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Happy Thanksgiving! As I write this, Thanksgiving vacation is near. I know our students and our faculty are looking forward to spending time with their families.

I have so many things for which I am thankful. I am very thankful for our YVA and UCA alumni and friends of UCA. There are many ways that you continue to bless our campus and students. I hear from alumni who daily lift up our students and teachers in prayer; that means more than you will ever know. I am thankful for those who give their time to physically come to UCA and volunteer, and for those who generously give their resources to better our campus and help students attend. Without you, UCA would not be what it is and many students simply would not be here. I am thankful for people who have a vision for making our campus a better place and make that vision a reality. One recent example of such a vision is the Vietnam Era Monument, that now stands on our campus.

Finally, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve this amazing school called Upper Columbia Academy and to meet so many of you each year who attended.

Thank you for the difference you continue to make for the students of UCA!

Eric Johnson

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Special Gifts

Gifts made to UCA to honor cherished Memories \$1,225

Arlene Jane Reiswig, '55, loving wife for 52 years

Del Wiggins, '57, and two years with brother Al, '57.

Pester and Knowlin

Principal E. E. Bietz

Arlene Jane Reiswig, '55, who received her first airplane ride and the heart of Al Wiggins during their junior year at UCA

Don Latcha, UCA & Grainger Band teacher.

Ruth Beck & Elmer Wiggins, 4-year YVA alumni who wed and had two sons

Elder Stratton

Verlyn & Bon Cole

Past dreams

Estate-Planned Gift benefits UCA

We are saddened by the earthly loss of Harriet Hooper. One can imagine the jubilant heavenly music that awaits all who claim Jesus. UCA is honored to be one of the Adventist academies that promotes musical excellence as part of the legacy of Wayne and Harriet through the Wayne Hooper Brass Scholarship Fund, a FoundationONE named scholarship.



2nd Annual Spring Gala

April 22, 2018

Upper Columbia Academy
presents



*Michael
Card
with the
UCA Choraliers*

Changing lives for Jesus one experience at a time, UCA invites you, your friends, and family to join the Spring Gala, a Tuition Scholarship Benefit Dinner, April 22, 2018. The evening includes a sacred concert by Christian artist, Michael Card, and our UCA Choraliers. The transformed banquet hall is located on our UCA campus. Our goal is to connect with Jesus in a special way.

For silent auction donations & reservations, please contact Julie, alumni@ucca.org
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Pledge to sponsor your table of eight:

Gold Level	\$5,000
Silver Level	\$2,500
Bronze Level	\$1,500

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UCA administered immediate scholarships

Brenda Robinson Scholarships

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**\$81,000 of blessings
for 42 families**

FoundationONE is delighted to support students who desire a Christian education at UCA. We believe the spiritual climate, academic rigor, and social culture at UCA is second-to-none. In fact, it is our sole purpose to see as many students as possible enroll in this wonderful, life-shaping school.

Therefore, the FoundationONE board recently voted to allocate \$110,000 for grants this school year. The Scholarship Committee reviewed and prioritized 136 applications. We are happy to report that 121 grants were approved—52 percent of the UCA student body is currently receiving some level of grant funds from FoundationONE!

Our Named Scholarship Funds will distribute at least \$20,000 to qualifying UCA students. For information about FoundationONE, call 509-939-1716 or www.foundationoneuca.org.



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Wayne Hooper Brass Scholarship

Eric Molstead Memorial Scholarship

Blessings & Hopes



Agriculture

An agricultural program as envisioned by Eric Johnson received a huge blessing of support, a **\$100,000 matching gift**. Agriculture can potentially integrate into the UCA academic and work programs. Planning, laboring, marketing, distributing, and learning from God's creation through horticulture all throughout the entire school year

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in **everything** by **prayer** & supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God."

Philippians 4:16 ESV

is a challenging but potentially rewarding undertaking for students to obtain important life lessons, knowledge, and skills.



