

Upper Columbia Academy Alumni Echoes

December 2018



*3rd Annual
Spring Gala!*
Featuring
Fernando Ortega!
Sunday,
April 28, 5:30 pm

The annual spring gala helps high school students benefit from an Adventist education and become part of the UCA family who would not otherwise be able to afford this blessing.

The UCA gymnasium is beautifully transformed for one magical evening of music and fine dining, featuring a delicious dinner prepared by UCA's finest student chefs, and inspirational music by Fernando Ortega and our own UCA Choraliers.

Pledge to sponsor your table of eight:

GOLD LEVEL	\$5,000
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Contact Eric Johnson at eric.johnson@uccaa.org for information on how to become a table sponsor.

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A note from the
PRINCIPAL
Eric Johnson



On behalf of our entire UCA family, I would like to say thank you. We are so blessed here at Upper Columbia Academy to have such a supportive and engaged group of alumni, families and friends who give sacrificially of both their time and treasure to help UCA continue to be a school of excellence.

We are blessed with teachers and staff who pour everything they have into giving our students not just an amazing education, but most importantly, helping our students know Jesus Christ! Only when we reach Heaven, will we know the full impact of their efforts.

We are blessed to reside in the Upper Columbia Conference. UCA would not be the school it is today without the determined efforts of our Conference.

We are blessed with students who go out of their way to show the love of Christ in a variety of ways. Through students who take ownership of our church service, who share a smile with someone who is hurting, or who stay behind to volunteer and help pick up chairs after a program, we are blessed

We are blessed with a local church family whose very mission statement is centered around mentoring both children and youth into a saving relationship with Jesus.

You see, sometimes it is easy to focus on all the challenges we face as an Adventist boarding academy. While the challenges are real and we must pro-actively address them, we cannot lose sight of the richness of God's blessings. Recently I spent some time just looking through past yearbooks. As I read through them, I was reminded of the countless lives who have been blessed and changed by walking these halls here at Upper Columbia Academy.

We are blessed!

Eric Johnson
Principal



To our dear alumni ~ This edition of the Alumni Echoes should arrive between two seasons of blessings: Thanksgiving and Christmas. The newsletter is focused on Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2018, which honored classes ending in 3 and 8. In the pages that follow, you will find familiar faces and read interesting stories of your classmates and friends. As much as possible, the stories on each page are related to a specific decade, but they will be peppered with photos of alumni weekend, stories and quotes of current students, and other interesting tidbits. We apologize ahead of time for getting anyone's name wrong in the group photos! As always, we would love to include YOUR stories in future editions. Just send an email to me at alumni@ucca.org. Photos are always welcome!

May God bless each of you in this season of blessings.

Until next time -

SPECIAL FEATURE

What: A church service envisioned by youth (in the spring of 2018) and supported by UCA staff and UCA church members, designed by youth under the direction of UCA mentors, prayed over by youth alongside adult staff, planned by youth working in teams with a staff mentor, and presented by youth - pretty much all by themselves!

When: Five Sabbaths during the 2018-19 school year, beginning with November 3rd.

Where: Upper Columbia Academy Adventist Church.

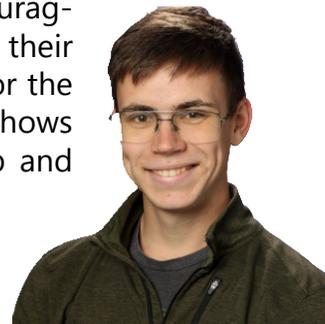
Who: Five student teams, led by Kerianne Kruger, incorporating a wide range of students participating in their areas of strength: music, drama, speaking, children's story-telling, organizing, praying!

Why: Why not? Why not empower our young people to worship God in meaningful and relevant ways? Why not challenge them to lead out in worship now rather than waiting until they are older? Why not enable them to touch the hearts of their peers in ways only they can, through the working of the Holy Spirit?

