

FoundationONE

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## HOW GOD USED A TRUCK (To get me to UCA)

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# A Board Member's Perspective

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As FoundationONE celebrates 20 years of providing financial support to students wanting to attend Upper Columbia Academy, we wanted to feature one of the foundation's original board members.

Marj (Molstead) Bauer is a 1952 graduate of UCA. She was born and raised in Coeur D'Alene, ID and has just recently moved to Eagle Point, OR. Marj speaks fondly of her time on the UCA campus and has so many wonderful memories. So, it was an easy choice for her when an invitation to become a board member was extended 2004, FoundationONE's first year.

She and a few close friends – classmates from UCA – were challenged with this ground-breaking endeavor. Nothing like FoundationONE had existed! She remembers the learning curve, but said the board was made up of knowledgeable business minds that gladly accepted the challenge. Why? “Because of their love for UCA; they wanted future students to be able to afford to go to the school they loved so much!”

Marj has seen a lot of change over the past 20 years, but she is clear on one thing, “We are here for the kids!” She is passionate about the mission of FoundationONE - awarding scholarships to qualified Upper Columbia Academy students year after year by developing partnerships with individuals, families and groups who desire to invest lasting financial support. Her focus is the endowment and growing it to the point where the foundation is able to provide 100% of UCA's financial need.

Looking back, she is amazed at the growth she sees each year in the number of grants that are awarded. She realizes the need is great and is grateful for the commitment of a board who continues to be visionary and push forward the dreams that were born so many years ago.



# Meet Our Other Board Members

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**PRESIDENT – Mindy Weber, MS** in Physical Therapy, is a 1985 graduate of UCA, and a co-founder of the Class of 1985 Scholarship Fund. Mindy and her husband Fred have two sons who also attended Upper Columbia Academy

**VICE-PRESIDENT – Brent Featherston** is a 1983 UCA graduate, and along with his wife, Robyn, is an ardent supporter of Adventist education. Brent has been a partner of Featherston Law Firm for over 20 years.

**TREASURER – Dana Downing, CPA,** attended Upper Columbia Academy 1983-1984 and graduated from Georgia Cumberland Academy in 1985. Dana has owned her accounting firm in Coeur d'Alene, ID for twelve years.

**Jaclin Smith** — Jaclin is one of the four founders of FoundationONE and brings to the board a wealth of experience in business. She has been working the past 50 years in developing and operating senior health care facilities.

**Keith Wilkens, MD, MPH** — Keith has a passion for Adventist education and a belief that finding Jesus early prepares a person for a balanced life of service in the Master's footsteps. Keith's wife, Joyce, and their three children, are all graduates of UCA.

**Doug Jorgensen** — Doug was a four-year senior, and President of UCA's Class of 1985. He is currently a Corporate Banking officer for a large financial services company in Phoenix AZ. Doug is a co-founder and strong supporter of the Class of 1985 Scholarship Fund.

**Keoni Coleman** — Keoni attended Monterey Bay Academy and then Walla Walla University before he and his wife moved back to Spokane. His wife, Megan (Fulbright) Coleman, is a 2013 UCA graduate. Keoni owns and operates Wesley Price Insurance, a Spokane-based Health and Life insurance agency.

**Tammy Poole** — Tammy's first experience at a Christian school was at UCA. Tammy and her husband Bill have three children who are graduates of UCA and are delighted that their first granddaughter is now enrolled there.

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# HOW GOD USED A TRUCK

(To get me to UCA)

by Cheri Atwood

**K**atherine Shivel is a senior at Upper Columbia Academy, and her journey to UCA needs to be shared. It all started with a friend, a friend who was at the time attending UCA.

Ryan spoke highly of the school and thought Katherine would enjoy being a part of the UCA family. At the time, Katherine was doing online school from home. The idea of living in a dorm on a boarding school campus was intriguing. She didn't think it was possible because of the cost of tuition. The more Katherine thought about UCA, the more she wanted to go. She prayed about it and knew if it was where she was to be, God would provide!