From Your Alumni & Development Director

As I get to know the UCA Alumni family, I continue to find warmth in your kindness. My current goals to best serve and keep you informed are as follows:

* Provide three Alumni Echoes Publications a year

- One Summer publication
- One large, keepsake publication after Alumni weekend in Autumn
- One Spring publication

A **future** goal is to have UCA mailings appear in your mailbox at different times than the FoundationONE Connections magazine about UCA.

* Meet as many of you personally as reasonably possible, including the Area Chapter meetings.

* Improve our website.

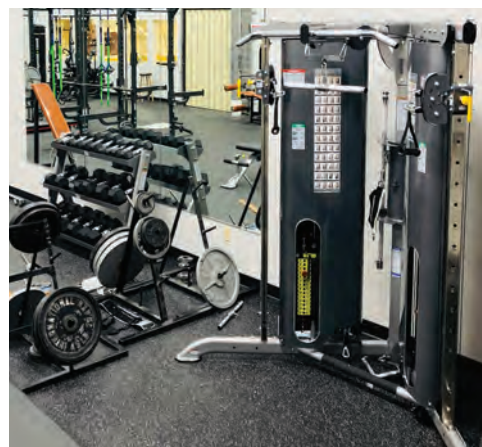
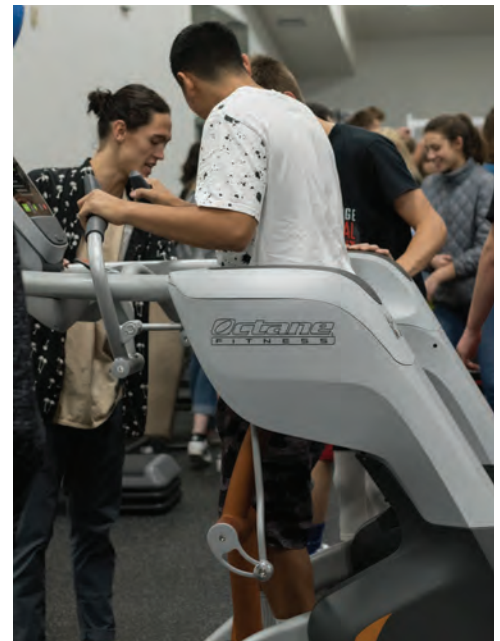
* Improve our alumni records, provide name badges with your senior picture for alumni weekend, make needed corrections for the composite class photographs hanging in the Administration Building.

* Integrate students in the processes of Alumni and Development expressing thanks to both known and anonymous donors and being a connected part of what makes UCA a family for life, hopefully growing together in Christ.



Weight Room Overhaul

On October 26, students flooded into the new workout space for an introduction and official ribbon cutting by Dr. Chad Harbour. Dr. Harbour recognized a need and committed his resources and recruited others to help update the UCA weight room that overlooks the gymnasium. The complete overhaul includes LED lighting, paint, rubberized flooring, workout mirrors, an exercise video screen, and some serious equipment. The floor plan maximizes the space for student and class use with sets of rowing machines that communicate with each other for racing games and stationary bikes overlooking the gym; both have man-powered cooling fans. There is an Octane Zero Runner ZR8, a suspended running machine. The X-Lab apparatus is the heart of the space with an incline monkey bar system, pull up assist bands, ninja grips, workout benches, and so much more. "We owe a huge 'Thank You' to Dr. Harbour," expresses Coach Reading. "This is amazing."



Students note gratitude for the investment in their health and strength.

What makes UCA a Jesus-focused campus is the staff. It is more than dedication and extra hours, it is personal strength to encourage each other and work together. The staff is strong in their beliefs, yet drama-free. Differences in opinion are less important than uniting as a school and supporting each other for the sake of the students. Acts of kindness around campus are so frequent you could not discover or begin to list them all, but you are constantly hearing of kind deeds. One example, Florence Lacey, vice principal for academics & registrar, collected student quotes during teacher appreciation week and presented them to the staff.

Thank you teachers for making UCA a place for young minds to build a personal foundation with God.