YOUTH CHURCH AT UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY

I had the wonderful opportunity to play a part in the planning of Youth Church. I came to UCA my freshman year and ended up leaving halfway through for personal reasons. I worked on a ranch this summer and towards the end I had a tugging on my heart to come back to UCA. I can't help but feel like Youth Church leadership was one of the many reasons God wanted me to come back to UCA. I signed up on a "Teen Leadership in the Church" paper during registration day because I've played guitar for worship at church for the last couple years. Little did I know that I would be picked for a small group of people that would be planning out Youth Church. I was very surprised to see that God was already calling me to do something bigger than just going to school and being involved in a couple praise services... In the helping of Youth Church, I found an amazing group of people who are working for Jesus and who have love in their heart. It was really exciting to watch all of our work play out. This last Sabbath it was truly encouraging to see other kids just like me playing their part. A junior and a senior even spoke for the sermon! I love Youth Church because it shows that everyone can be a part of worship and make an impact.

Hayden McCombs, class of 2019
Youth Church Team Leader



**OVERCOMING
THE
Fear factor**



SPECIAL EDITION:

Michael Anthony
19 hrs

Steps of Gratitude, November 19... 10,000 steps dedicated to the service of Billy Chramosta...

Mr. Chramosta's name is not yet on the monument, but will be added soon. Welcome to our group, Billy, and thank you for your service...



Who remembers this music program from 1959? Times have changed since the 50's, but the music program at UCA remains strong!

Michael Anthony honors Billy Chramosta, class of '51, by walking 10,000 steps. Read more about Michael's story on page 8.

<p><i>Music Department</i></p> <p>Warne Bouse Vocal Director Dora Latschka Instrumental Director Olivia Harder Piano, Organ Carol Cobb Piano</p> <p>Script by Gladys Worth</p> <p>Narrators: Barbara Allen Kenneth Hart</p> <p>Travelers: Carol Eder Bruce Johnson Janis Thomas Melvin Swaback</p> <p>Accompanists: Carol Cobb Hamilton Beabe Norma Bolton</p>		<p>The Music Department presents</p> <p>MUSIC - A - RAMA</p> <p>"AROUND THE WORLD IN 30 MINUTES"</p>  <p>Upper Columbia Academy Saturday, March 21, 1959 8:15 P. M.</p>
<p><i>Program</i></p> <p>"Far Away Places" _____ Kramer-Gerhart Golden Chords</p> <p>HAWAII "Hawaiian Medley" _____ Sr. Trio</p> <p>JAPAN Vocal Aria "Un bel di" (from Madama Butterfly) _____ Puccini July Trowbridge</p> <p>CHINA "Chop Blinks" _____ Arr. Swift Golden Chords</p> <p>INDIA Piano Duet "Song of India" _____ Rimsky-Korsakoff Karen Schoepflin, Nadine Platner</p> <p>"In A Persian Market" _____ Kiteley Concert Band</p> <p>RUSSIA "Song of the Volga Boatman" _____ Folk Song Jr. Quartet</p> <p>AUSTRIA "Concerto" _____ Mozart James Schoepflin</p> <p>GERMANY Piano Solo "Hondo Capriccio" _____ Mendelssohn Nita Bolton</p>	<p><i>Program</i></p> <p>"Hungry Five" _____ James Schoepflin, Mike Gordon, Sony Olson, Don Bakeman, Kenneth Bilings</p> <p>HUNGARY "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 5" _____ Liszt Piano Quartet: Erlene Bolton, Nita Bolton, Betty Shada, Karen Schoepflin</p> <p>FRANCE Organ Solo "Toccata" _____ Wilder Norma Bolton</p> <p>Vocal Aria "O Love Land Thine Aid" (from Sampson and Delilah) _____ Saint Saens Sharon Barker</p> <p>IRELAND Vocal Duet "How Ireland Got It's Name" _____ Ball The Harmonettes</p> <p>SCOTLAND Vocal Solo "Comin' Through the Rye" _____ Arr. Crist Ardith Uptain</p> <p>ENGLAND "Old Aloon Blows" _____ Arr. Brittain Golden Chords</p> <p>NEW YORK HARBOR "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" _____ Berlin-Bingstedt Golden Chords</p> <p>FINALE "I Like It Here" _____ Boland Band and Choir</p>	

1940'S

HONOR CLASS OF 1948

Bob Benfield and Nadine Merth Reneau attended their 70th reunion on Alumni Homecoming Weekend. Nadine traveled from College Place, WA, and Bob came all the way from Fair Oaks, CA.



