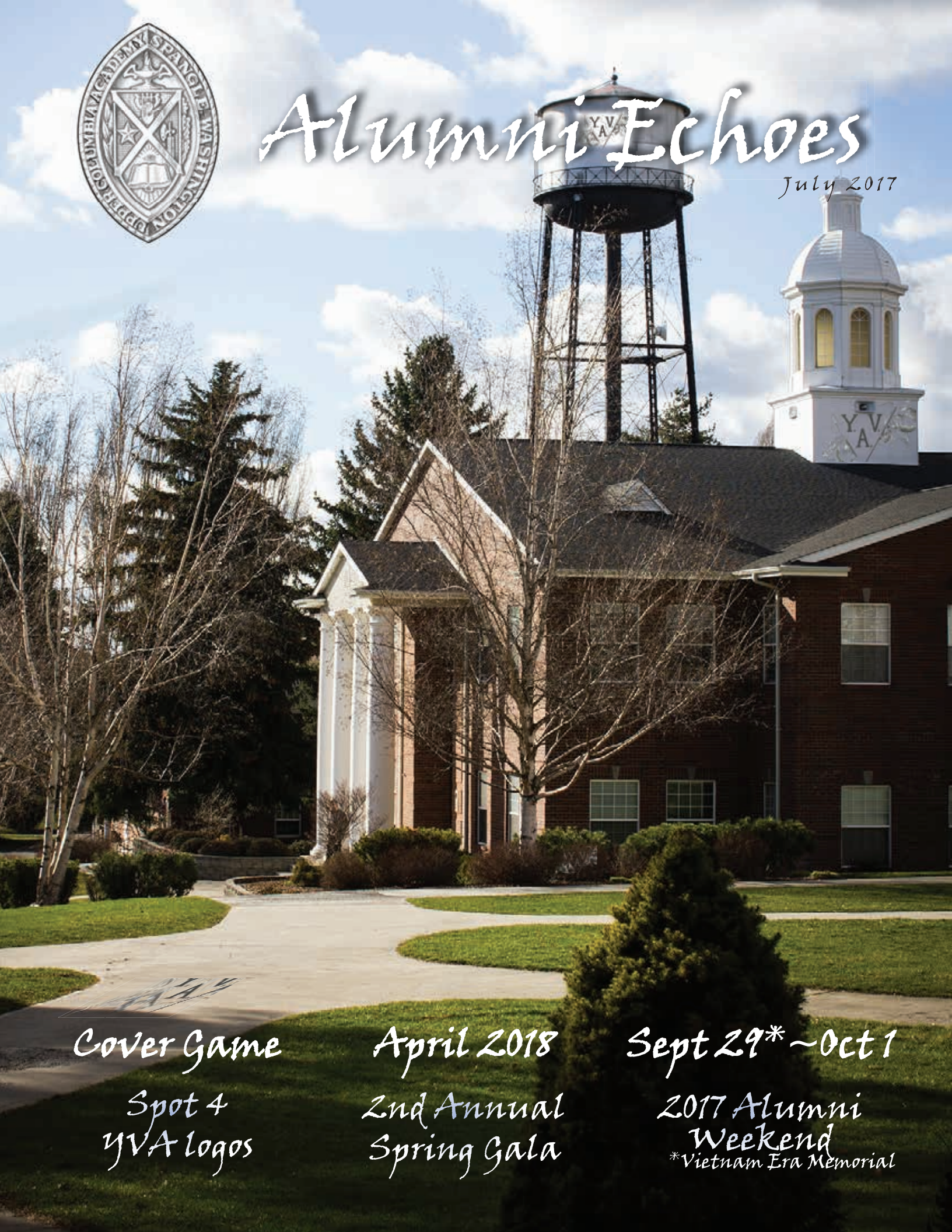




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# Echoes

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## A message for you...

Upper Columbia Academy is blessed to have such an amazing base of support from our alumni. I have only been on campus for a little over a year, but I have already seen firsthand the support and

generosity of our alumni. For that, I want to say, **"Thank you!"**

We are preparing for the start of another school year here at UCA in just a few weeks. As we continue to build on the spiritual and programming strengths known at UCA, we anticipate many wonderful learning experiences for our students. I am very grateful to see God continue to impress staff and students to be a part of our family here at UCA.

