

Upper Columbia Academy *Alumni Echoes*

September 2015

You Are Cordially Invited
TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

October 2 & 3, 2015

Alumni Homecoming
UCA's 70th Anniversary
The Dedication of the Wallace Dining Commons

Honor Classes End in "5" and "0"

Friday, October 2

- 8:00 A.M. FoundationOne Golf Tournament
Register at www.FoundationOne.org
- 4:00 P.M. Planned Giving Seminar/Power House
- 6:30 P.M. Registration & Welcome Back Reception/Gym
- 7:30 P.M. Alumni Vespers/Gym

Sabbath, October 3

- 9:00 A.M. Registration Re-opens/Gym
- 10:00 A.M. Alumni Worship Service/Gym*
- 12:45 P.M. Haystacks Lunch/Gym (Donations Appreciated)
- 2:30 P.M. Wallace Dining Commons Dedication
- 3:00 P.M. Honor Class Meetings/Ad Building (Reserved Rooms)
- Evening Honor Class Dinners in Town
Planned by Individual Classes

*The speakers for our worship service on Sabbath, October 3, are Sid Hardy '95, current UCA faculty, and Chuck Stevens, former faculty from 1988-1998, if his health permits. Both men will share their testimonies of God's hand on their lives—Sid's battle with cancer and Chuck's near death from an attack by a bull.

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I simply remember
MY FAVORITE THINGS
and then I don't feel so bad



It's been 50 years since I first saw THE SOUND OF MUSIC as a teen-ager. The Austria scenery was spectacular, the actors—I thought—were good; but it was the music that stuck in my head.

I find myself humming “Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens . . .” as I clean out the files in my office for the last time . . . retirement is here.

I'm finding reminders of experiences and special people that have touched my life during the last two decades of working at this amazing school.

. . . A letter from an alumnus: It explained that she had come to UCA as a farm girl. She got so hungry for chicken that she stole one from the campus flock, cooked it and ate it . . . and she'd felt bad about it for decades. She sent a donation to pay for the chicken. I thanked the Lord for the opportunity to write her a thank you note, and to remind her that forgiveness is a gift of God that we all need.

. . . Notes on a phone call: I hoped this alumnus might be a donor to help renovate the Power House. After answering questions about the project, I asked him to give. I will never forget his response. “You're not asking for enough. You need to think bigger.” He sent three times the amount I had hoped for! As a new fundraiser, I learned that our God is big. He is not limited by our timid minds . . . and He delights in providing for our needs—beyond what we might ask or think.

. . . The graduation program from 1997 reminded me of a wonderful story: I had learned of two Yakima Valley Academy sisters who had never gotten to participate in a graduation. They both had chickenpox on the day

of their 8th grade commencement, and their Academy graduation was cancelled because a classmate was killed in a car accident on the last day of school—their diplomas were just mailed to them. When our seniors heard that story, they invited the sisters, now in their 70's, to graduate with them at UCA! At commencement, after the class marched in, the President, Daniel Perrin and the Vice President, Kevin Burman, walked back out and escorted the two ladies, dressed in caps and gowns, up the aisle to their own march of “Pomp and Circumstance” and a standing ovation.

What delight that class generated by their spirit of unselfish generosity. I learned that old disappointments and hurts can be healed, even years later.

There are many more stories, and so many people that I have learned to love and appreciate. UCA is truly in the “business” of turning out amazing alumni . . . and it will continue to do so, until Jesus comes.

Thank You UCA . . .

Thank You Alumni . . .

for the privilege of being in a position to watch God's hand at work in and through you for the last 23 years!

*It's a sentimental
journey for sure,
and I admit to
feeling sad . . .*

*but after 23 years
on the staff of this
amazing school,
it's time to say:*

“So long, farewell . . .”

*Did you
know?*

It is not unusual to have 1,000 or more on our campus for any given alumni event, so reserve your airline tickets, hotel or RV spot (yes, UCA has an RV park which is first come, first serve). Contact your old friends . . . lose a few pounds if you must, and COME!

. . . That 70 years ago, UCA opened its doors to students from all over Upper Columbia Conference? Since that time seven decades ago, some 7,800 some students have attended making them alumni, whether they graduated here or elsewhere.

. . . That 23 out of 35 faculty and staff members are either parents of alumni or graduates of UCA themselves? There's a lot of loyalty here!

. . . That a potato digger that got the Hunt family through UCA decades ago has been donated to UCA in good working condition to help the school produce their goal of 5,000 pounds of potatoes which are used in a school year? The chef would love to have an industrial potato peeler that prepares 30-40 pounds at a time. (used \$750/new \$2,000).