HOMECOMING!

9-20-2018

Dear Family reunion,

SORRY I CAN'T BE THERE WITH YOU TODAY, BUT MY HEART AND SOUL IS THERE. I DON'T DO COMPUTERS OR SMART PHONES THAT ARE SMARTER THAN I AM! AND MY POOR OLD TYPEWRITER IS ABOUT SHOT, AS YOU CAN SEE. DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND MY CONTROL AND MY HEALTH PROBLEMS (WHICH I WON'T GO INTO, AS I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IS ALL OLD FOLKS TALK ABOUT) SO I AM UP AND ABOUT AND VERY ACTIVE BUT NOT VERY FAST!! I STILL DRIVE, JUST TO TOWN AND BACK TO GET GROCERIES DON'T WANT TO GET VERY RISKY. I GRADUATED IN 1950 SO THAT MAKES ME 68 NOW AND STILL CLIMBING.

I will send you a picture of our Easter breakfast, they all come home for biscuits and gravy, and they all bring something and come in and fill their plates and then go out side to eat, no matter what kind of weather it is then they all play games for the day. (I started all of this) in the picture I am the one in the 4th chair over from the left holding one of my great grands with a red dress on. Then I will send you a picture of me up at Lake Wenatchee visiting relatives. And I earned every one of those grey hairs!!

Don't want this to be too long so what take any more of your time, just wished I was ther with you.

*Please excuse all the mistakes, I never did learn how to do things perfect!
Love all of you guys, have fun!
Kiss blessings on all. (This is why I don't write!) ☺
Yvette Carey
"1950"*

Yvette Carey, class of 1950, shares a fun letter with her classmates!



1950'S



HONOR CLASS OF 1958:

First Row: Bette (Schlagel) Rogers, Marilyn (Unsell) Kelln, Joyce (McAlexander) Chinn, Sandra (Knauff) Wallace. **Second Row:** Bethine (Kinder) Henderson, Eva Lou (Carlson) Diebel, Rose Marie (Hoerling) Tiffany, Harold Beebe, James Hughes. **Third Row:** Ruby (Ott) Miller, Barbara (Wagner) Schwartz, Carolyn (McWold) Stentzel, Richard Martin Burnett, Neil Car, Donna McDow, William King.

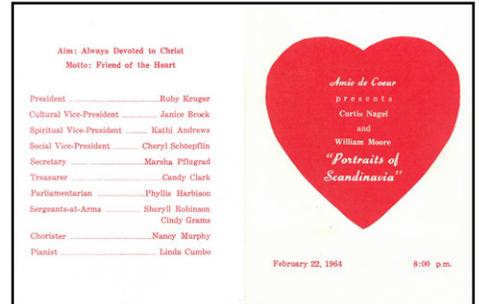


"I was helping out at the barn during alumni weekend. We were giving people rides on the mini carts and I overheard a little girl telling her mom that she wants to go here when she grows up."

Adrianna Friend, class of 2019



Alumni Homecoming is a time to smile, laugh, reminisce about the past and look forward to the future!



1960'S



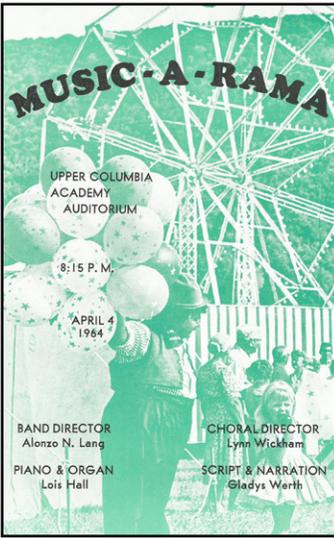
HONOR CLASS OF 1963:

Left to right: **First row:** Joe Fisher, Roger Cumbo, Gail (Woofter) Peterson, Anita (Bauer) Delafield, Connie (Beebe) Goltz. **Second Row:** Tom Olson, Betty (Coleman) Cox, Ron Crisp, Duane Galland, Gary Likes, Sandra (Worden) Johnson-Vermeir, Dorothy Davis.

