

Upper Columbia Academy Alumni Echoes

September 2014

Plan to join us for ALUMNI WEEKEND! October 3-5, 2014

Honored Classes end in "4" and "9"
as well as all YVA Alumni

Friday, October 3

- 11:00 A.M. UCA Foundation-sponsored Golf Tournament
Visit their website for information: ucafoundation.org
- 6:30 P.M. Join us for the "Starlight Strings" Welcome
Back Reception on the Water Tower Plaza
Enjoy good music, along with hot cider and
doughnuts, as we welcome the Sabbath and each other
- 7:30 P.M. Sundown Vespers with Joyce Wilkens

Sabbath, October 4

- 9:00 A.M. Registration Re-opens/Gym
- 10:00 A.M. Worship Service with Dr. Tammy McGuire
Alumni Roll Call
Reserved Seating for Honored Classes
*Former choralliers, email curtis.anderson@uca.org
for the music to sing on Sabbath morning*
Children's Meetings/UCA Church
Come with your child to register
- 12:45 P.M. Buffet Lunch
- 2:30 P.M. Honor Class Meetings/Ad Building
- 7:00 P.M. Honor Class Dinners in Town

Sunday, October 5

- 7:45 A.M. UCA Foundation sponsored
Peach Fun Run & Brunch
Visit their website for information: ucafoundation.org

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Alumni and Friends,

As I enter my third year at UCA, I look back at the great blessing it has been for my family and me to be here. I so much appreciate the opportunity to work here, sharing Christ with our young people in this excellent educational environment.

I'd like to highlight some recent blessings and some upcoming plans you might enjoy knowing about.

This summer, the Lord impressed a visionary donor to give us a large greenhouse. Not only will it provide education and labor options for the students who work there, but we'll have some good home-grown, "field-to-table" vegetables for our cafe', while saving on our food budget!

As He always does, God has blessed us with an excellent staff that loves the Lord and His kids. In preparation for our student's arrival, the entire faculty took a day to help prepare the campus. In that time they:

- ✓ Installed the plastic covering on the greenhouse frame
- ✓ Spread two huge farm truck loads of bark to improve the landscaping
- ✓ Painted the halls on all four floors of the boys' dorm and touched up the walls in the ad building
- ✓ Installed OSB wall covering in the new shop and did a lot of clean-up from recent construction on campus

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Thanks to a donor and volunteers, UCA has a greenhouse to help educate, supply home-grown vegetables for our café, and provide student labor opportunities.

Another donation provided funding for us to hire a new staff member for a three-year pilot program focused on Discipleship & Evangelism. The goal of the program: *By the power of Christ, to disciple our students to develop their relationship with Jesus in such a way that they will never lose their love for Him, and will want to share His love and grace with others.* Practically speaking, as a result of the Lord's hand on their lives, they will embark on their careers and build their own families embracing God's call to first be missionaries for Him.

Starting in January of 2015, Amanda Goad will join our faculty. She has a strong background in mentoring young adults in door-to-door and health



Amanda Goad



ministry evangelism. Amanda will also coordinate opportunities for small group Bible studies, create more experiences to serve the local and world-wide community, like assisting with health/cooking classes, disaster relief, etc., and put together an optional two year Bible class leading to a lay ministry certificate.

Of course, our biggest blessing comes in the form of students that want to be in an Adventist Christian school - none of the above would be useful without them! Please join us in praying for God's Spirit on our campus this school year.



In His Service,

John Winslow
Principal



For the past 20+ years prayer warriors have been praying for UCA students. Many students may not have known who was praying for them, but found comfort in knowing someone was praying. If you would like to pray for a student (or two), please send your contact information to prayer.patch@uccaa.org.

Sunday, August 24, 230 students were registered at UCA!

60% of those students received financial assistance from generous donors

They would not be there if it wasn't for you!



Your Piece of Posterity at UCA

The first order of engraved pavers has been installed on the Water Tower Plaza. Another order will be sent in September and another after Alumni weekend. If you have not reserved yours yet, do it today! 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 eight 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



Complete your paver message below. One letter per box. Include one box for the space between words.