. . . That we have kept a record of the senior class gifts given to UCA over the past 70 years? BUT, we are missing information on what those gifts were in '46, '79, '81-'86 and 1990. If you can help fill in those blanks, please contact the alumni office at alumni@uca.org.

. . . That this past winter, regional UCA alumni dinners were held in Redlands and Desert Hot Springs, CA, Portland, OR, and Walla Walla, WA? This fall one was held in Denver, CO.

. . . That since 1994 the total # of alumni who have given a financial gift—even one—to UCA is 1,743? The total number of donors including parents, grandparents, faculty, friends and board is 2,529. The most gifts given in any one fiscal year was 484.

. . . That for the last six years, all incoming UCA students have been given a laptop computer? The school provides all the software needed for completing assignments, making it precise and easy for teachers to make sure students have a way to take notes in class and submit their assignments electronically. No longer is it possible to report that the dog ate the homework!

. . . That every student at UCA has at least one prayer guardian praying for him/her on a regular basis as a result of our Prayer PATCH program? There are an average of 300 praying for our campus daily, in addition to family and staff members. We would welcome your prayers! (see page 6)

. . . That last school year four students ran half or full marathons? Running, Strength Training and a FIT class have been added to what UCA offers. Students may set personal goals focusing on everything from interval training to preparing for military physical exams.

. . . The Wallace Dining Commons received a new addition during Grandparent's Weekend? Artist Michele Davis finished her painting of Jesus with teen-agers titled “Let Me Teach You.” The painting is 10' x 5.8' and hangs in the back of the cafeteria.

Thank you so much to Mrs. Davis for creating such a masterpiece to display on our campus. It was dedicated during the church service that it would be a witness to all who see it.



Alumni Composite Pictures

The Yearbook Class for the past two school years have worked long and hard on digitalizing all the senior composite pictures that used to hang in the Ad Building and later on, the Gym.

Our students have scanned and cropped the senior pictures from the Yakima Valley Academy and Upper Columbia Academy yearbooks, and combined them with previous composites to create a new, more complete class composite that hopefully include everyone who attended with that particular class their

senior year. We were surprised to find a number of pictures missing or wrong names attached to a portrait.

We would appreciate your help in looking over your class composite, and perhaps, the classes around you, to make sure the names under the pictures are correct, to locate missing pictures, and to verifying the spelling of names so everyone is included correctly.

You may find the new composites on the UCA web site: www.ucaa.org/alumni/alumni-composite-pictures. If your class is missing, please email yearbook@ucaa.org as they will be adding more daily.

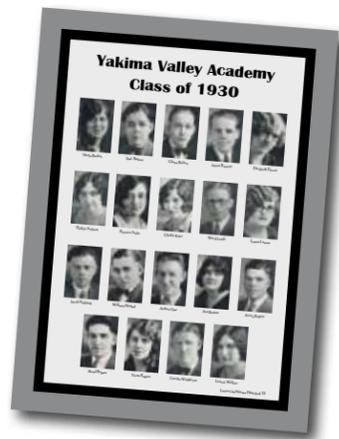
Once verified, we will print the composites and have them framed and hung on the walls in the administration building.

The cost for each senior class picture to be framed with glass is around \$300.

If you would like to donate to the project for preparing YOUR class for hanging (!), you may send a check to UCA for the "Senior Composite Project" or give online at UCA's secure web site: www.ucaa.org/life-at-uca/finance-office/give-a-gift.

If you find errors of any kind, please email changes to yearbook@ucaa.org.

Thank you again for helping us create accurate senior composites for a lasting legacy on the UCA campus.



UCA Staff & Students Scatter Into "All The World"

Spring break saw UCA staff and students off to several corners of the world. They spent their energy and their vacation working and ministering in:

Monument Valley, Utah, where students joined members of the UCA church and Pastor Jon Weigley in painting, roofing, changing out windows and doing general remodeling work to the Monument Valley Mission station, along with a VBS for local children.

China was an unexpected dream for the eight members of UCA's Octet who sang their way from Hong Kong to Beijing. Bob Folkenberg, President of the China Mission, (formerly UCA Board Chairman) and his wife Audrey, accompanied the group (which included several parents) acting as prayer support and tour guides between appointments.