HONOR CLASS OF 1968:

Left to right: **First Row:** Cathy (Uptain) Gomez, Connie (Budd) Grant, Kathy (Kirklin) Heck, Connie (Anderson) Burke, Charlotte (Kenny) Schober, Linda (Gibson) Downs, Jayne (Coon) DiDario-Conley, LouElla (Valice) Weaver, Suzanne (Swisher) Shephard, Judy (Pellow) Fleming, Vernita (Tompkins) Coffey, Doug Ball, Larry Johnson, John Jackson. **Second row:** Sharen (Cornehl) Zacko, Wendy (LaMare) Hernandez, June (Dasher) Wagging. **Third row:** Frank Meidell, Helmut Gottschall, Fay (Clark) Scott, Carol Cafferky. **Fourth row:** Harold Reich, Dallaspeare, John Vixie, Mike Schwartz, Glen





Charlotte (Kenny) Schober and Michael Cafferky entertained and informed the audience while doing the annual "Roll Call" at Alumni Homecoming.



"I always like serving the alumni for Sabbath lunch on alumni weekend. The alumni are always grateful for us serving them. They always have huge smiles on their faces, except when we ran out of guacamole. Then the sweetest old lady was seriously upset!"

Jordan Walker, class of 2019



1960'S



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 as Murphy, John Nord, Dennis Carlson, David Jacobson, Wes Brown, Bill Erickson, Jack Nelson, Betwyn Shake-
 n Weller, Marvin Gottschall, Wayne Senner, Wilton Hart, Larry Moore, Lee Canwell, Dan Meidinger.



Michael Anthony
November 18 at 9:47 PM
Steps of Gratitude, November 18... 10,000 steps dedicated to the service of Archie Beebe...



Michael Anthony hails from the class of 1970. Check out his inspirational story, written 11/19/2018!

"I have completed 1,250,000 steps as of last night... Recently there were 23 names added to the monument, and their names will be included in this project as well. There are also two additional names Michael Walter found that will be added to the monument at some point... I will be including them as well..."

According to Michael, there are currently 147 names on the monument. Michael determined to walk 10,000 steps for every name listed, plus the ones that will be added. "They will be steps of Gratitude for the alumni who have served on my behalf," says Michael. "I am grateful for their service and for providing me with my goal." On August 21st, he added 10,000 steps for his own son who died on that day in 2000. He was serving in the US Navy at that time. Search for Michael's Facebook page: **Steps of Gratitude**. He posts names and odometer readings regularly.

1970'S

Honor Class of 1973:

From left to right: Ron Prewitt, Wendy Harvey Maxted, Ronni Lee Trueblood, Nancy Wooster Harms, Joyce Anderson Wilkens, Reginald Jones. (Not pictured: Donna Ballou and Mark Herbes.)



Honor Class of 1978:

From left to right: **First row:** Diane (Steffanson) Jorgenson, Karen (Henderson) Andrews, Helen (Whitehead) Teske, Rick Jackson, Lynda (Tucker) Bailey, Steve Shelly, Kent Brussett, Jim Morgan. **Second row:** Sue (Lindblom) Willet, Rick Sloop, Jacqueline (Engeberg) Anderson, Joy (Mende) Parker, Galen Brown, Possibly Lori Zegke Coleman, Karla (Duncan) Grady, Cheryl (Laubach) Griffiths. **Third row:** Robert Van Dorn, Terri (Blood) Yoshida, Margee (Stephenson) Lewellyn, Ed Parker, Mardi (Harding) Bock, (?), Susan (Baker) Davis, Greg Griffiths. **Fourth row:** Rollie Bock, Darrell Brunetti, Ron Eastman, Susan (Brown) Eastman.

Alumni weekend: The time where familiar faces appear and nostalgia comes upon all.

Francisco Mendoza, class of '20



Greg Griffiths from the 40 year honor class (1978), inspired us with a sermon entitled "Some Things Never Change." His hair, however, has!

Dixie (Dorner) Hunt connects with friends on Alumni Weekend!