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Name: _____ Phone #: _____

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Annual Report of Donor Support to Upper Columbia Academy

For the fiscal year of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

Listed in alphabetical order are a wonderful group of people who believe in UCA and its mission. Their support this fiscal year adds up to \$692,383.83. Thank You! Because you care, UCA continues to be a vibrant, God-centered school where young adults grow into who He wants them to be. THANK YOU from all of us at UCA.

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 Kirsten Torkelsen Spoo
 Max & Linnea Torkelsen
 Emilie Torretta
 Dick & Ruth Tucker
 Mark Turner
 Tom Underhill
 Jan Urie
 Lee & Marji Venden
 Teri Wagner
 Clifford & Suzanne Wallace
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 Jon & Nadine Yarlott
 Judy Zachrison
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 By Al Wiggins

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In memory of: Carleen Fischer
 By George & Thelma Fischer

In memory of: Jere Patzer
 By Sue, Troy & Renee Patzer

In memory of: Christie Anna Neil
 By Bernie & Carolyn Neil

Supporting Organizations

The generous amounts that the Adventist Church Headquarters sends in the form of subsidies, along with significant support from the students' local Adventist churches, is NOT included in the total amount UCA raises and reports.

North Pacific Union Conference
 Upper Columbia Conference
 Brewster
 Cashmere
 Central Valley Spanish
 Chewelah
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 College Place Spanish
 College Place Village
 Colville
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 Ellensburg
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 Wenatchee Valley View
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 Yakima Three Angels Spanish
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Alumni Homecoming Programs

FRIDAY EVENING . . .

Please join us on the Water Tower Plaza in front of the Wallace Dining Commons at 6:30 P.M. for the “Starlight Strings” Welcome Back Reception. Weather-permitting (in the gym if it doesn’t), refreshments will be served accompanied by UCA’s string ensemble and students from the keyboard department.

Vespers will be presented in the gym by **Joyce Anderson Wilkens ’73**: UCA alumnus, wife, mom, artist, and award-winning author. Her interests are broad and varied and have included working as an accountant at Loma Linda and Florida Hospitals and serving as an art/history docent and actor for the Spokane Museum of Arts and Culture.



Joyce Wilkens

In the last few years, Joyce has authored two inspirational photo books: TEACUP ART . . . and Reflections, and the most recent book, WALKING STICKS, which won first place in the Cascade Christian Writers Competition for published non-fiction. The book grew out of her passion for hiking, God’s artistry in creation, and wood-carving.

Come view her husband’s walking stick collection and enjoy a media presentation of nature, landscapes, and sticks.

Joyce will share some heart-warming, inspirational stories, with emphasis on God’s use of artistic avenues to enrich the soul, open conversation, and reach beyond what you think possible for Him.



SABBATH MORNING . . .



Dr. Tammy McGuire

Dr. Tammy McGuire will be speaking for our Sabbath morning worship service. She is a professor of communication at Pacific Union College where she teaches interpersonal, small group, intercultural, nonverbal, and visual communication along with courses in research and argumentation.

More importantly, she is a much-loved former faculty member from Upper Columbia Academy where she taught from 1990-2003. She still relishes her time in the Pacific Northwest and her never-a-dull-moment life working with UCA’s students.

A Colorado native, Tammy loves all things outdoors (except golf). Among her bucket list accomplishments, she has hiked the 210-mile John Muir Trail and the 180-mile Pacific Crest Trail, as well as summiting 40 of Colorado’s 53 mountains that exceed 14,000 feet. It is in the outdoors where she especially finds that special connection with the Divine.

We welcome her back to UCA with great anticipation of the blessings that will come from her verbal communication during our Sabbath morning worship service!

We’ve missed you Ms. McGuire!

Please update your address, 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. Thank you!



Tell Us About Yourself

Tom Stanyer '50 has tried to retire more than once. His first attempt was from the Boeing Company in 1997 where he was an engineer and administrator. After moving back to Spokane, he became actively involved with UCA's Alumni Committee. An innovator with business sense, he with several other Alumni formed a separate organization which professionally manages funds from those who wish to benefit UCA students through an endowment method. For the last decade he has served as treasurer, vice president, and president of the UCA Foundation Board. He retired again, we think, on July 30 of this year.

Ron Turner '59 and UCA former faculty is retired in Mead, Washington. He directs a chorale of 46 people from local Adventist churches in the Spokane area who range in age from 13-82. About 60% of them are UCA Alumni or their children are here. Ron's wife, Joy, teaches English at UCA.

