



Alumní Homecomíng September 28 - 30

Honor Classes End in "3" & "8"

Friday, September 28

- 9:30 am FoundationOne Golf Tournament*
- 7:00 pm Registration & Refreshments/Gym
- 7:30 pm Alumni Vespers/Gym

Sabbath, September 29

- 9:00 am Registration Re-opens/Gym
- 10:00 am Alumni Worship Service/Gym
- 12:45 pm Honor Class Pictures/Ad Building Steps
- 1:00 pm Haystacks Lunch/Gym (Donations Appreciated)
- 2:30 pm Tours: Boys' Dorm, The Farm, & Palouse Equestrian Center
- 3:00 pm Honor Class Meetings/Ad Building (Reserved Rooms)
- Evening Honor Class Dinners (Planned by Individual Classes)

Sunday, September 30

9:00 amFlag Football Game, Alumni vs. Students/Field10:00 amBreakfast/Field

* Register for the FoundationOne Larrabee Memorial Golf Tournament at www.FoundationOneuca.org.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from your school, Upper Columbia Academy! I look forward to seeing many of you on our campus in just a few weeks for our annual Alumni Homecoming. We are so very blessed here at UCA to have such a strong and supportive alumni family. I would like to take just a few minutes and share with you some

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of the ways that God is working here at your school. As many of you have heard, we have started a farm here at UCA. This farm will be fully operational by the time of alumni weekend. Our farm will be utilizing a shipping container that we will be able to grow in year round. Our students will not just work on the farm, but their classes will rotate through the farm and the teachers will incorporate the farm into their lessons. We have been very blessed to have donors who have stepped up and completely funded this project.

Last year, we began an equestrian program here at UCA. Students were able to bring their horses to school with them. We are currently building an indoor riding arena for the students to use during the cold, snowy winter months. In addition to this, we are also adding a horsemanship class to our curriculum next year. Our students will be able to take this class and receive PE credit for it.

This past year, we lost our beloved Registrar, Florence Lacey, to cancer. Florence served at UCA for a total of 26 years in a variety of capacities. She was loved by both students and staff alike. Florence was known for her warm smile and her willingness to drop anything to listen and pray with a student. In honor of her service to Upper Columbia Academy, the school board voted to name our girl's dorm Lacey Hall as a way to honor her dedication and service to the students of UCA.

Julie Hagele, our former Vice Principal for Alumni and Development, has agreed to serve as our new Vice Principal for Academics. Julie has done a tremendous job with this transition under very difficult cir-



Shelley Bacon



Julie Hagele

cumstances. Shelley Bacon has accepted an invitation to become our new Vice Principal for Alumni and Recruitment. Shelley is doing a fantastic job in her new role and I know you will enjoy getting to meet and know her better at Alumni Weekend.

Finally, this coming school year, we will be launching a student-led worship service here at UCA. The students will be totally in charge of all aspects of the service. It is our prayer, that by engaging them in the planning and delivery of the worship service, the students will

come to know God in a more real and personal way.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Satan desires nothing more than to attack and tear down what we are doing here. Please pray that we will fully rely on God and stand for the right no matter the cost. Again, I look forward to seeing you at Alumni Homecoming 2018!

Blessings,

SPECIAL FEATURE **Alum helps re-start "The Farm at UCA"**

When you have a story like this, it's hard to know if you should print it in the alumni sec-

tion or the UCA news section! No matter where the story runs, it reads like a dream come true for a school like Upper Columbia Academy.

If you are an alumnus reading this, you likely know UCA owns over 400 acres. You may have gone cross-country running through the fields, or went sledding down a cou-

ple of famous sledding hills near the elementary school or north of the ball fields near where the principal's house now sits.

You may also know that most of that land is currently leased to a farmer who manages and plants it mostly in wheat. It is possible you attended UCA when there was not only an active farm, but also a dairy! You may remember hearing about the bumper potato crop that was harvested in 2015 as part of a re-emerging agriculture program. Some of you may be farmers, or at least like to play in the dirt and eat fresh produce. Others of you believe in the importance of students working and being productive, indoors or outdoors. But all of you - alumni or donors – are fans of UCA and would love to see it succeed.

"Container farming"



Enter Peter Vercio, class of 2003, and his love for both UCA and entrepreneurship. Vercio is



giving UCA a head-start on the re-start of "The Farm @ UCA."