1970'S





What alumni weekend means to me:
 "The smiling faces of old friends reuniting."
 Carson Mooney, class of 2019



1980'S

HONOR CLASS OF 1988:

From left to right: **First Row:** Darnell Nelson. **Second Row:** Leonard Pope, Susie (Bebee), Jennifer (Rathjen) Bartholomew, Lisa (Ruud) Sloop, Kelly (Sanford) Hagle, Don Olson, Stacey (Pedersen), Mikelle (Fellows) Reiswig, Lori (Thomas), Prudence (Warren) Martin. **Third Row:** Laura (Robertson) Sandquist, Stacy (Smith) Santee, Clint Heagy, Debbie (Root) Heagy, Rita (Smith) Sanchez, Shane McPherson, Loretta Hanson, Lisa Zbaraschuk, Meaghan (Cutting) Balli, Jana Boyd, Kim (Anderson) Broadfoot, Todd Kettner. **Fourth Row:** Kelly Santee, Candace (Maxted) Seely, Doug Ellison, Jeff Wilkinson, Frank Rho, Lori Thomas, Joanna Littlefield, Tom Underhill, Julie (Grange) Medina, Jim James, Duane Engeberg, Phil Kovalenko, Tara (Graham) Kettner.





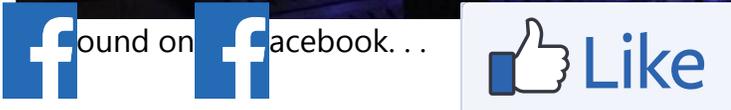
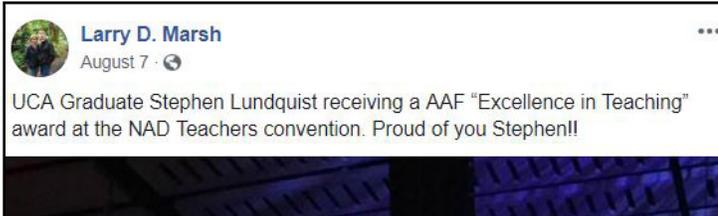
Brent Featherston, class of 1983, and Robyn Cawdery Featherston, class of 1982, have lived in the Sandpoint, ID area for 26 years. Robyn has been the head teacher at Sandpoint Junior Academy for five years and worked there in various capacities for 26 years - ever since the family moved to the area where her husband Brent grew up. Brent joined his father in his law practice, and his younger brother Jeremy, president of the class of 1991, recently joined the practice as well. Brent serves on the FoundationOne board where he proudly helps to secure Adventist education for future students at UCA.



Robyn and Brent's two children are also UCA grads. Conner graduated from UCA in 2013 and recently finished his BS in Business Automotive Management at Walla Walla University, graduating in the spring of 2018. Micaela is a junior at WWU, majoring in elementary education. She graduated from UCA in 2015. Both children spent a year as student missionaries during their WWU experience.

1980'S





Doug Kirk, '90, married Wendy Ediger on September 15, 2018!

1990'S



Photos from June 1998, showing students preparing a "time capsule" for burial. Right: Pastor Fred and Travis Laws try to find it!



Honor Class of 1998:

Left to right: **First row:** Fawnia (Wills) Farrar, Lisa (Gilbert) Winn, Becca (Nelson) Long, Jill (Cramer) Kiele, Misty (Wood) Shipp, Rocky Jellison, Mandy (Silver) Weber, Brooke (Segebartt) Miner. **Second row:** Joel Mundall, Andrew Sheffer, Debra (Matson) Visscher, Heidee (Leen) Hanson, Mark Janke, Chelane (Canwell) Fackenthall, Laurie (Griffin) Halversen, Holley (Leen) Bryant, Seth Kiele, Steve Porter, Andy Edwards, Ramona (Hyslop) Olson. **Third row:** Christy (Canaday) Twigg, Mandy (Henneberg) Roper, Lisa Wijma, Marlan Kay, William Cordis, Mark Shields, Denver Wilkinson, Travis LaShanin (Olson) Gillen, Kristi (Harlan) tamillas, Michelle (Spady) Adams, Heather Rookstool, Nathan Kay, Marvin Thorpe, Fred Riffle.



Every year as the week of Alumni Homecoming approaches, the A/V team at UCA works hard to get things prepared for the big weekend. In order for alumni who can't come to this big fun weekend to be able to at least watch it remotely, the A/V team has a lot to do so people can see it. They have to set up the cameras, the lights, the speakers, and the backroom where they direct the whole program. They also have to lay down lots and lots of cables on the floor so things can work properly. They can spend from Wednesday all the way to Friday evening right before the program starts to set things up. That's hundreds of hours of work to get ready for Alumni Homecoming. The A/V team is the key for alumni weekend.