I really find the new Pastor [Bryan Laue] interesting. He seems to have good ideas, and besides that he really thinks. I like that.

Pastor Sid is just a fun person, and he just makes you smile whenever you think of him. He's great!

If you have taken a class from Pastor Fred, you know you are going to learn. His class isn't really hard but you always come away knowing you got a lot out of his class.

I love Mr. Spano's workshops! Oh my goodness, they are so amazing.

Mrs. Kramer just loves French! How can you not like a teacher who loves what she does?

The best thing about Mrs. Chavez is how she speaks so much Spanish to us. It makes it easy to learn.

Mrs. Kravig is the sweetest person at UCA. If you want to have a good teacher, you should go talk to her. She is SO nice.

Mrs. Castrejon is great. She knows so much, and she can't wait to tell you about (Science) stuff. You just want to listen and learn.

I just need to talk to Mr. Hartman. I love Physics more than anything, and he just makes me want to learn more even though it is my hardest class. I really like it!

Calculus is my favorite class. I know it's hard, and Mr. Gladding likes to push us. I like that!

I love piano! There isn't a better teacher in the world than Mrs. Dalrymple. She just makes you smile every time you go to her office.

Mr. Starr is amazing. We learn so much without pressure. I think he is my favorite.

I really like Mrs. Melendy. She really wants us to learn, and she makes our class so fun!

Mr. Lacey was so sweet to me yesterday! He's the nicest teacher I have. I was a little bit afraid at first, but he is so helpful! I'm pretty sure I'm going to pass his class.

I really wasn't sure I wanted to be in choir, but I just love Mr. Anderson. He makes the class a lot of fun, and I can't stop singing the songs.

Mr. Kravig is so busy! But he still takes time to talk to me. I always know he cares about me, but I think he cares about all of his students. Really, he does!

Mrs. Bacon is a really good teacher. She will always help you and always talk to you. I like her!

I've never seen as much excitement in the soccer team before. Everyone just knows Coach Reading is really good, and we all just want to work with him. He is the best PE teacher!

You might think Health is not a good class, but Mrs. Williams really teaches us important stuff. I was so surprised at how much we learn in there. I like that class a lot!

Mr. Lenz is just a good teacher. You learn a lot in his class, but you also learn from him when he's in his office. If you don't know something just ask him. He knows everything!

A Growing Molstead-UCA Family

Richard and Anita Molstead are connected to Upper Columbia Academy in many ways. Richard '54 reflects on fond memories, recognizing the rules-oriented approach that permeated American life in the 1950's, yet he recognizes many good intentions of the faculty.

As educators, Dick and Anita continued to value the opportunities afforded them to impact the lives of young people. UCA's very own Mr. Johnson was one of those lives strengthened in the classroom of Mrs. Molstead.

The Molsteads appreciate the efforts made by UCA staff over the years, especially during the times when their children, Eric '80 and Michele '84 were in attendance.

Their UCA connection changed Alumni Weekend of 2005, leaving the Molstead family grief-stricken. Eric succumbed to carbon-monoxide poisoning during his flight home to Vancouver minutes before reaching his intended destination. It was when they committed their hearts to creating a scholarship fund to make a positive difference in the world, that they knew positive and true healing.

"Scholarships change people's lives and [that] warms your heart," shares Anita. "It's



*Michele, Richard, and Anita Molstead with the 2017 Eric Molstead Memorial Scholarship recipients, Molly Ahola '20, Grace Ahola '19, Hailee Huenergardt '18, and Emma Tucker '17.
Photograph by FoundationONE*

like the shutters around me were opened." This scholarship fund could enable girls who excel in math, science and technology to pursue a career in those areas. Bearing the name of Eric Molstead on the scholarship, keeps his memory close.

Each year, the Molsteads work with FoundationONE and an Upper Columbia Academy Scholarship Committee to select a Freshman female to receive the UCA tuition scholarship, with eligible annual renewal each year until graduation. The first scholarship award began at \$500. In 2016, the fund principal balance surpassed \$100,000 and generated \$10,000 to be awarded to the four recipients. Richard and Anita express great joy in knowing that investing in these "shining stars" encourages

them to rise to their potential. They celebrate student accomplishments, whether they be in leadership, choosing Jesus, excelling in academics, or participating in outreach.