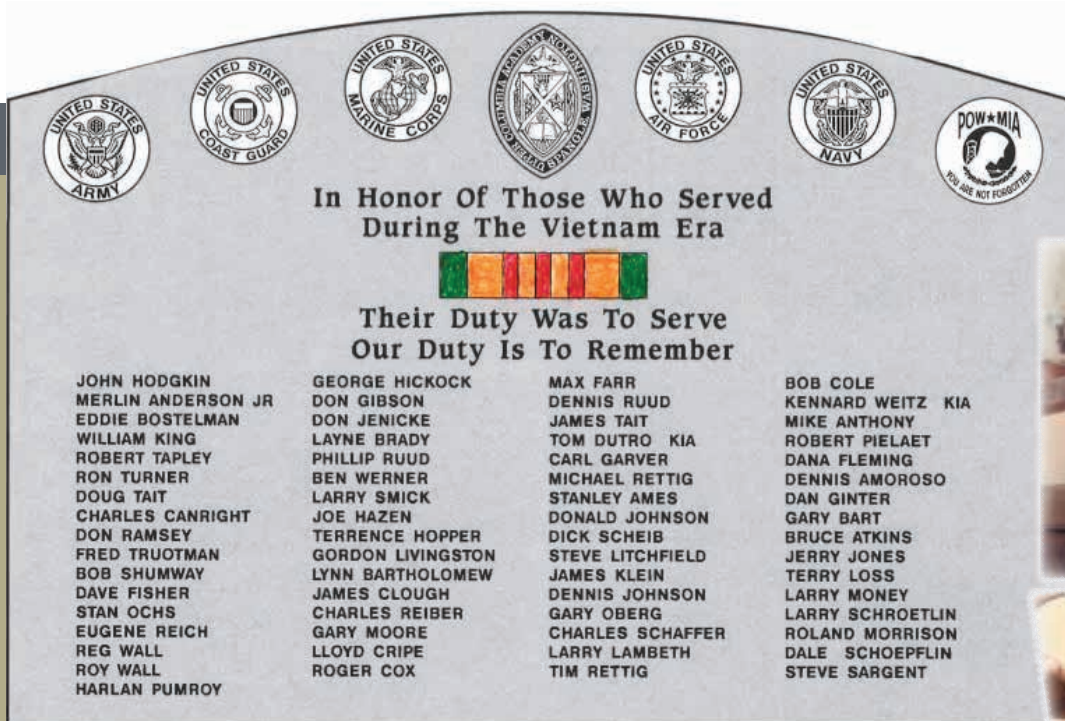
There is still much work to be done at UCA as we keep Joshua 1:9 firmly planted in our hearts. I ask that you please keep us in your prayers that we would be able to share Christ in real and meaningful ways to our students this year.

I look forward to seeing you this Alumni Weekend, September 29 to October 1, or at one of our area alumni chapter meetings.

Blessings,



Eric Johnson, Principal  
principal@ucca.org



HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU? BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED, AND DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO. JOSHUA 1:9



View the updated list on **facebook**   
Group: UCA Vietnam Era Servicemen



# 2nd Annual *Spring Gala*

April 22, 2018

Upper Columbia Academy

presents

## 1st Annual Spring Gala a Success

On April 23, 240 guests filled the banquet hall as UCA hosted its 1st Annual Spring Gala. At the direction of Renetta Seeley and Allison Winslow, the gymnasium was transformed into an elegant venue for the special evening. Guests were greeted by members of the Class of 2017, who escorted them to their tables, then served dinner prepared by UCA's very own food services. At the conclusion of the meal, all enjoyed a special concert by Christian recording artist, Steve Green, and the UCA Choraliers.

The purpose for the Gala was to connect students with the efforts that make UCA possible for others to attend and share the spiritual gift of music. Over \$40,000 was raised for tuition assistance. "God blessed this evening in a mighty

*Michael  
Card*

*with the  
UCA Choraliers*



way," states UCA Principal, Eric Johnson. "Because of the generosity of those who attended, we far exceeded our goals for this event."

UCA invites you to plan to attend the Spring Gala on April 22, 2018. Michael Card will be on campus to present a very special concert that you won't want to miss. For more information regarding sponsoring a table, contact Julie Hagele.

SPONSOR YOUR SPRING GALA TABLE ► [alumni@uccaa.org](mailto:alumni@uccaa.org)

## Vietnam Era Memorial

Terry Loss ►



June 2, 2017

Dear Graduates & former students of UCA,

We are so proud and excited to share with you a project underway at UCA, led by the Class of 1966. A beautiful memorial will be constructed to honor former UCA students who served our country during the Vietnam War era, approximately 1960-1975. A black granite structure, located in the Admin-Cafeteria courtyard will display engraved names of those who served.

Most of the project donations are in hand, but there is just a little bit more needed. (Project gifts are made payable to UCA and note Vietnam Memorial.) UCA has been a great partner in the accomplishment of this project. If you know names of those who served, email [mhwalter@gmail.com](mailto:mhwalter@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you, perhaps in uniform, at the dedication, Friday, September 29, 2017.