India "UCA students and staff members ran the largest evangelistic meeting ever seen in this country," said Dean Kravig,

sponsor. They held 20 series of meetings covering 200 villages. In addition, they worked with an Adventist Ophthalmologist and his staff at 18 "eye camps," serving thousands from the 200 villages. These teams provided everything from medication to surgery. "We prayed that the Holy Spirit would open their eyes spiritually as we used the bridge of health to spiritual healing" said Kravig.

Guatemala - Several students joined the Upper Columbia Conference annual mission trip. From construction to Vacation Bible Schools, the participants were ready to help where needed.



The Power of Prayer

Matthew 7:7 says "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." That takes an incredible amount of faith to believe it is that simple. Yet, there are countless students on our campus that simply asked to come and God paved the way.

Their story is not over, however. They still need God's help to make it through day-to-day life, studies, relationships, discouragement and more.

That is where Prayer PATCH comes in. We provide an extra measure of prayer to help them through their day.

If you would like to join us in praying for a specific student, please email prayer.patch@ucaa.org.

Spain Study Tour

Nineteen UCA Juniors and Seniors spent six weeks with UCA Spanish teacher, Kellie Humbert, in Spain this past summer.

Students spent four hours a day taking a variety of Spanish classes at our ACA College in Sagunto, Spain. Afternoons and evenings were spent studying, speaking and interacting with native Spanish-speaking tutors. It was not all work. The group was able to do some exploration as they spent a weekend in Barcelona and five days on a cultural tour to Madrid, Toledo and Segovia.

The students returned home with a full year of college Spanish credit and a love of the sunny people and places of Spain.



UCA Seal



The UCA seal used on all official documents like diplomas was created in 1958 by a group of students and staff under the guidance of JV Peters, principal. The symbols used in the design were chosen to represent aspects of campus life and the Christian education students get at UCA.

- Rope Border**—Life-long friendships
- Shield**—Defending each other
- "Chi" X**—Jesus is central in everything
- Star**—Reaching for high goals
- Lyre/Palette**—Excellence in academics and the arts
- Mace**—We respect authority

- Eye & Book**—Responsibility for our use of time
- Lamp**—Search for knowledge and truth
- Laurel Leaf**—Achievement with our best efforts
- Oak Leaf**—Strength and courage

Annual Report of Donor Support

Listed below is a group of very special people who financially supported the needs of campus development and our worthy students between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. If your gift arrived after the end of June, it came in the new fiscal year and will be listed in next year's Annual Report.

THANK YOU for your willingness to make a BIG difference for this amazing school!

Total gifts added up to \$2,313,894.12

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Class of 1955 deceased classmates
By Al Wiggins

* Deceased



Stephen Lacey

Our apologies

If we accidentally forgot your name or business in reporting our blessings, PLEASE contact the alumni office at alumni@ucca.org so we can correct it in next year's report.

UCA Alumni Family

Where Are They Now?

Don Casebolt YVA '44 is a retired physician living in College Place, WA. He writes, "Since moving here in 2004, I have had the privilege of writing articles on issues relating to preventative medicine for the WALLA WALLA UNION BULLETIN newspaper. So far, they have published 85 of my submissions, and I feel the Lord has helped me in doing this." Don's articles can be accessed on his blog at www.decasebolt0578.wordpress.com.

Dixie Biggar Plata '59 and her husband, Arnold, have become the official Pathfinder historians for the Adventist church, and are the driving force behind a new Pathfinder museum to be housed on the same plot of land on which John Harvey Kellogg's home once stood. The museum will preserve the history of Pathfinders which began in the early 1920s, as well as serve as a leadership training ground.

The pull of Africa has worked its magic on **Lynn Boyd** '74. He writes that he has spent over 15 years on that continent working in church related activities. He spent a year during his time at Walla Walla College as a student missionary in Zimbabwe, eight years as a Business Professor at Helderberg College in S. Africa, and most recently, the last six years in Mozambique as Country Director for ADRA (Adventist Development & Relief Agency).

Carmie Hadley '78 writes from her home in Spokane, WA, where she houses her travel business "Carmie 4 Travel." For the last 20 years she has thoroughly enjoyed planning everything from business incentive trips to conference mission trips to honeymoons! She loves what she does and loves helping people explore the world. You can reach her at Carmie@Carmie4Travel.com or at 509-466-9152.

Jean Paul Vaudreuil '80, an English Professor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, along with three colleagues, recently wrote a textbook titled THE WRITE PATH: COMMUNICATING YOUR WAY TO PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS. The book, to be published this fall, is tailored for business and professional writing

classes. Vaudreuil would like to thank UCA's Mr. Monroe for his excellent teaching example and for instilling a love of language in his students.

