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Hannah Blake
GOD MADE A WAY

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President 's Message

Another summer has arrived. For me that means lake time with friends, walks in the sun, and biking adventures along Lake Coeur d'Alene.

The UCA campus gets a few weeks of rest before the students arrive for another school year. When the new year starts, FoundationONE will be there too, ready to connect with new students, their families and hear more stories about how UCA and FoundationONE became part of their lives.

As we continue our FoundationONE mission, it occurs to me we are really about the business of partnership and connection with donors, churches, students, alumni, faculty and anyone who wants to make a difference for UCA students. The phrase "it takes a village" is true. When "the village" aligns with God's purpose and plan, step back and watch the miracles happen!

I hope you enjoy this issue of our Connection magazine. If you desire more meaningful connection in your life and are interested in partnering with us, give Dean, Cheri or myself a call. We would love to hear from you.

Blessings,

Mindy Weber

Mindy Weber



ALUMNI HOMECOMING

September 27-28, 2024

Honor Classes: 1954 and prior, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, and 2014



Friday, September 27

Evening Vespers – 7:30 pm

UCA Gymnasium

Sabbath, September 28

Sabbath Services – 10:00 am

UCA Gymnasium

Haystack Lunch

UCA Gymnasium—after services

*Class reunions, class photos and
campus tours following lunch.*

Campbell Administration Building

*We Look Forward to
Welcoming You Home*

Hannah Blake

GOD MADE A WAY

Hannah came to Upper Columbia Academy from Lake City, California – a tiny town in the far Northeast corner of the state. The closest schools are 40 miles away in Alturas, and neither public school nor charter school were a good fit. Hannah was lonely and frustrated.



Around Christmas of Hannah's 8th grade year, her church pastor, Owen Bandy, and his wife, Rhonda, were giving Hanna Bible studies, and they suggested to Hannah and her mother, Rosalie, that Hannah should go to a boarding academy in Washington state. Rosalie strongly objected to sending her 13-year-old freshman daughter so far from home.

Hannah really wanted to attend a larger school so she could be involved in sports, especially volleyball. She didn't like the idea of Washington and thought of it as a "drowsy" and "foggy" kind of place – certainly not as nice as California. Neither Hannah nor her mother liked the idea of having to drive hundreds of miles in snow and ice to bring Hannah back home at Thanksgiving or Christmas vacation. Although Rosalie said "No!" to the Bandy's, she did think that if boarding school was a better option for Hannah, she would find a school that was closer to home. She decided to look at options in California.

During her search for boarding schools closer to their home, Rosalie had a vivid dream and it involved Upper Columbia Academy. In her dream, she was on the UCA campus. As she wandered among teachers and students, she saw that their faces were all lit up, and she could sense the love of Jesus and the caring,

nurturing atmosphere. She remembers saying to herself "this is the school that Hannah needs to go to!" The next morning, Rosalie was crying as she told Hannah "I think God wants to you to go to Upper Columbia Academy." At their next Bible study, Rosalie told the Bandy's about her dream, and that she would do whatever was needed to pursue enrolling Hannah at a boarding school.

I THINK GOD WANTS YOU TO GO TO UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY!

Hannah applied to UCA and a boarding school in California. She was accepted to both. Acceptance wasn't the major hurdle – financial aid was. They had prayed about a "fleece" that would indicate where God was leading. The fleece was which school would work with them in providing financial aid.

Rosalie decided to call the school in California. As she shared their story, and explained their need for financial

◀ *Left to right: Owen & Rhonda Bandy, Hannah Blake, Rosalie Hunt.*

aid, she was told that there was no assistance available. She would have to work that out for herself.

Feeling disappointed, Rosalie was reminded of the dream she had. She decided to call Upper Columbia Academy and see what they would offer. She put the phone on speaker so Hannah could be a part of the conversation. Rosalie explained that, while they were grateful Hannah had been accepted, she simply could not afford to send her to UCA without significant financial aid. She shared the amount they were able to contribute each month. Imagine Rosalie and Hannah's delight when they

were told they could be helped. There were resources available and UCA would make sure that Hannah was able to attend. Hannah recalls that, "she said the exact words we were looking for, and as Mom and I looked at each other we could see the relief on each other's face!"

During the summer, as Hannah was preparing to go to UCA, Rosalie shared with family and friends that Hannah would be going to a boarding academy in Washington for her freshman year. The opposition was quick and intense, and Rosalie had to cling to the fact that God had made it very clear to her that Hannah needed to be at UCA the coming school year.

