



UCA

Giving
Thanks

Happy Thanksgiving from UCA!

It is with great pleasure that I write you from our beautiful campus awash in fall colors. With the crisp weather comes heightened student energy, lots of music, creative teaching, and sacks and sacks of potatoes! Blessings and good news should be shared, so I thought you would enjoy hearing about a few of the great things the Lord has blessed at Upper Columbia Academy.

Last summer some hard-working volunteers planted 800 pounds of seed potatoes in a one acre plot between the old cafeteria and the railroad tracks. We hoped for a crop of 5,000 pounds so we could feed the campus for the school year. Instead, our big God blessed us with almost 15,000 pounds, plus 3,000 pounds of carrots, 100 pounds of garlic and I lost count on the beets! UCA students have the home-grown, farm-to-table experience—a program we hope to expand.

I am grateful for an amazing staff who pour themselves heart and soul into helping students be successful academically, physically and spiritually. Several are studying the Bible with students one on one to prepare them for baptism—those special campus events are high days of celebration! And I'm thankful for our 300 plus prayer guardians who surround us with daily prayer. . . . I believe you are essential to the blessings we experience. Thank you!


I am especially thankful for our 237 students. We wouldn't exist without them! AND, I am indebted to our donors whose unselfish kindness makes worthy student scholarships possible for 80% of the students who couldn't come otherwise.

And finally, I'm thankful for the miracle I witnessed at our 70th Anniversary/Alumni Homecoming Weekend on October 3. When the programs were printed on Thursday afternoon before the events began Friday, we still owed \$56,588 to the conference on the mortgage for the Wallace Dining Commons, which we hoped to dedicate Sabbath afternoon. However, a debt-free status is required for a dedication. When the offering was counted after church, we had the entire \$56,588 AND \$120 left over! It was WONDERFUL to watch that mortgage burn! I praise God for all of you who contributed the funds for bricks and mortar, volunteered your expertise, or served as prayer support in this very recently-completed capital campaign.

As we approach the Christmas holidays, now not so far away, our thoughts turn to all that goes into preparing for them. I remember as a kid sitting with the Sears Catalogue dreaming about all the "what if's" and marking page after page of "I want this, and this and this . . ." As an adult, I find myself much more excited about giving than getting. If you're of a similar mind set, I invite you to join me in the fun of giving a Christmas gift to UCA. Please see the Wish List I've compiled on the next page for your browsing pleasure!

So, from the wheat fields of Spangle—from our campus family to yours—we wish you God's richest blessings during this Thanksgiving and Christmas season and in the year to come. It's all about HIM!

In His Service,



John Winslow
Principal

P.S. West Coast Alumni and friends, look for invitations to area-wide dinners in Loma Linda, Sacramento, Portland and Seattle in January, with more events in the planning stages for the spring. I look forward to seeing many of you again or for the first time!

UCA's Christmas Wish List

Adopt an entire project or pick a gift you can contribute toward. For whatever you are able to give, we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!

Gift #1 *Worthy Student Needs: \$50,000*
 • There are eight students who would like to join our student body second semester starting January 22. This is very unusual to have this kind of influx. The needs for each family vary from \$2,500 to \$7,000. A total of \$50,000 will allow all eight to come to join their brothers, sisters and friends who are already loving their year at UCA. *Monthly gifts of \$25/\$50/\$100 or more is a perfect way to help!*

Gift #2 *Music Department: \$5,300*
 • For \$1300, we can professionally move, repair, restore and tune two gorgeous donated grand pianos
 • For \$1,000 each, (x2) we can get piano dollies for the new grand pianos
 • For \$2,000, we can get amplifiers and new speakers for the organ in the gymnasium

Gift #3 *Industrial Technology & Maintenance: \$13,500*
 • \$200 - \$300 each for battery operated tools/circular saw/impact driver/drills, etc. (\$2,500 total)
 • \$6,000 for a power lift for the shop to use for auto mechanics classes and servicing campus vehicles
 • \$5,000 for a fork lift. Auto mechanics dismantle junk cars and sells auto parts and scrap metal to get funds for the department. They need a fork lift to move the remaining shells out of the work area.

Gift #4 *Motor Pool: Donated vehicles*
 • A late model car in good working order to transport students to medical appointments.
 • Gently used AWD 7-passenger van for home leaves, recruiting, ensemble concerts, etc.

Gift #5 *Dorms: \$24,600*
 • 112 new mattresses are needed in the boys' dorm and 164 for the girls' dorm at a cost of \$100 each. So far, \$3,000 was raised during Amateur Hour.

Gift #6 *Yearbook Class: \$2,600*
 • Good quality cameras for yearbook class students to be able to use them at the same time. \$650 (x4)

Gift #7 *Information Technology Department: \$11,450*
 For Live Streaming UCA events:
 • 1 Additional Camera \$2,500
 • 3 Tripods \$650 (x3)
 • 1 Projector for large venues like the gym \$3,000
 • 1 Communication System \$4,000

Gift #8 *Dining Commons PA System: \$34,000*
 • Includes projector, mounted screen, speakers, wiring, music system, microphones, CD or MP3 Player.

Gift #9 *For Distance Learning: 5,400*
 • Set up three classrooms for distance learning students to attend core classes online. \$1,800 per classroom (x3)

Your monthly gift will help your favorite gift listed above!



Piece of Posterity

Complete your paver message below to order a paver that will be placed in front of the Wallace Dining Commons. One letter per box. Include one box for the space between words.

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Complete and return in the envelope provided with your tax deductible contribution of \$450 (parents or grandparents of current students contribution only \$350) or OR use our secure giving site: www.ucaa.org/life-at-uca/finance-office/give-a-gift.



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Thank you

WALLACE DINING COMMONS

Alumni and friends witnessed a miracle during Alumni Homecoming 2015 as enough funds were raised to burn the mortgage during the Wallace Dining Commons Dedication.