Sincerely,

Alicia Fleck Brown, '66   Marlene Johnson Curry, '66  
Bud Smick, '66   Mic Walter '66

◀ Gordon Livingston '65



◀ Tom Dutro





# Welcome Home!

Yes, UCA's Alumni weekend starts September 29. The fun begins Friday morning with the Bob Larrabee Memorial Golf Tournament hosted by FoundationONE, (contact info on back cover). Event proceeds build FoundationONE's endowment that funds students to attend UCA.

Friday evening, at 5:30, we will have a special dedication ceremony of the Vietnam Era Memorial in honor of our alumni who served our country from 1960-1975. We encourage all who attended YVA & UCA and served our country during this time to attend, in uniform if possible, and join us for an expression of gratitude. Our choir will perform and taps will be played in honor of those who have died. UCA would like to thank Michael Walter and his Class of 1966 team, Alicia Brown, Marlene Curry, and Bud Smick for their hard work on this project. Dr. Walter approached UCA about a year ago with the idea to honor our under-appreciated servicemen of this era.

Vespers will follow the dedication ceremony at 7:30pm in the gym.

On Sabbath, Church will begin at 10 am in the gymnasium. Dan Lamberton, '67 and Lynda Farr Skau, '67 are coordinating the Church program. Lunch will be provided immediately following church. Yes, we have heard your requests and are serving haystacks. After lunch, there will be opportunities to meet with your class and to have class pictures taken. Sunday morning will be the Alumni versus UCA flag football game.

We hope to see you here for Alumni Weekend! If you have questions regarding the weekend, please contact Julie Hagele.

## Alumni Weekend Schedule

### September 29, Friday

- 9:30a Bob Larrabee Golf Tournament
- 5:30p Dedication Ceremony  
Vietnam Era Memorial
- 7:30p Vespers at the gymnasium

### September 30, Sabbath

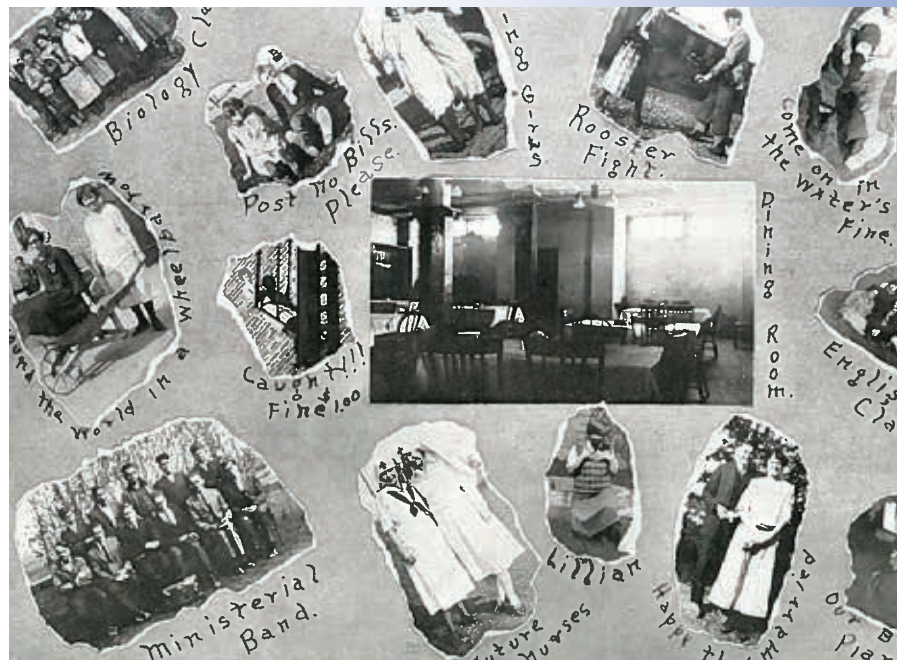
- 10:00a Church at the gymnasium
- 12:30p Lunch to follow
- 2:00p Classes will be escorted from the Gym for group photos, then continue to a meeting room

### October 1, Sunday

- 9:00a Alumni v UCA ~ flag football



Will you be surprised by whom you see?







# Alumni Homecoming 2017

## September 29 - October 1

### Tips for Alumni

Lots of RV parking available  
Pack your Vietnam Era uniform  
Take lots of pictures  
Bring your YVA/UCA gear to show  
Your class organizer can email  
UCA's event photos  
Thank your class organizer



## UCA Adventures & Advice

by Julie Hagele

My first full week in the office, and a call comes in from Bud Wagner, '47, (president and class organizer), ready for an updated list to contact his classmates. I suspected Bud's visit would be a delight when our phone conversation ventured to wondering who would regret meeting the other more.