As you approach the campus, you will see a greenhouse just west of the old cafeteria. The greenhouse will soon be producing fresh tomatoes to sell and to be used in the cafete-

ria, but they will not be grown in the soil. Instead, there will be a hydroponic system called "Dutch buckets" to enable production

year-round - not to mention the elimination of weeding!

Just east of the greenhouse, across the railroad tracks and SE from Hymark (the old "Harris Pine Mills" building), you will see a container. You may have heard a new buzz-word called "container farming," and perhaps another relatively new term called "micro-greens." These two ideas are coming together as part of "The Farm at UCA." Vercio and his company will be setting up both the greenhouse system and the con-



"Dutch Buckets"

will be a fantastic place for kids to learn a completely new way of growing food," he says. Teachers are being encour-

aged to integrate "The Farm" into their curriculum, and some, like science teacher Judy Castrejon (Mrs. C to her students) and chemistry teacher Charles Hartman, are excited about integration possibilities. the

UCA is incredibly grateful to several anonymous donors, for dedicated and visionary alumni like Peter Vercio, and to current teachers and staff for making this new and exciting re-make of a time-worn and inspired tradition called farming become a reality at Upper Columbia Academy!

tainer farm so it is ready to start producing by the fall of 2018.

Not only will the farm produce and sell healthy food, but it will also provide opportunities for current UCA students to work in a cutting-edge field. "There are huge amounts of money flowing into the agriculture technology field right now," says Vercio. "We can give UCA students the tools for big job Peter Vercio, '03 Ted McConnachie, '82 possibilities for the future."

McConnachie, has transitioned from his role on maintenance and grounds to be the farm manager. He already has ideas brewing for a website, markets, integration with various courses, and development of student labor, skills, and knowledge. "This

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Guyana Trip

During spring break of this year, nine students including myself had the privilege of going on a mission trip to Paruima, Guyana. It

was an amazing two week experience in South America which entailed a nine hour canoe ride, charter flights over the jungle, bathing in the amazon river, painting two stories high on a bam-

boo ladder, and sleeping in hammocks where the sound of cockroaches scuttling on the floor beneath us could be heard through the night. Because of its remote location it can be nearly impossible to get much needed materials and volunteers to Paruima. One of the most crucial things that our group did while we were there, was paint multiple buildings on campus as well as the Sabbath School building in the village. Not only was this a huge feat, but it also helped protect the buildings from the weather and termite damage that often results in total devastation. It was amazing to see how God worked through the students of Paruima Mission Academy. Throughout our mission, there were always students who were there to help us paint the second we

got there, and they wouldn't leave until all the work was done. I was blessed to be able to get to know some of the students, as well as attend church and Sabbath School with them. Through our worships and everyone's willingness to make a difference you could really

feel God's presence in Guyana. It was definitely an experience none of us will ever forget. ~ *Hannah Petrie, '19, Guyana trip participant*

MALAWI TRIP

Going to Malawi was one of the greatest and most memorable experiences for a lot of people. The scenery was actually

ple. The scenery was actually quite different to what we see in movies and pictures. It was very green, with lots of hills and mountains. The scenery wasn't the only amazing thing though. During this trip, we got to help so many wonderful, deserving people by doing construction, and a free medical clinic. We also split up to different churches, and did preaching and VBS. And so many kids showed up! It was incredible. We ended the trip with a safari in which we saw birds, elephants, impala, and even hip-

even hippos! It was a fantastic trip, and I am glad I got to go! ~ Laura Thomas, '21,













Malawi trip participant

uCA Students traveled to Malawi, Guyana, and Italy for spring break.

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Italy Study Trip

We landed in Milan and

my immediate impression of Italian people was their natural sense of style. Next we traveled to Venice by bus and napped along the way. When we arrived we were greeted warmly by the hotel staff and ate dinner together as a group. The WiFi there was slower than we were accustomed to, but we made it work. Our time in Venice was an incredible experience I don't think I'll ever forget. The well preserved architecture of the city was unique and in a class of its own. We took a gondola ride through the canals to get a true feel for the city. We observed the art in the various museums there and sampled the street food. On our boat ride back to the hotel we sat on our phones and edited pictures that we took that day as the sun set on the horizon. This



was a little snapshot into our fun and adventure filled trip that gave me an insight into the lifestyles, culture, and atmosphere of Italian people in contrast to the United States. I hope someday I can go back to visit or maybe stay forever. ~ *Eliyah Wilson, '19, Italy trip participant.*

Golf at UCA!