As part of Hannah's financial plan, her church voted to contribute matching funds of \$1,000, for the 2024-25 school year. They have since increased that to \$3,000. Her church family consists of only 10 people! Although most of the church members are on fixed incomes, they are glad to sacrifice for "their kids". Praise God for a church family who believes in the importance of Adventist Christian education!

When Hannah arrived at UCA she was overwhelmed by how many students there were. However, the students were friendly, and she has found a very



good group of friends. Rosalie said that she felt like the prophet Samuel's mother, Hannah, as she dropped her off at UCA and began the 600-mile drive back home. She knew her Hannah was in God's hands, and that just as Samuel was safe in the temple, UCA would be safe for her daughter; a place where she could grow closer to God.

Hannah has especially enjoyed singing in the choir under the direction of Mr. Anderson. She loved her science class with Mrs. Castrejon, and English with Mrs. Melendy. Second semester Hannah was assigned to work the supper shift in the cafeteria, and has greatly enjoyed her work associates, and her supervisor, Katelyn Johnson. Through her Bible class with Mr. Andregg and other spiritual activities, Hannah has grown this past year in her friendship with Jesus. She was baptized on Sabbath, May 19, by Pastor Sid Hardy and her pastor from Lake City, Pastor Owen Bandy.

Hannah and Rosalie are grateful for the financial assistance that their church family, FoundationONE, and UCA have provided. To our donors, we thank you for your generosity that enables FoundationONE to provide much-needed assistance for students like Hannah!

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Spring Awards Presentations

Named Scholarships



Class of 1985: Tigran Grigoryan, Haylee Olson, with class agent, Mindy Weber.



Class of 2007 Scholarship: Rio Moore, Katie McCoon, with class agent, Mike Stratte and Cheri Atwood. Incoming 9th Grader, Hayden Meek, not pictured.



Dan Davis Family Scholarship: Ana Sofia Pinell with Dean Kravig, Kylie Brandon, (not pictured). Incoming 9th Grader, Kiersten McCormick, not pictured.



Grandview Pioneer Memorial Scholarship: Jenna Wicklund, Grant Engeberg, Katie McCoon, Sarai Ray, Chrissy Torquato Incoming 9th Grader, Avet Grigoryan, not pictured.



**Faye R. (Prewit) Kwapien
Memorail Scholarship:** Milena
Galicia, Connor Johnson, Eden
Wiltison, Kaylee Moreland.
Incoming 9th Grader, Zahara
Smits, not pictured.



**Littler Family Scholarship
"Spirit of Generosity":**
Paola Gomez



**Eric Molstead Memorial
Scholarship:** Sadie Bowen,
Hailey Fischer, Kiersten Barker,
Lauren Davidson, Paola Gomez,
Noelle Haeger, Elle Christensen,
Katie Michaelis, with Michele,
Anita and Dick Molstead.



**Londa (Slawson) Raines
Scholarship:** Chrissy Torquato,
with Dean Kravig, Shanlee
Damm (not pictured).



Leadbetter Family Scholarship:
Briana Rentfro with Dean
Kravig.



**AWARD
WINNER**

Tony Henneberg Memorial Scholarship “The Encourager”: *Katie McCoon with Dean Kravig.*



Sheila Lynn Larson Scholarship: *Sam Asaki, Macey Davis, Caleb Brower, with Allen Larson, Sheila’s husband.*



Roberts Family Scholarship: *Collin Scott, Jenna Wicklund, Giselle Alinares, Bradyn Johnson, Haylee Olson with Jason Roberts, 4-yr. Senior, and Bev Roberts, family agent. Kylie Brandon (not pictured). Incoming 9th Graders, Isaac Fleming and Ashtin Taylor, not pictured.*



Bill & Judy Putnam Scholarship: *Delaney Olson, Audrey Olson, Collin Scott, Giselle Alinares, with Todd Price, family agent.*



Spring Awards
Presentations



Olin Peach Memorial Scholarship: Joel Van Doozer, Josiah Van Doozer, Milena Galicia, Sam Asaki.



Nancy Driscoll Engle Memorial Scholarship: Chrissy Torquato, with Daniel and Amber Engle. Incoming 9th Grader, Julia Moreland, not pictured.



Wayne Hooper Memorial Brass Scholarship: Matthew Roth, Tyler Holm, Caleb Mundall, Shane Phillips, Taylor Bowman. Incoming 9th Graders, Davis Holm and Chelsea Ramos not pictured.