Bud arrived with candy in hand and a wealth of history regarding YVA and UCA. I learned of the rich connection Bud has with UCA, the story of YVA's land acquisition, his labors for our campus over the years, how the original dormitories had partial walls, as well as his 1800-acre family farm, near enough to UCA that Bud remains involved. Bud shared his adventures beyond UCA including involvement in a new ministry called *Maranatha*. Betty, *the wife* and co-adventurer, learned to sleep and hold on during a 45-day motorcycle trip across 48 states. They both served as EMT volunteers and propagated seven children, 38 grands, and 46 greats.

I asked Bud if I could share his story and advice with our students, his eyes filled with humility, and we asked *the wife* to guide us. Betty echoes Bud's same kindness and desire to quietly labor for God. She shared a recent story when God filled a difficult moment in her life with an opportunity to encourage a stranger. It resulted in a blessing to both of them as God revealed His hand.

Bud's advice comes from reflecting upon 1947. The Juniors and Seniors loaded into a farm truck for an outing to Rocky Point. Heavy rains resulted in hidden obstacles below the channel waters. Slim Oliver '46 and Marvin Bischoff '47 entangled their rented rowboat. From high ground, Bud saw Slim cling to the capsized vessel and Marvin go under a couple times, unable to swim. A brief opportunity to grab Marvin's wrist appeared, and Bud pulled him to safety. Bud would like to encourage UCA students that "sometimes God puts you at the right place, at the right time."

Bud remarks, "I love the Lord and am so proud of what we [UCA] have come through from day one . . . the attitude of the kids and faculty, I find it rewarding." (response on p 7)

## Honor Class Organizers

Please let Julie know if you are already hard at work connecting with your classmates or are willing to start. She can give you our latest contact info for your classmates. Alumni, ask Julie for your class organizer's contact info.

1927

1932

1937

1942

1947 Bud Wagner 509.991.4123  
bbwagner@hotmail.com

1952

1957

1962

1967 Dan Lamberton & Lynda Farr Skau lskau7578@gmail.com  
(Off-site / Library)

1972

1977

509.301.1280  
dan.lamberton@wallawalla.edu

1982

1987 (Power house)

1992

1997

2002

2007

2012

2017



“In all thy ways acknowledge him,

## UCA Dreams Becoming a Reality

and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:6 KJV

### Boy's Dorm Renovation Underway

After many, many years, the old boys' dormitory here at UCA is getting a much needed face-lift! The construction crew is progressing more each day, thanks to the 2.2 million dollars committed, (largely the result of three generous donors and our own Upper Columbia Conference). These gifts make possible the remodeling of 55 student rooms with new furniture, sinks, carpet, and windows, as well as the bathrooms, chapel, hallways, and lobby. We look forward to seeing the reactions of our returning students as they note the

This fresh and functional space will allow students to put their energies toward their studies.

Our construction goal for phase one is to complete the rooms and bathrooms before the start of school at the end of August. The lobby and chapel renovations will continue into the school year as phase two with a targeted completion date of Christmas break.

We find the boys dormitory renovation a topic of many conversations, constantly filled with gratitude for this huge undertaking. A parent of a prospective



Sneak Preview from behind the construction zone.

transformation of their accommodations.

The built-in closets, storage, and extended desk area creates a modernization that is more than aesthetics. Rooms are filled with thoughtful considerations including internet ports, a media shelf, drawers under the bunks and cork-board at the desk.

UCA student remarked, “This renovation is much needed... the boys' dorm will... be a place where I feel comfortable leaving my son . . . Thank you so much to those who donated to make this a reality.”

We are delighted to offer tours of the dorm during Alumni Weekend.

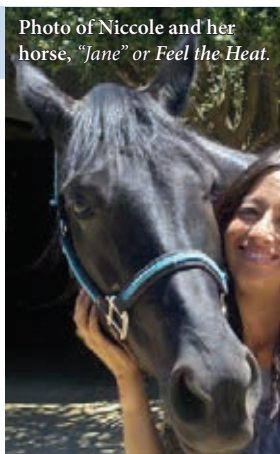


Photo of Niccole and her horse, “Jane” or Feel the Heat.

### Harnessing Potential Life Lessons

A new Horsemanship Director position is added at UCA. Sarah Holloway will join the staff for the coming school year. Holloway brings knowledge and important experience as a barn manager of an equestrian facility in Collegedale, Tennessee. She will continue efforts on the conversion of the old ADRA building into an indoor equestrian center and design a student equestrian program to meet the vision of UCA.