Roxanne Fleck Wickward '84 has accepted the position of Registrar at Auburn Academy after teaching History at UCA for the past 11 years. During her time at UCA, she was actively involved in mission work in Malawi and with refugees in Spokane. She is married to her Academy sweetheart, **Eddie** '84, and they have three grown boys—also UCA alumni.

Writing from San Jose, California, **Andrea Foster Chebeleu** '87 says, "I own and operate A WORK OF HEART studio where I teach classes and sell supplies. My work has been published in several magazines and my classes can be found online at CreativeLive.com." Andrea has three children who share her love of art and work with her in the studio.

Marshall Keymer '87 lives in Walla Walla where he works as vice president of operations for PocketiNet Communications and volunteers as the chairperson for several nonprofits including SonBridge Community Center. Marshall and his wife, Julie, are also both involved with THE BIBLE IN LIVING SOUND ministry, the original dramatized audio Bible stories which come alive with music and sound effects. To donate to the ministry or to purchase the 56 hours of 450 dramatized audio Bible stories on one disc call 800-634-0234 or visit www.BibleInLivingSound.org.

Marilyn (Kristine) Hillmon Hanley '93 and her family have returned to the US after 11 years of mission service in Nicaragua. During that time, their ministry, "Wings over Nicaragua," provided medical services to remote villages, health education and assistance with economic improvements like wells, roads and sanitary facilities. Their new home is near family in Goldendale, WA.

Will Chappell '93, is hoping to positively influence the outcome of the presidential campaign by working a grass roots meet up group in San Bernadino county supporting Ted Cruz.

Irena Baba Stetuak '93 works in the field of Business Administration. She and her family live in Suceava, Romania. Irena writes, "I have an 18-year-old daughter who just graduated from high school last spring and a 6-year-old daughter who started school this year."

Lisa Momb Sprute '95 is a wife, a mom and a volunteer at her kid's school. She also works as a realtor with Asset Realty Group in Kirkland, WA, specializing in residential properties in Snohomish and E. King Counties. She would love to help any UCA Alumnus find a happy home in that area, and can be reached at realestatedreams@outlook.com, on Facebook or at 435-268-9367.

Melissa Tucker Haugsted '96 has returned to her student missionary roots, this time as a certified teacher. After her husband (**Loran Haugsted** '96) Melissa had a growing desire to "go back home." Her two children join her in ministering to the Miskito Indian tribe in Nicaragua.

Joe Ross '97 writes from Australia where he lives with his wife, Linda, and their three children who are 12, 10 and 6 years of age. Joe earned his Bachelor's of Education in Design and Technology in 2007 and currently teaches Industrial Technology at Macquarie College while doing some lecturing at Avondale College in Curriculum Studies as well. "We love to go on family road trips together," writes Joe . . . "and we love the Aussie way of life and have made wonderful friends here."

Natalie Cox Adpodaca '98 and her husband, Eliasib, have moved to Hayden, ID, where he is an engineer with a local firm. Natalie is busy overseeing the construction of their new home while creating illustrations for a new children's book—the first of several—being written by Sandy Mason, one of her former elementary school teachers.

"I currently run a sleep disorder center on the Big Island of Hawaii," writes **Aleka Wiley** '98. "This is my 14th year in this field. I started my own company this summer, called HEALTHY SLEEP HAWAII. I will provide sleep education and insomnia counseling as well as working with hotels

and resorts to provide breathing machines for tourists so they don't have to pack theirs along from home."

Because of specialty training in dealing with strokes, Neurologist Dr. **Marlan Kay** '99 was featured last spring on Seattle TV's King 5 "New Day Northwest" program as their special guest for Stroke Awareness Month (May). You may view his excellent presentation on UCA's Facebook page.

Talia Silva Stewart '00 writes from Richland, WA. "I'm happily married to my high school sweetheart, **Jason Stewart** '99, and we are the proud parents of two beautiful little girls, Eliana and Olivia. Jason works as an Industrial Hygienist and I'm a teacher who is a work-at-home mommy. I love photography and have begun my own business helping families to journal the chaotic, joy-filled years we have with our little ones." You may contact Talia Stewart Photography on Facebook or at 509-303-0668.

Nathan Shaw '02 and his wife Gabi have recently moved to Montana where Nathan is the Accountant and Assistant Treasurer for the Montana Conference.

Working for a new start up company in San Francisco, **Peter Vercio** '03 is enjoying the challenge of being involved in launching a business. "Product negotiation are under wraps right now," he says, "But we'll be able to unveil them soon." Peter says though his interest in business became apparent during his college years, the path his life has taken has been especially influenced by Pastor Fred, John Soule, the Nafie family and other UCA staff members.