Brianna Hershey, class of 2019, A/V team leader



Jason Hunt married Tracy on June 17, 2017, and were recently blessed with a beautiful baby girl. Abigail Hunt was born on October 19, 2018.

1990'S



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Faithful Seeds Farm
October 23 at 9:43 AM

Organic, Non-Gmo Planting and Cooking Garlic. We sell our Planting garlic for \$10.00 a lb and our cooking garlic for \$7.00 a lb. Message me for more info. When buying for cooking, most people usually just want a mix of garlic, but we can give you any variety you prefer.

Spanish Roja garlic - a 'true flavored' garlic. The flavor is sweet, rich and complex when cooked. If eaten raw, it is hot but there is still a sweetness that comes through. Great for making amazing salsa! This is our personal favorite flavored garlic.

Lorz Italian garlic - popular with Italian chefs because it is so flavorful. It is spicy with a medium heat and is robust in flavor and makes a scrumptious, rich roasted garlic. Lorz Italian is great in pasta dishes, stir fries, mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables and tomato sauces. . . .



Carrie (Boothby) Trujillo, class of 2001, updated everyone on what she and her family are doing

Marlin Thorman, class of 2006, along with his wife, are recognized for an amazing feat of climbing the highest peak in every state (except Denali for Trisha)!

Trisha Thorman is with Marlin Thorman.
13 hrs

Spokesman Review wrote an article in the Sunday paper today about Marlin's and my journey to climb the highest point in each of the 50 states, which we completed in 2016. (Well, all except Denali for me.) Tomorrow we are giving a presentation about our highpoints journey at 7pm at Mountain Gear Corporate Headquarters. It is a free event. You can read the online version of the article through this link:
<https://www.facebook.com/93402646720/posts/10155605643701721/>



found on  facebook. . . 

2000'S

Alumni weekend came around this year, my last year before joining the ranks of the alumni. Busy as usual, I did what I had to so I could do what I wanted to. On the way to my room, I passed alumni checking out the newly remodeled boys' dorm rooms. I entered my room and grabbed what I needed. Just then, I saw an alumni I'd seen around that day and introduced

myself. We started talking as we neared the new rooms. I offered to show him mine. I was hesitant as my room was a mess and I said as much. But as a former dorm student himself, he understood and didn't mind. We talked about teachers we had in common and jobs we'd both held. We both did gymnastics and it turns out the mats we replaced last year were new his

senior year. We had a great chat and it was cool getting to know him. Times change and people age but after our talk he was another part of my UCA family and to me that's what it's all about.

Takota Byard, class of 2019




Rebeka Farnam
August 25, 2008

To everyone who was praying for Nick Maniscalco. We just got word that he was able to go home on Friday!!!! He is still in a wheelchair but is doing some home therapy now and improving everyday. Praise God for the miracle!!

What Takota didn't know was that he was talking to Nick Maniscalco, class of 2007, who had been seriously injured in a car accident on Jan. 27, 2008. He now walks with a cane, but is thankful to be alive!



Benjamin Lee Wesley shared a post.
July 16 · 🌐

Kevin Ekvall has a God given talent. I'm so glad to have met him and even more glad he uses his talents for Christ. **Congratulations** Kevin!!!

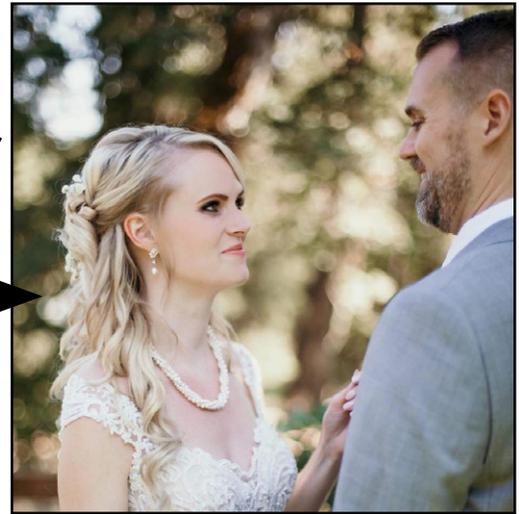


Kevin Ekvall
July 15

I had a great day at ICVM yesterday. We were quite surprised to win best documentary and best drama under \$250,000!