Student recipients become like extended family members, increasing the Molstead Family each year, they keep in touch and are so proud of their scholarship recipients. The financial and family-like encouragement from Dick and Anita provides inspiration to students to recognize their potential to excel in fields, to ignore the gender gap that might discourage them from a career that suits their abilities. Their ultimate goal is that more females will be empowered to contribute and potentially take leadership roles in the world of science, math, and technology.

Alumni Homecoming





Download these pictures at yogile.com/2017UCAalumni (or share your pics with us).



Alumni Homecoming

Co-authored by Caleb Nelson, '18

You can't miss it, that beautiful new monument just to the west of the Administration Building. The masterpiece was erected to recognize the Upper Columbia Academy alumni servicemen (and one servicewoman) who served our country during the Vietnam era, 1960 to 1975. Currently 122 names are on the monument, including alumni who did not graduate from UCA but left to serve.

"Originally, we thought we would find 30 to 40 names. After a year we have 120 names, and more continue to appear," said Bud Smick '64. The names purposefully lack order to enable the integration of more names after the stone is set. Since the



placement of the monument, 21 additional names are undergoing research.

The monument and video project began as the vision of Dr. Michael Walter, MD Brigadier General (Ret), USAR, class of 1966. Classmates Bud Smick and Marlene Livingston Curry joined the effort. None of their names appear on the monument as servicemen, only as contributors. This shows the heart-filled motive behind the monument: to give tribute to the alumni who served our country during this anti-war era and to make this relevant to all UCA students. The UCA lion mascot is part of the monument floor to intentionally connect with current UCA students.

The beautiful piece of granite weighs 5,500 pounds and was imported from South Africa. The construction project, additional names, and accompanying video cost roughly \$50,000, funds raised by Curry, Smick, and Walter. The monument work is the finished product of a company named Tresko, also named on the monument contributor side.

Approximately 200 alumni, veteran families, and friends gathered about the monument on



"Just like the rest of the veterans being honored last night, I can't remember a time feeling closer to my country, my duty, and my brothers and sister who were able to attend. Our hosts took upon a task that was not theirs originally, and provided a reconnection that was powerful and personal."

"For me, Walker's soulful rendition of Taps was when emotion became more intense than composure could restrain. I have not heard Taps played in a live setting since my son's Navy burial 17 years ago. The impact of two histories, so many years apart, left me unable to do more than mouth the words of thank you to Walker and the music director. So many 'Thank-you's'... so few words to accommodate what was felt during yesterday's service for us... I am simply grateful to have been included."

Dr. Michael Anthony



September 29, 2017, for the dedication. The ceremony included musical pieces performed by UCA Choraliers, Symphony Orchestra, and Octet. Gail Jones Branum '71, the only UCA female to serve during the era, was the color guard for the ceremony. Near the close of the program, Walker Johnson played *Taps*. The service was very emotional, yet heartwarming.



Photograph provided by Bob Bolton '65.

David Fisher '62 expressed it this way, "I experienced many different emotions during the ceremony. Among them was patriotism, joy, pride, sadness, and the fear that was shared by all of us knowing that we would probably be going to Vietnam.

I can't describe my feelings as *Taps* was played and *God Bless America* was sung by the Choraliers and Orchestra. As a member of the original Choraliers of '61 and '62, I was sorry I couldn't join in the singing. The lump in my throat was just too large. The young people performed beautifully."

Cindi Mehling attended in remembrance and to witness the engraved name of her husband, Gary Mehling '64, who passed away before seeing the monument completed. On Sabbath, an alumnus approached Walter, saying he reluctantly attended the dedication because of the persistent urging of his psychiatrist. He had to come back to say thanks after experiencing his first full night of sleep since the war! Many of our UCA alumni veterans were truly welcomed home, but, most importantly, the healing spirit of Christ encompassed hearts.