“I’m excited that we are trying something new. For a boarding student, being able to bring your horse with you is a good thing,” shares Krista Dalrymple, piano teacher. This program is expected to bring an enhanced element to our educational program, and we pray that as students interact with God’s creatures, they can harness those life lessons.



# Dreams on the Horizon

“The Lord God took the man  
and put him in the garden of Eden  
to work it and keep it.”

Genesis 2:15 NIRV



One goal of Principal Eric Johnson is to create a gardening program feasible for students during the entire school year. He recognizes the value of digging in the dirt and seeing the literal fruits of your labors. With more thought, prayer, and God's blessing, we believe this dream can become a reality for UCA.

## Alumni-To-Be Response

To Bud, “I wonder how you have kept an openness to seeing so many changes. You graduated just after WWII and have seen generations with very different approaches to life. I ask this because I view myself as an old soul when it comes to working hard and learning how to do things myself. I notice myself becoming more impatient. I'd like to have the same kind of positivity that you share.”

Thomas Warren '18

“Bud, your Junior-Senior outing sounds like fun! I feel like the goal of UCA is the same for us in the aspect that we also want to follow God's plan for our lives, be there for fellow classmates and help the community.”

Rachelle Santee '18



## New Member on the Dream Team



I am thrilled to join UCA's administrative team. Officially, I am Julie Hagele, Vice Principal of Alumni & Development. My responsibilities also include communications, yearbook, and PrayerPATCH. Unofficially, I am a dog-loving, golf club swinging, hotrod-girl who loves to learn new things and creatively conquer challenges. Jeremiah 29:11 effectively inspires my perseverance.

My journey thus far, includes Adventist and public education, Rio Lindo Academy (dated Rob Hagele), Pacific Union College (Math & Education), University of Nevada, Reno (School Administration), Math teacher, multi-grade teacher, principalship, trust administration, accounting, and development.

Just two years ago, Rob and I stepped-away from our secure lives, jobs, home, and a beloved neighborhood and friends in Phoenix to once again, prayerfully follow God's leading. With faith at the forefront, we committed to derail our lives for an immediate position at our alma mater, Rio. Rob volunteered and I designed a development program. When our work completed, we continued seeking God's guidance. Our future was filled with potential, in other words, many questions. Which career choice do we pursue? To which state should we move? What is God's plan for us?

Looking back, we chuckle at ourselves and praise God's patience. Was He just baby-stepping us to UCA? Our move to NorCal brought us half-way to Washington, in both distance and climate. After meeting the ever-patient and prayerful Eric Johnson, we both knew that God was answering our prayers and questions, better than we were asking them. We immediately felt at peace with the combined mission-minded and business savvy vision. This is the Adventist education and community, I have known and come to love.

Thank you UCA for the opportunity to stand shoulder to shoulder with staff, parents, and alumni as we envision together and determine how to accomplish the tasks ahead of us. May God continue to impress all of us as to our roles in accomplishing His work and give us the courage to listen. Rob and I look forward to being part of the Adventist community in the beautiful land of the Palouse.

## 2018 Alumni Chapter Meetings

Get the inside scoop of what God is doing at UCA by joining Eric Johnson and Julie Hagele for brunch at a location near you.



January 21	10 am	Portland, OR
January 28	10 am	Walla Walla, WA
February 11	10 am	Loma Linda, CA

For more info, to RSVP, or request an area meeting, email [alumni@ucca.org](mailto:alumni@ucca.org) or call (509) 245-3692.

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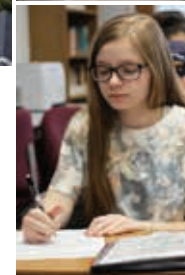
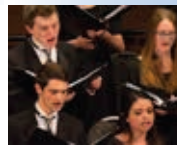
. . . by visiting [www.ucaa.org/alumni](http://www.ucaa.org/alumni) or email [alumni@ucca.org](mailto:alumni@ucca.org). Know of any new information for your alumni friends and family? Please let us know so we can contact them. Thanks!

## Connect a student to UCA



Volunteer to pray for a specific student throughout the year. All of us can benefit from experiencing the power of prayer. Prayer is a big part of the spiritual emphasis at UCA.

[prayerPATCH@ucca.org](mailto:prayerPATCH@ucca.org)



Do you know a young person who could benefit from the Christ-centered, quality educational environment at UCA?

## Alumni Weekend Golf Tourney

**Bob Larrabee Memorial Golf Tournament  
at MeadowWood**



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