Harvey & Verna Mohr Family Scholarship: Grant Engeberg, Sarai Ray. Incoming 9th Graders Matthew Nesteruk and Mark Nesteruk not pictured.



Lamberton Family Scholarship: Giselle Alinares, Torin Smith, with Jack Lamberton, family agent. Incoming 9th Grader, Kierstyn Brandon, not pictured.

**AWARD
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Looking Back with Gratefulness Looking Forward in Faith

FoundationONE is celebrating 20 years of providing grants and scholarships to Upper Columbia Academy students. Our mission – awarding scholarships to qualified UCA students year after year by developing partnerships with individuals, families and groups who desire to invest lasting financial support.

20 years ago, four UCA Alumni were asked to devise a way for the school to be more financially stable by increasing enrollment. The group proposed an endowment be set up and managed in such a way that funds would not only increase through donations, but by investing the money with a responsible, well-managed investment firm. Forward thinking? Definitely! 20 years later FoundationONE's endowment

has grown from the original one million donation to now over 6.5 million, with funds being awarded to nearly 2,000 UCA students since 2004. Board President, Mindy Weber says, "Continuing to grow is paramount to our mission. Our goal is \$10 million, and then the next goal will be to double that amount. Ultimately our goal is to grow the Endowment to the point that the school and Upper Columbia Confer-

ence can count on the Foundation to fulfill all the scholarship and grant needs of motivated students who wish to attend UCA.”

Financial support continues to grow! In the first 10 years, the funds FoundationONE provided to UCA students grew to \$100,000. Over the next 10 years, over two million was distributed through both grants and Named Scholarships. The Named Scholarship program has expanded from one scholarship to 20 in 2024.

The last 20 years would not be possible if it weren't for God's guidance and abundant blessings, along with the donors who give regularly and selflessly. The donor family in 2004 was just a handful. Today, there are over 1,300 donors who have given to support the mission of UCA and FoundationONE. What a blessing your faithful giving and generosity has been. Thank you for being willing to be used by God for His school!

The last 20 years have shown growth is not only possible, but it has happened. Please keep FoundationONE in your prayers as we move forward in a chaotic world working to provide a Christ-centered haven for our young people. If you are interested in becoming a donor, visit our website at <http://foundationoneuca.org/give-now/>. If you prefer quick access, please use the provided QR Code.

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ANNUAL REPORT

TO OUR COMMUNITY

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We wish to thank the following individuals and organizations who supported the students of Upper Columbia Academy through FoundationONE during fiscal year 2023-2024. This report reflects donations received between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

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**“Donors hold the
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Please join our list of loyal donors! Here are a few of the things your gift will accomplish:

- Point students to Jesus—their Creator, Redeemer, and only hope!
- Help students identify and develop their God-given talents.
- Show students how to live altruistically in a self-centered world.
- Teach students the Adventist message, values & mission.
- Prepare students for college or to enter the work force.
- Mentor future leaders.

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“Igniting the World” **UPDATE**

Thanks to the unwavering support of our dedicated alumni and generous donors, we have surpassed \$1 million raised for the new UCA water system.

This achievement enables us to move forward with scheduling the construction of the towers. With the current funds, we can cover both the site preparation and the construction of the three towers.

However, to facilitate the placement of the new towers beyond the Principal’s house, some unexpected additional expenses are necessary.

These include additional excavation, extending the road to the hill, and adding an extra 300 yards of piping.

The final stage of the project will connect the new towers to UCA's main water system. This involves several components:

- Removing the road from the gym to the Principal's home
- Excavating a trench for the pipe
- Installing piping to connect the new towers to the existing system
- Re-paving the road to the Principal's home

Futhermore, due to increases in supply and labor costs since the 2022 estimates, the total project cost has risen to between \$1.6 and \$1.7 million. We deeply appreciate your continued prayers and financial support as we move forward with this essential upgrade of the Upper Columbia Academy water system.

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August 25 – UCA Registration

September 27 – FoundationONE Golf Tournament

September 27-28 – UCA Alumni Weekend

ATTENTION GOLFERS!

Registration is now open for

BOB LARRABEE MEMORIAL

GOLF

TOURNAMENT



Friday, September 27, 2024

9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start

**Latah Creek Golf Course,
Spokane, WA
(Hangman Valley)**

Registration fee: \$150

**Includes range balls, golf, cart, prizes,
& Street Taco Buffet**

Field will be limited to the first 128 players



REGISTRATION: foundationoneuca.org/#special-events

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