The monument is truly beautiful and will continue to be a blessing to many. The ceremony and video project may be viewed Online at

www.ucaa.org/Live.



"Kathy and I waited until quite late Friday evening to watch the video - it [the cafeteria] was nearly empty. We sat quietly for a moment when the video ended, aware that a young lady had been standing near us as if waiting for someone. As we stood to leave, she approached with tears flowing down her cheeks.

She said, 'Excuse me Sir, I wanted to thank you for your service, and could I give you a hug?'

Taken back, I said, 'Well, yes.'

She began to weep quietly on my shoulder as we hugged. She said, 'Both my grandpas died in that war. I never got to know them.' So with the tears running down his cheeks too, this five-time grandpa hugged that precious young lady hoping maybe, just for a moment, she too could know a grandpa's hug. This experience will stay with us a long time."

Robert Scheib / Kathy (Warren) Scheib '68

The welcome home continued with Vespers. The Class of 2007 encouraged people to step out for Jesus as Kristina (Rhuman) Badillo, Bill Lenz, and Sadie Gonzalez shared their journeys with God after UCA. On Sabbath, 850 people united to celebrate in worship. Stories, prayers, music, and a Sabbath message were provided by 50 year ('67) honor class members: John Heisey, Greg Smith, Lynda (Farr) Skau, Linda (Hampson) Emerson and Dan Lamberton. Yakima Valley Academy was represented by Marie (Merth) Martin.



The offering for Sabbath began with another huge blessing. The appeal to raise \$98,000 in tuition assistance for returning students was halved with a \$49,000 matching pledge. Praise God! UCA returning students were blessed by \$16,165 in contributions, combined with a \$49,000 matching pledge, left only \$32,835 for this year. (See Blessings and Dreams for an updated total through October 28.)

After lunch, the 70 year honor class of 1947 displayed a memories exhibit, and 38 members of the 40 year honor class of 1977 and classmates filled the halls with joy as they reminisced Sabbath afternoon.

The final Alumni Homecoming event was a Sunday morning pancake breakfast and flag football match in which the UCA All-stars defeated the alumni team. As the campus emptied, UCA was left with verbal affirmations from alumni who expressed gladness for so many things. The greatest affirmation to Principal Eric Johnson was when alumni repeatedly shared how thrilled they are with UCA being so strongly committed to connecting students to Jesus Christ. That is what the UCA experience is all about, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Alumni weekend was possible thanks to over 250 volunteer hours; we are so thankful to you all!

An extra touch of welcoming and organization was possible thanks to hours volunteered getting ready for the event. Thank you Bridget Anderson (faculty spouse) organizer & Sylvia Barbosa (parent) for decorations. Both Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Barbosa your friendly were registration leads.

The 4-year Seniors headed Dean Kravig* set-up, folded bulletins, cleaned campus, drove shuttles, served lunch, greeted, cleaned the campus, gym & classrooms after, & more!

Alex Aus	Isabella Featherson	Emily Stafford
Clair Barrutia	Allison Graybill	Hannah Stafford
Caleb Bartell	Hailee Huenergardt	Emily Stephens
Michael Bove	Joshua McClosky	Jonathan Terry
Kayleigh Bradford	Zachary Oliverio	Jared Wallen
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Michael Cottrell	Svea Smith	Angelica Woodard
Mikaela Dant	Kurk Soloniuk	
Riley Dieter	Elianna Srikureja	

Other Volunteers

Yaneli Alcantara, '18
 Pamela Backman*
 Misa Barba*
 Judy Castrejon*
 Danae Church*
 Mary Haggerty (parent)
 Charles Hartman*
 Debbie Nelson (former faculty)
 Flor Smith*
 Nancy Starr*
 Mark* & Donna Spano
 Linnea Torkelson
 Dr. Michael Walter
 & all of our presenters

*Faculty

Another 'thank you' to the student workers of Florence Lacey, Fred Riffel, Flor Smith, Nancy Starr, and Cindy Williams.