Kevin Ekvall, class of 2002, wins award

In September, Richard Pince and Melissa Slawson, '02, were married.



Ryan Haberly, class of 2004, is featured in this terrific short video:
<https://www.facebook.com/GoodtoGomedia/videos/2150319298576188/>



2000'S

HONOR CLASS OF 2008:

Left to right:
First row: Philip Schroetlin, Camilyn Clayville, Emily Muthersbaugh, Ramona (Clark) Marvin, Kyla (Humbert) Smith. **Second row:** Russell Thorman, Brady Weijohn, Ashley (Wilkinson) Shipowick, Rainey (Davis) Bell, Dustin Horn. **Third row:** Joe Pardee, Bethany (Andrews) Weijohn, Allen Neil.





Alumni Homecoming always provides time to connect to friends, current and former staff, board members, and the UCA community in general. Fine music is always provided by the UCA music department. Plan now to attend homecoming weekend September 27-29, 2019!



2010'S



While a student at Upper Columbia Academy, Cody Rittenbach, who graduated in 2012, could often be found working in the cafeteria. Now, he has returned not only to UCA to work, but also to the very spot where he was once a Student Supervisor: the UCA cafeteria! While Cody was a student at UCA, he was also voted "Man of the Year" by the mens' dorm!

Cody loves his dog and his work, likes to think about what is the best car to drive, and loves to smile and talk to people!

Yes, it's a long way from home... but I am here because of an excellent school here in Princeton called Westminster Choir College. It's a dream school for me and I am blessed to be able to get my masters in Vocal Pedagogy and Performance here. The program is only two years long, and then I will hopefully be moving back to the PNW.

Thanks! Thoughts and prayers are always appreciated.
Lindsay Nalani Armstrong, class president of the class of 2012



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Clockwise from left: New decal promoting The Farm (ask and we'll send one to you!); executive chef Charlie from Wild Sage is very supportive of The Farm; The Harvester in Spangle loves our Romaine lettuce; executive chef Sean and new owner Susan from Latah Bistro are excited to be working with The Farm; Cody from Clover Restaurant buys microgreens and basil from The Farm; Brooke at Main Market also loves the Romaine lettuce; Sean at My Fresh Basket is a regular buyer. Check out these businesses and thank them for their support of The Farm!

THE FARM



"The Farm," featuring several hydroponic growing methods and producing microgreens, basil, tomatoes, peppers, and several different microgreens and lettuce varieties, is making progress! The various growing methods are functioning well and the students taking the "21st Century Agriculture" class are learning how to manage the whole system.

local restaurants and specialty markets in the Spokane area. To date, microgreens have been delivered to some of the area's top restaurants: Wild Sage, Clo-

Romaine lettuce, and the UCA cafeteria has a standing order for lettuce which is harvested and delivered daily. We are now providing most if not all of the lettuce needed by the caf, as well as fresh basil. The Farm also delivers lettuce to My Fresh Basket and Main Market in Spokane (see photos above).



Left: Students check on plant growth during class time. Right: Shelley Bacon delivers the first order to My Fresh Basket

Of course, once you have produce, you need to do something with it! Shelley Bacon was tasked with marketing the produce to

Wandering Table, and Latah Bistro. Our local Spangle Harvester Restaurant has ordered

The next time you are on campus, stop by and check out The Farm! You won't be disappointed! You can also follow us on Facebook or on our website, www.thefarmatuca.org.



Who doesn't enjoy a fun photo booth? Guests and students, young and old, lined up to get their photos snapped in the lovely "booth" prepared by UCA communications intern Julie McAdams.