Evan Kinne '04 works for Watertower Group—a boutique investment and venture capital bank and advisory firm focused on innovative companies who focus on shaping the future through technology. Evan handles many aspects of the transactions from deal sourcing to due diligence to working directly with CEO's and management teams. He is married to Ashley and they enjoy biking and

the great outdoors with friends in southern California.

"I work at the Tri-Cities Cancer Center in Kennewick as the Supervisor of HIM and Business Office Operations," writes **Kristen Opp Para** '04. I have my MBA and I also teach for the University of Phoenix, College of Health Professions." Kristen and her husband, Tyson, are remodeling their country home near Kennewick, WA, in preparation for the arrival of their first child in November.

Phillip Sherwood '04 edited and co-produced the movie "Old Fashioned" that opened in theaters last Valentine's day. **Kevin Ekvall** '03 worked as his Property Manager and was an extra in the film. The faith-based production highlights the story of a college frat boy who finds Jesus, and wants to experience God's gift of love in a truly old-fashioned courtship. Phillip writes, "I can't say enough good things about my time at UCA! It made and shaped me, and I'm grateful."

Kristin Stratte '04 just graduated from the Inland Northwest Culinary Academy in Spokane with a certificate in the art of baking. She is excited to have found the perfect outlet for her creative interests and is taking orders in her home-based bakery business called KMS ARTS & BAKED GOODS. You can find her business on Facebook or contact her at kristinstratte@yahoo.com.

Stephanie Kay-Kok '05 has moved back to the northwest from the Netherlands. While living overseas, she met and married her husband, Tim, and they are now settled in Seattle. "I have a great job working as an ESL teacher at a language school for adults. It's a wonderful blessing!" she writes.

Matthew Trethaway '05 and his wife, Larissa, live in LaQuinta, CA, where Matt is the production manager for Little Folks Visuals, a company that since 1980 has produced educational and religious felt sets—best known to Cradle Roll and Kindergarten Sabbath School teachers.

Richard "Chris" Patchett '07 has been working for Castle Medical Center in

Kailua, on the island of Oahu, helping to implement new electronic systems and to assist with the revision of policies. This summer he moved to work with the Florida hospital system as an analyst.

Garett Caldwell '08 writes: "I am a Forward Observer in the Army National Guard, which means I'm attached to an infantry unit and would travel with or ahead of them. I've been in the military for a little over a year. I did get married—she's great! She's in charge of food safety and training for a local school district where we live—we met at La Sierra."

Logan Carter '09 is a freelance photographer. Most of his work is for ROW Adventures, a company who plans adventurous travel all over the world. Logan produces the films to promote them. When he is not busy with projects for ROW, he does work with a variety of other companies and enjoys doing wedding video and photography as well. Visit his website at www.logancarterproductions.com.

The medals just keep coming as **Noah Wallace** '09 keeps skiing. Last winter, he won second place medals in the European Open in Switzerland, in Total Fight in Andorra and in the Iceland Winter Games. He took third in the FIS World Championships in Austria, and so it continues. During the summer he coached at a ski camp then headed to the Southern Hemisphere for more contests and training in Australia and New Zealand.

Alana Augustin '11 lives in BC Canada where she is a registered massage therapist at Silver Hills. She loves her job and the family atmosphere with the people she works with.

Matthew Cokenour '11 writes from McMurdo Station in Antarctica where he is a heavy machine shop mechanic. "I really like it here, and yes, I like the cold! In the summer when the scientists come, the town grows from 172 to 1300. We work really hard, but we have a climbing wall, basketball and volleyball, good internet and a cafeteria to eat in." You can view some of Matt's great nature photographs on his Facebook page.

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Wallace Dining Commons Dedication

The dedication of the Wallace Dining Commons will be a simple, joyous service asking God to bless this building project we have completed in 3 1/2 years.

In faith, we have scheduled this event on Sabbath, October 3 at 2:30 pm, believing that the final \$56,000 that still needs to be raised will have been committed to give us the "Debt Free" status that is expected at a dedication.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to send a gift or to order a paver (to be installed on the Water Tower Plaza), please do it now. Those funds will be used toward paying off the \$56,000. (see page 11).

The Wallace Dining Commons is a delightful gathering place for students to unwind, to tank up for the next round and to reconnect in pleasant surroundings.

THANK YOU to all who made this lovely new building a reality.