Kerry Heinrich '76 is serving as interim CEO of Loma Linda (Calif.) University Medical Center. He is also interim administrator of the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. As a law partner at Schilt & Heinrich LLP, Kerry works with senior leadership at Loma Linda to provide advice and counsel. He is married to **Judy Shearer Heinrich '79**.

Ted McConnachie '82 is giving a year of his time and talent to the UCA maintenance department as a volunteer this year. One of his first assignments is to begin laying pavers on the Water Tower Plaza! Ted and his wife, Debbie, are parents to four UCA Alumni: **Nick '10, Spencer and Zach '13 and Cameron '14**. THANK YOU Ted!

Barbara Hall Kerr '83 just finished a Holistic Health Practitioner certification. In addition to nutritional counseling, she will be incorporating far infrared heat therapy and passive spiral vibration exercises. She is opening her first office in Columbia, South Carolina, in September and can be contacted on Facebook.

Tom Underhill '88, is the new chief medical officer (CMO) at Walla Walla General Hospital. Prior to his promotion, he was the director of the new Emergency Center and was chief of staff from 2011 to 2013.

A love for flying has taken **Jeff Stafford '89** to live in Hong Kong where he is beginning his third year as pilot for a large medical imaging equipment company. He flies a Hawker 4000 and a Gulfstream G450 transporting the founder and chairman of the company on business all over the orient. His wife, Jeannie, has been home-schooling their last two daughters, Emily and Hannah, who just joined their older sister **Bethany '15** at UCA this school year.

Walla Walla University is adding two UCA Alumni to their staff. **Troy Patzer '94**, is the new vice president for advancement and **Tommy Poole '06** is the new associate chaplain for missions and discipleship. After he marries **Emily Wilkens '04**, in September, Tommy will take over the student missions program on campus.

Karissa Kravig '05 is in her second year of teaching at Maxwell Adventist Academy in Nairobi, Kenya.

Steven and Alice Kravig Williams both '06 have moved to Paruima, Guyana, to work at the Davis Indian School. Steven teaches math and computers and Alice is a stay-at-home mommy to their three-year-old son, Grant.

Joining the UCA staff this year is **Brady Weijohn '08**. He replaces Joe Hess as assistant mens' dean and marketing/recruiting director. Brady is married to **Bethany '08**, who is a nurse. Joe Hess has become the mens' dean.

Alec North '09 and his new wife, Elizabeth, have settled in Ooltewah, Tennessee, where they are both pursuing a MA in business.

After attending UCA, **Sam Fickel '12**, went on to Hermiston High where he played in a marching band and participated in an international music clinic. Following graduation, he joined the Oregon National Guard and finished with honors receiving the "Top Gun Award." He is currently studying business administration at Eastern Oregon University with a focus in marketing and military science. He is an executive officer of the ROTC program, plays on a softball team, and is an independent business owner, all while making the dean's list.

Former UCA Athletics Director John Soule', is the principal at Sacramento Adventist Academy in California. UCA has lovingly dubbed it "Lower Columbia Academy" because John has hired so many of our alumni: **Zach Mason '95** (Science), **Bethany Smith Rojas '96** (VP for Finance), **Mark Janke '98** (History & Geometry), **Bethani King '06** (Language & Music), **Matt Cantrell '07** (Athletic Director), and former UCA faculty members **Mel Wade** (IT), **Teresa Soule'** (Admin. Assistant), and **Chelsea English** (Chaplain & Bible).



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Return Service Requested

Ice Bucket Challenge



If you are on Facebook, you may have seen a variety of videos for the ice bucket challenge in support of ALS. When some of our UCA staff were challenged, they decided to accept the challenge in a grand way. After the annual supper, vespers, and handshake, Maintenance Director Jim Mann arrived with a “bucket” full of ice water to completely cover Bible/History teacher Sid Hardy, Math teacher Kyle Gladding, Principal John Winslow and Pastor Jon Weigley. They, in turn, challenged all North Pacific Union principals, pastors, Bible teachers, and math teachers. For more information on ALS visit their website www.alsa.org. Ice bucket challenge photos by Rob Beaton.