This year, UCA added golf to its list of varsity sports. Pictured at top right is the first year's team with the exception of the two

ladies who participated. Bottom right is Coach Johnson (aka Principal Johnson) with Evan Pierce '21 (right) Johnson's son Blake '19 (left), who both went to State.

Equestrian program

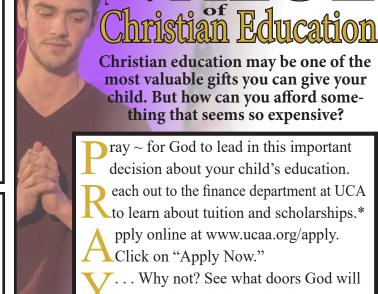
UCA's "Palouse Equestrian Center" is growing! Our indoor arena is under construction, and our horse population is growing thanks to generous friends and community members. Summer equestrian camps are planned,



and students are planning to board their horses here next year.







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ALUMNI FEATURE

NOTE: Long-time former Alumni Director, Linnea Torkelsen, loves to keep track of her beloved UCA alumni. She contacted Joyce Wilkens, '73, one of this year's honor class members, with a request for her to tell more about her story of being "Raggedy Ann" in the well-known Bloomsday 12K "race." Here is Joyce's account of how Raggedy Ann and Andy came to be and have come to an end.

"Raggedy Ann and Andy retire from Bloomsday after 25 some years. During the race,



Joyce, '73, poses in her Raggedy Ann costume, along with her husband Keith and "Raggedy Andy."

Ann has given out Ann dolls and interviews, grabbed and guzzled loads of water cups from eager child volunteers, heard the same yelled-out question "Where's Andy?!" and posed for numerous midrace photos with strangers. Fifteen

years ago, Andy joined her race team and she remembers the excitement at his adoption from a local thrift store, and subsequent workshop surgery to make him lighter and with a handle and coat hanger, facilitating hand waving/high-fives to kids. Ann's favorite Bloomsday moment came this year 2018 as she grabbed a water cup mid-race from a volunteer girl with Downs Syndrome, and the girl's shouts for joy as Andy embraced her and gave a big hug! Thanks for the heart and soul memories Raggedy Ann and Andy! It's been worth the extra sweat and added minutes to my race times!"

When asked to tell the back-story of how this tradition started, here is what Joyce shared:

"Well, I had made three costumes for a church Christmas play in 1988. (A fleece Donald Duck, a clown, and Raggedy Ann.) A few years later after I'd run my best time of 1 hour 15 minutes, I decided that I needed to have a little more fun in Bloomsday and add a little more fun for those that passed me or were spectators/volunteers. Donald Duck was too hot, clown costume too cliche'. But Raggedy Ann was the most likable and colorful. Big red hair was easy to spot in a crowd. And the costume was made of cool cotton. I made the whole



Raggedy Ann, Raggedy Andy, and race-day friends!

costume from hair to striped socks and striped arm sleeves (though this year, mid-race, I had to peel off the arm sleeves due to the increasing heat....one of the hottest Bloomsdays in quite awhile). I ran with my 83 year old mom and we finished together. She got faint just as we met the family at the end. But within a minute, she was feeling fine.

"Throughout this year's race, I began to calculate just how long I thought my body could run in this costume. Though I've thoroughly enjoyed every year running it as Ann, I decided not to push my luck and be a little kinder to by aging body. Several years ago, feeling saddened and compelled, Raggedy Ann stepped out of the race for a minute to pray for a partially-veiled older runner receiving CPR by the side of the road. Things can happen in a race unexpectedly. But it was a reminder for me to listen to my body. I haven't given up Bloomsday as "me" yet, but as Raggedy Ann and Andy retire, they hope people are left with smiles and happy moments to look back on. They sure have memories of many joyful times!"

Do you have a fun, interesting, or poignant story about an alum? Send it to us at alumni@ucaa.org, along with any photos and your contact information. As space allows, we would love to run these stories!

