role of executive director. "From day one," says Doug Wells, Foundation president, "Linda has proved to be a huge blessing to us. Her years of experience and her firm belief in the value of Christian education make her the ideal person to lead our organization forward."

Klinger's road to philanthropy was not planned. After graduating from Andrews University ('71) with a Religion degree, the self-described introvert says, "If you had told me then, that one day I'd be a fundraiser, I would have said, 'NO WAY!' But as you know, God often calls and equips the unlikeliest."

After working with her pastor husband in team ministry while raising their children, Klinger found herself back in the work force as an assistant to a creative fundraiser at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. It was here her eyes were opened to the vast possibilities in the field of philanthropy, and it wasn't long until she found herself directing fundraising efforts for non-profits. Her résumé includes a \$3.2 million capital campaign for Hospice of Central New York and a start up development program for Humphrey's Diabetes Center.



Most recently Klinger has served as the Development Director for Gem State Academy. During her eleven years there, giving to the school increased seven fold. Today as she looks back on her professional life she says, "I never dreamed that living outside my comfort zone could be so much fun! God has provided me opportunities and mentors to prepare me for this new chapter with the Upper Columbia Academy Foundation team. I'm delighted to be working with such a forward thinking group of people."

Outreach Happens at Home Too!

"Excuse me sir, would you like some hot soup?" Sabbath afternoon often includes feeding the homeless in downtown Spokane. It is not uncommon to have two van loads of students willing and anxious to help.

As Jesus sent His disciples, students go out in groups of two or more. Their menu includes hot soup, fruit, crackers, hot chocolate, or hot cider.

They expected to find people glad to accept all they had to offer with an overload of thank you's but some were surprised to be rejected by those who only wanted money. "The time we spent feeding the homeless wasn't necessarily life-changing," said Ashley Lee, "However, it was a definite reminder that we should be very thankful for what we have, and remember that we are truly blessed."



UCA Students Head Out to "Open The Eyes of The Blind"

In just a few days, a team from UCA will embark on a unique mission opportunity. There are three components to their trip: 1) Evangelism, 2) Health education, and 3) Medical care. With good reason the project is entitled "Open the Eyes of the Blind." Not only will UCA students be presenting Christ-centered messages of hope and salvation, we have medical staff to perform free cataract operations for the villagers. Treatment for non-cataract-related eye problems for children will be provided as well.

Dr. Jacob Prabhakar is a Seventh-day-Adventist physician who will perform the operations. He is an Indian Ophthalmologist and Eye Surgeon from Ruby Nelson Hospital, an Adventist hospital located in Jalandhar, Punjab, India. His skills are known world-wide and teams from all over come to train with Dr. Prabhakar because of his uncommon gift of being able to do a cataract surgery in under THREE minutes!

Dr. Prabhakar feels a burden for the poor, many in severe poverty who cannot dream of affording medical care. The doctor and his team are donating their services, however it will cost UCA \$50 per patient to make this happen. The doctor's team will travel to the region where we will be holding the evangelistic meetings and he has arranged with three government hospitals to utilize their facilities. The cost generated will be for transportation and food for the medical team, medical supplies needed for surgery, and the cost of transporting the patients to and from the hospital.

When the project first got underway, our evangelism targeted 14 villages. It has exploded to 50 villages which means that there could be at least 500 patients, many more than first anticipated. Original fundraising needs were \$10,000, but with the expanded opportunities our funds fall way short of providing for the vision needs of our villages.

Just as Jesus could not turn away a person in need of healing, we are hoping not to have to turn away so many. Would you partner with us to Open the Eyes of even one blind person? We would have them see Jesus!

*Dean Kravig, Mission Trip Sponsor
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Calling All Yakima Valley Alumni & Friends . . .

Come celebrate lasting friendships and happy memories while feasting on wonderful food and enjoying meaningful worship together!

What: The Final Sentimental Journey Reunion

When: April 23 & 24

Where: All our meeting, greeting, and eating will be in the Walla Walla University Church Fellowship Hall!

PLEASE REGISTER by mailing this form to:
YVA/UCA Alumni; 3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd;
Spangle, WA 99031 OR e-mail the Alumni office
at alumni@ucaa.org.

Write the number of people including yourself, eating with us at each meal. They are being catered and the deadline to give a head count is April 15.

___ # Attending the Reunion (Housing is your responsibility)

___ # Attending Brunch Tuesday, April 23 at 9:30 AM (free of charge)

___ # Attending Tuesday night Banquet at 5:30 PM (free of charge)

___ # Attending Wednesday morning Brunch at 9:30 AM (free of charge)

___ # Attending Wednesday late lunch at 3:30 PM (free of charge) We finish by 5:00 PM

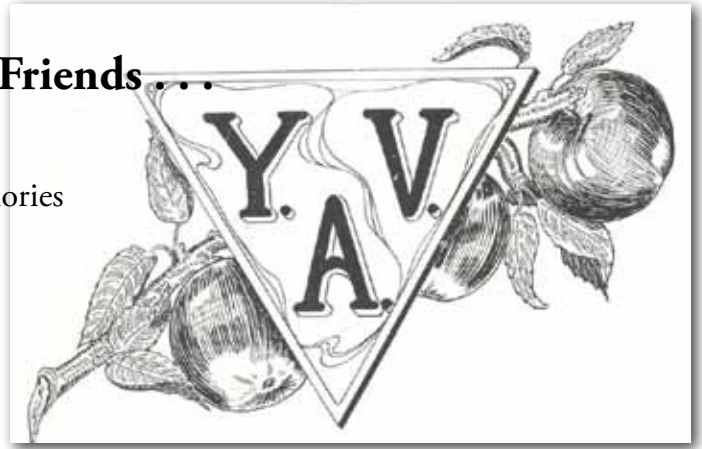
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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



Plan to arrive for Brunch both mornings by 9:30 AM

Afternoon activities are still in the planning stages

Tuesday night banquet begins at 5:30 PM

Wednesday afternoon's meal is at 3:30 p.m. and we need to be finished by 5:00 p.m.

You may contact YVA / UCA Alumni Director Linnea Torkelsen by phone at (509) 981-9318, OR by email at alumni@ucaa.org.



Alumni Homecoming 2012 was a well attended event bringing family members and friends from all corners of the globe. Four generations of the Hart family were represented, all in honor classes: Elmer Hart '42, Richard Hart '62, Jerry Hart '82 and Tyler Hart a current Senior. Highlights of the weekend included Sabbath morning's sermon by Dr. Richard Hart, which may be listened to on UCA's Web page by clicking the audio link, and re-connecting with friends from years back. Sabbath lunch was a reminder of the good 'ole days—Haystacks! Plan now to be there next time . . . October 4-6, 2013.





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Alumni Homecoming Weekend

October 4-6, 2013

Honor classes end in "3" and "8"

**Don't
Miss it!**

- Friday Morning Golf Tournament
- Friday Night Vespers
- Sabbath Morning Worship
- Buffet Lunch
- Lots of time to visit!

Good food . . . Good friends. . . . Good memories. . . .

*More information will be available under the Alumni
tab on the UCA Web site: www.ucaa.org*