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that *in all things at all times*, having all that you need, you will *abound in every good work.*”

2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV

Praise God for Boys' Dorm Renovation Phase II

You have likely heard the advice to take your construction budget and time frame for your project and double it. We praise God that our Boys' budget is still holding strong.

Our Boys' Dorm residents have consistently shared positive and forward thinking comments toward the extensive renovation. The deans have put great efforts into figuring out the best for these guys during the construction schedule. Some of these construction moments or hardships will be the stories for many reunions. The promised funding continues to arrive and UCA maintains zero debt incurred for this renovation! We have overwhelming thanksgiving in our hearts for this generosity of donors and the dedicated efforts of Jaclin Smith '62 and Weston Davis, board member. The new dorm rooms, bathrooms, and showers are part of Phase I. Phase II is a chapel renovation and a new lobby space extending the front of the dorm. The

design, artist rendering below, echoes both the traditional and modern architectural styling on campus. The existing dorm lobby and stairs will overlook the adjoined space, a ground level foyer with seating, glass windows, and a fireplace.

Dorm lobbies are a favorite place for students to sit and visit, especially on those Sabbath afternoons when the weather is less accommodating.

“I'm glad I get to be here to see the renovation before I graduate,” shared a Senior, emphasizing that future residents will really enjoy the space. God's timing for blessings is often unknown, but recognizing His gifts to us is a mindset we continue to cultivate in the hearts of the entire UCA family. Yes, the construction hardships are an inconvenience, but the fact that donors are putting so much funding into this space to make it more welcome and accommodating is a true blessing.



You've made a family, a UCA family



Our God is so great!

\$79,950 100%
22 student prayers answered

**Let there be no doubt
that God has a plan for
the lives of these students!**

Jeremiah 29:11

One 'Prayers 4 A Miracle' Story

Our UCA family grows each year adding more students to as alumni. Each has a unique story intertwined with the love of God. One of those stories is about a girl. We can call her Amanda.

Amanda attends a difficult public school her first year of high school. Her Christian values make her obviously different. One day after school, Amanda is jumped by two girls who start beating her. She finds herself amidst the legal system, facing bad grades, and in creeps depression. Her dad asks, "if they could afford it, would she want to attend a private Christian school?" Amanda does indeed, but finances leave the discussion forgotten.

Amanda summers with her Aunt in another state to get away from it all and attends her 2nd year at public school there. Things are better; she has a large circle of friends, is in sports, gets good grades, and gets a lot of attention. Yet something was missing, so she goes back home to her family to try another public school. Things are worse. Her values evidence that she is a "God-lover,"

and here she is daily confronted and mocked by a group of students. She finds herself standing up for herself and doing her best as a teenager to defend her belief in God.

Amanda meets Shelley Bacon, recruiter, at UCA on February 20; this day she realizes UCA is a place where she could feel at home with fellow believers who have her same values. She believes this will be her family of friends, and she is at peace. Her interview and application are accepted, but a challenge arises in the finances for the family portion.

Her parents know that the \$3,000 gap between their monthly budget and the parent portion needed is causing Amanda's opportunity to slip away. Amanda resigns herself to the seemingly inevitable fact that her final year of high school shall be at a fourth public school. Yet, she continues to pray.

On August 2, Bacon phones Amanda and her parents to share that someone (whom she had never met) brought in \$3,000 for her to attend! A double miracle for Amanda, with this donor and Prayers 4 A miracle. Amanda is loving UCA, working hard in her classes, and glad she can be herself. Looking back, Amanda is glad she is at

Devotional Thought

by Pastor Sid Hardy

Sometimes, I wonder what will be the character of *The Church*, or *God's people*, at the end of time. We may look at the actions of people as merely a representation of one's character revealed in times of stress or times of ease. I am driven to the text in 2 Corinthians 5:14 which says, "For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died." We must then ask what it is to be controlled by the love of Christ. Some translations actually say constraineth (not restrain), or compels us. There must be *compelling* actions that are motivated by the love of Christ in our lives. I am reminded of the words of Moses after the children of Israel worshiped the golden calf. He appeals to God in Exodus 32:32, "But now, if Thou wilt, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Thy book which Thou hast written!" Are we willing to love to the point of giving up our own eternal life for the sake of others? Yet, I am compelled that we must teach this kind of unselfish love to our children. I believe the youth will finish the work of bringing God's love to the world.