A JACKET FINDS ITS WAY HOME



It was 1990, and Michael Towler's mom ordered him a UCA Leatherman jacket "Right afterwards, our family had a rough

patch. My mother told me she had cancelled the order, and I'd left it at that," recalls Michael. What Michael didn't know was the jacket was ordered and delivered, and had been sitting around at UCA for nearly three decades. It was used as part of a display during alumni weekends to remind everyone of a bygone day when Leatherman jackets were part of the attire students could order and wear. We posted a picture of the jacket on UCA's Facebook page, and within minutes the owner was identified by one of Michael's UCA friends!

We reached out to Michael and learned the back-story. Hearing about the jacket's existence was special to Michael. His mom died a little over 20 years ago, and this jacket brought back fond memories of her. The jacket has now been returned to its rightful owner and is proudly being worn by Michael's 19-year-old son Corbin.



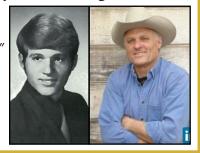
ALUMNUS CREATES INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURE PRODUCT

Dennis Amoroso '71, president of Plant Nutrition Technologies Inc., has created a revolutionary cheap and quality nutrient for the agricultural industry. Here is a quote about his new product:

"Plant Nutrition Technologies Inc. (formerly Advanced Materials Processing, Inc.) removes mine waste from the environment, removes the toxins and heavy metals, then mixes it with bio mass in anaerobic bio-converters to create a highly mineralized and customizable soil amendment fertilizer that will replace synthetics altogether. The

use of this material will reduce water consumption by 40% while increasing yields by 25%."

Source: <u>http://www.wginnovation.</u> <u>com/content/dennis-amoroso.</u> Check out the whole story at <u>https://</u> <u>bit.ly/2KxSKeI</u>.



ALUMNI FEATURE

ADVENTUROUS PETRIE TRAVELS THE WORLD AND RETURNS (HIS KIDS) TO UCA



Elena, Elizabeth, Hannah, and Ron

Ron Petrie, '72, has lived a very interesting life since leaving UCA. He became a NP (nurse practitioner), married Elizabeth Jarvis, and then traveled

the world working for the Foreign Service of the Department of State for 27 years. The family lived in nine countries, including Chad, Ecuador,



Ron and gymnast friends, including Dennis Amoroso

Japan, Bulgaria, and Myanmar, and Ron worked in another 60 countries.

Their twin daughters, Elena and Hannah, came a bit later in life, and as they grew, they heard stories of UCA from their dad and their aunts and uncles who all attended UCA in the early 70's. Ron always planned to send the girls to UCA when they were older, so upon Ron's retirement in Aug. of 2017, they moved to western Montana and enrolled Hannah and Elena in UCA as juniors. The girls are loving their time here! Hannah went on a mission trip this past year, and Elena will go next year. Both girls will be Resident Assistants next year as well. The legacy of involvement at UCA lives on in yet another generation of adventurous Petries!

Annual Report of Donor Support

Upper Columbia Academy continues to thrive largely because of the generous support of YOU, our faithful donors. Listed below are individuals, businesses, groups, and corporations who believe in the mission of UCA and who have been blessed to donate during the 2017-18 school year. THANK YOU from all the staff and students.

Total gifts this school year: \$2,066,719.84

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UCA Alumni Family... "This summer, I will be interning for one of the Idaho Senators in Where Are They Now?



Washington D.C. I am so excited for this opportunity to not only learn and grow in this political field but also promote positive change around me. Looking forward to a

Natalie in DC

great adventure ahead. #WAD-Cintern #teamUSA #teamNat." Natalie Schmidt, '14.

Esther Wolfkill '08, married Chris Obana on April 22, 2018.



Lindsay Werth, '99 recently wed fellow UCA alum Jason Pestana, '98, on June 3, 2018. "We were best friends at Upper Columbia Academy. I never knew he loved me back



then, but nearly 20 years later he found me on Facebook, and the rest is history," Lindsay told us. "Our first date was to the Harvester in Spangle, almost

20 years after graduation, where we ran into Pastor Fred Riffle!"

Megan Pardee, '04 graduated with her masters in International Management from Portland State last December. She's working at Columbia Sportswear and loving it. She and her husband James, also an alum from '04, have recently welcomed

baby Ezra to their family.

James, Ezra, and Megan



Mindy Schreven Woodruff, '08, ran the Boston Marathon this year



and finished in just over 3 hrs and 40 minutes. It was the second coldest / worst weather in the 122 years of the race history.