TIME CAPSULE REMA

It was early June just over 20 years ago, and an excited group of seniors – the class of 1998 – were getting ready for their eminent graduation in just a few days. Class president Mark Janke was dutifully working on graduation details when someone from the class asked him for an item to put

into a "time capsule." Apparently, the idea to create a time capsule and bury it was a spontaneous one. Someone who lived locally produced a 30+ plastic gallon drum from their farm, and others asked each classmate to add something to the time capsule. Great care was taken to seal the drum so moisture

wouldn't ruin the contents over the course of the next 20 years – the time frame that had been determined for when it would be dug up and opened again. A site was chosen, near the memorial tree that had been planted to honor classmate Erin Edgerton who had passed away in December. There was much excitement as the hole was dug and the container buried. Somewhere in the midst of the confusion, a classmate snapped a few photos to commemorate the moment.

by and the 20th reunion neared. Alumni director Shelley Bacon was contacted by Brooke Miner Segabart in the spring of 2018, with a request to help find the location of the time capsule. At first, this seemed like an easy request. Surely someone had marked the spot, or taken GPS coordinates, or SOMETHING. Multiple contacts were made to various class members, sponsors, former faculty, and others to find more information about the exact location of the capsule. The current maintenance and grounds people at UCA tried several times using different methods to identify where it was. Two times people used metal detectors to help in the search, with the hope that something metal had been included in the contents. No luck.



Alumni homecoming weekend approached and anticipation was high that the time capsule's contents would be revealed. Classmates drove in from around the area, and flew in from around the country, and even the world – Joel

Twenty years seems like an eternity to a student graduating from academy, but as time tends to do, the years flew



Before and after: beautiful and tasty cupcakes being made by students, and guests enjoying them!

Left: Alumni checking out the composite photos. Right: Students doing the same!

INS FROZEN IN TIME

Mundall coming from as far away as Honduras – in part to witness the big reveal of the time capsule. Sabbath afternoon, the class gathered on the hillside where most agreed the capsule had been buried. “20 feet and 98 degrees” had been bantered about as to the location of the barrel. The thinking was it was going to be 20 years before it was dug up, and this was the mighty class of '98 that had this brilliant idea to capture mementos of themselves at the end of their high school years and produce them 20 years later for their matured selves to reflect upon. This 20 feet and 98 degree location had been thoroughly vetted already with no sign of the capsule, but the class was just sure it had to be located in that area. Class members procured shovels and started digging. Pastor Fred, current UCA Bible teacher who also taught the class of '98 as one of his



first classes, joined in. Lisa (Gilbert) Winn texted her mom, who was able to find the photo Lisa had taken of the original event and send it via technology that would only have been dreamed about in 1998. Everyone stood around comparing

the photo to the current physical landscape. Marvin Thorman, former UCA math teacher who had come in response to an invitation from the class of '98 and who was assisting in the digging, joined others in analyzing the old photo mathematically to determine the most likely location to dig.

As the afternoon wore on

and no sign of the time capsule appeared, Travis Laws suggested other more significant ways to find this! How about using a back hoe? There was no deterring this class in their efforts to make good on their plans to dig up this red beauty holding the remnants of a bygone era. Hence, the serious digging commenced, and continued until the sunlight dimmed and it was no longer safe to continue. Principal Eric Johnson finally had to call off the search. The hillside was a mess with multiple holes from shovels and large trenches from the backhoe, but alas, no sign of the time capsule had been found. They had given it their all, but their plans were foiled.

Other methods of locating the time capsule are being considered. If it can be found, perhaps the mighty class of 1998 will once again gather on the hillside near their special memorial tree to open the elusive time capsule. Stay tuned!

CONNECT WITH YOUR CLASS ON FACEBOOK!

Begin planning for Alumni Homecoming 2019 NOW! Email alumni@ucca.org for a list of classmate's contact info. Create a Facebook group! Reserve rooms at UCA. Organize a Saturday night event. Plan now to CONNECT with your UCA class!

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- Choral Clinic, January 31-February 2, UCA. Students grades 7 and up are invited to participate!
- Senior Recognition Weekend, February 22-23, UCA.
- Academy Days, April 11-12, UCA. Students in grades 8 and up are encouraged to check out UCA!
- Final Choral/Orchestra concert, band concert, ACRO Soul home show, May 24-25, UCA.
- Graduation Weekend: June 7-8, UCA.

If you know of students grades 8 and up who could benefit from attending UCA, INVITE THEM to these events! Email info@ucca.org for more information.



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