"For those who are led by the spirit of God are the Children of God."

Romans 8:14 NIV

UCA because she recognizes that she was always trying to figure out how to survive or choose between having friends and Christian values.

Many students have an opportunity to attend earlier and never learn the paths they might have faced. Praise God for that! For Amanda, her experience causes her to appreciate UCA that much more. She is a delightful and positive person, bringing joy to those around her.

"The faculty are angels from God. I can ask adults questions and not feel like I'm the odd person out. The students are amazing, too," shares Amanda. She still struggles with things like getting up at 6:00 in the morning and ending class at 5:30 in the evening, trying to learn everything before a big test, and what she can do to make a spiritual difference for herself and possibly those around her. These are normal UCA student challenges, all part of the growing-up process that teaches the importance of keeping God and prayer a priority, even when life is busy.

"I pray with each family considering UCA and encourage them to not give up and keep praying for guidance," explains Bacon. When faculty of UCA



WORTHY STUDENT FUNDING NEEDED TO REACH \$98,000 THIS YEAR

49K Match
Tuition assistance for returning students

\$24,800

\$24,200 + \$24,200
RECEIVED MATCHED

get to make "that" phone call to tell families that UCA is possible for their child, the faculty are also blessed with the entire experience.

Amanda is a great addition to the UCA family, thanks to TWO miracles. A generous donor who took it upon himself to intervene for Amanda and Prayers 4 A Miracle.

For returning students, the 49K match campaign covers all the financial assistance needed. Only \$24,800 is needed for the rest of the year! We know God is at work, may we continue to strengthen UCA for His name's sake.

Shayenne '18 spends some R&R with her horse Maggie who also boards at UCA.



Sneak peak
Draft Logo



AT UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY

The addition of an equestrian program to the UCA campus and programming is well underway. In order to secure the 22 acres located on the corner of Spangle-Waverly Road and Old State Route 195, UCA negotiated with the farmer who was leasing that portion of our land. Originally, the old ADRA building was the anticipated location; a conversion effort would create an indoor arena. Instead, the Upper Columbia Conference offered to purchase the building, resulting in funds for a new arena to be constructed. Ground has broken and the future site of the Palouse Equestrian Center will be between Spangle-Waverly Road and Hy-Mark Wood Products. The metal constructed building will house a 120 by 80 foot indoor arena, plus adjoining stalls built off of one end of the building.

Sarah Holloway, equestrian director, oversees the start of this new program. "I am thankful for the opportunity to work in this unique position and for the support this new program has received," expressed Holloway. An unexpected blessing was provided by Virgil and Carol Minden, who donated enough equine related items including round pin fencing, heated troughs, saddles, blankets, bridles, and gear to fill up a truck and trailer.



Sarah Holloway, horsemanship director, saddles-up for the expanding equestrian program at UCA.



Eric Johnson (far right) and volunteer students and staff spouses unload the round pen fencing donated by the Mindens.

“The goal of this program is to offer hands-on learning that is unique to UCA,” states principal Eric Johnson. “It is important that we continue to look at new and creative ways to educate students at Upper Columbia Academy.”

Holloway is excited about the future of this new endeavor, “An equestrian program evokes excitement in people from around our local community and our UCA family in a wonderful way. I absolutely love seeing eyes light up the first time someone gets up on a horse. I have seen and hope to continue to see horses and the love of horses bring people together, give students an outlet from school, and teach a variety of life lessons.”



Future site of the Palouse Equestrian Center Arena on the North side of Spangle-Waverly Road.

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