Doug Benjamin, '85, has lived in Washington State for over 30 years. He is passionate about helping people and makes friends anywhere he goes. He has recently become "Captain" Benjamin, joining a first responders group working with Seattle Fire and Harbor Patrol. He brings over 25

years of boating and customer service experience to Tow Boat Seattle. Doug is a Seahawks fan, professional saxophone player and a pro-



fessional diver. Captain Benjamin is a certified 50 ton vessel towing endorsement Coast Guard Captain.

Victoria and Aaron Vizcarra,

both '04 grads, recently moved to Colville, WA where Aaron works as a nurse anesthetist. They just welcomed their third daughter, Vera, into the world on May 4.



Breann and Luke Byrd, both '02 grads, are back in the NW after finishing their education. Breann is a nurse and Luke is a dentist. They planned their careers and moves

around getting back to the area so they could send their own kids to UCA. Daughter Kate will be a freshman this year!



Rainey Davis, '08 married Christian Bell May 28, 2018, surrounded by friends and lots of UCA alums!



Myron Iseminger, '80, recently accepted a call to serve as the president of the Egypt Union where he previously served as treasurer from 1996-2001. Prior to this, he was the undersecretary at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Maryland. "While this job is important, and someone has to do it, I really have a burden for the Middle East and North Africa," Iseminger said. "Now is a good time to return where front-line action is happening." The Iseminger's daughter,

Sierra, is also a UCA grad ('12) and will be getting married in 2019.



We'd love to hear from YOU about your story! Write to alumni@ucaa.org

"FLOSSIE" A MEMOIR BY MISS KLUG

Fall 1969. Columbia Academy, Battleground, WA. A bubbly freshman entered my classroom, dormitory, and heart. Florence "Flossie" "Spot" Hall radiated sunshine with everyone she interacted with.

July 1997. Upper Columbia Academy (UCA), Spangle, WA. Who would have predicted we would meet again? We now worked together as staff members going by the names of Mrs. Florence Lacey and Mrs. Joy Turner. She was still Flossie to me and many times she referred to me as Miss Klug. During our tenure together at UCA, we shared many laughs about our experiences at Columbia Academy.

smiling

One such memory was as a student in my Home Economics class. She reminded me (more than once) that she sewed the zipper in her dress thirteen times until it met my approval. Thirteen! What a trooper! What a "scarring" memory to be remembered by. Laughter continued with her repeated memory of my dyed coral shoes. She always tried to tell me this story with a straight face but we would always give in to laughter. Her perseverance and positive attitude during academy continued throughout her adult life.

Another memory for us was when the students at UCA realized we were both at Columbia Academy at the same time. "What?" "You (Mrs. Lacey) taught Mrs. Turner in academy?" "Wow!" We would look at each other and just grin.

Breakfast for me on ACT and PSAT Sunday mornings involved a hunt for all the Hershey kisses she would hide in the classroom and my office...talk about sweet memories...even when found months later!

Her legacy will live on for many years. She was a compassionate listener giving counsel (when asked) and sharing many prayers with students, staff, and parents. The students on Class Night realized she was a good sport when dressing in their class colors. The candy bowl in her office was always filled and when anyone came back for seconds

within minutes she just smiled! She inspired others to wear happy red shoes. We will remember her double hand waves, her twinkling eyes when she grinned, and her sweet little "gifts" to students needing a lift. Thank you for stamping beautiful memories in our lives.

> Heaven can't come soon enough! See you there Flossie...love you...

> > Miss Klug

CONNECT WITH YOUR CLASS ON FACEBOOK!

Many classes have created Facebook groups or pages to connect with classmates. Here are the ones we know about. Check out your class page, or start one for your class if you don't have one already.

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1983, 30-year reunion: <u>https://bit.</u> <u>ly/2L1GYss</u>

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FHE CLASS OF 1998'S FORESIGHT SHINES IN 2018!

When you are a senior in high school, it is hard to imagine five years in the future, not to mention 20. But the class of 1998 had the foresight to do something very cool: create and bury a time-capsule that they planned to dig up at their 20th reunion.

Now, that time is nearly upon them! At some point in this alumni weekend's celebration between **September 28 and 30**, memories stored in a bottle will come tumbling out. An alum from another class pined, "I wish we would have done that!" to which came the reply - "It's not too late! Bury one now and dig it up in another 20 years!" I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see what's inside of the 1998 time-capsule! **Don't miss out! Plan now to attend!**



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