Indeed, He did! Katherine had a neighbor lady who loved her and wanted to do something special for her. Her neighbor had lost her husband and so she approached Katherine's mom with the idea of giving Katherine her husband's truck. Katherine graciously accepted the generous gift, thinking all along she would eventually sell it so she could afford college. But, she wanted to go to UCA. She ran the idea of selling her truck past her mom and the kind neighbor lady. With their approval, Katherine sold her truck and used the money to enroll at UCA her junior year. Her neighbor lady was thrilled she was using the money for her education — a Christian education! God can use anyone, even a neighbor!

# “I LOVE IT HERE!”

It wasn't an easy transition. Katherine enrolled in the extension program UCA has with Lake City Academy in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was excited to be able to interact with her teachers and other students after having done online and home school. However, the homework load was a big adjustment for her. As an extension student, she stayed in the dorm Tuesday-Thursday. Katherine didn't really like the dorm at first. She had to adjust to people being around all the time, the noise, and being told what to do. She looked forward to going home on Thursday and not having to return to the dorm until the following Tuesday. As God opened the door for Katherine to be at UCA, He also provided a way for her to thrive. Katherine set up a system and routine for herself that really helped her manage her time and the challenges she faced as a dorm student. As the year went along, Katherine found herself wanting to be in the dorm more and not having to leave campus every weekend. Keep reading and you will see why I'm sharing all of this with you.

As Katherine's junior year was coming to an end, she was approached by her dean asking if she would be interested in a Resident Assistant position. Katherine's deans had so much confidence in her because of their experience of her in the dorm. They described her as

“someone who plays by the rules”, is known for her friendly smile, and is kind and takes correction well. All qualities the deans felt made her a good fit for head RA. So, they both agreed she should be considered. Katherine admitted she didn't really know what an RA did, but she agreed, because she loves a challenge, and she was told the pay is good! Over the course of her junior year, she went from not really liking the dorm, to being considered for the head RA position! Wow! Transformation? Growth? God guiding and providing for Katherine? Yes, yes, and yes!

UCA provides many things for Katherine: getting direct affirmation from her teachers on assignments and tests and receiving feedback was something she missed when doing online school at home. She experienced first-hand how the teachers really cared about her. She appreciated Pastor Fred and his willingness to listen and be honest in his responses and to go the extra mile to see her succeed was appreciated. Katherine is a Sunday-keeping Christian and is dedicated and involved at her church in Post Falls. She is now learning about the Sabbath and while on campus that is her day of worship. She doesn't know what God's plan is for her, but she is very willing to listen and follow. Katherine really enjoys science and Mrs. Castrejon – Mrs. “C” has

increased that love by making science fun and challenging.

Katherine is now a busy senior. She is taking seven classes, so her schedule and homework load don't allow her much time for any "extras". She does make time for God and, "loves seeing how the expression of God's love for people is so prevalent on campus." She knows God is present; she sees staff and students reaching out to others through His prompting. Many of the activities are sources of spiritual growth for Katherine. Senior Survival was one she especially enjoyed. "The spiritual experience was incredible!"

She believes the impact UCA is having on her is profound and sees herself being more understanding and sensitive to others. Katherine experiences herself as more confident and outgoing than she was before attending UCA. In her words, "I love it here!" And thanks to a strong science program, she plans to go to nursing school and dreams of becoming a missionary in the Ukraine. But she says she wants to be where God wants her.

The journey God took Katherine on started with a friend and a truck! He used others, including her precious neighbor that gifted her that truck! Her deans saw qualities in her that she didn't know she had. Her head RA

position opened the door for her to be in the dorm full time. FoundationONE provided the very generous grant she received which has made the financial challenges more manageable. God had a plan; Katherine listened and followed, and UCA not only has impacted yet another student, but has provided a place where Katherine could be an influence for good.



# BOB LARRABEE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT NETS \$35,000



One hundred and fifteen golfers participated in 18 holes of scramble golf at Latah Creek Golf Club on Friday, September 27th in support of the important mission of FoundationONE—growing an endowment that provides scholarships for qualifying UCA students. The weather was perfect, the camaraderie was wonderful, sportsmanship and attitudes were inspiring, and God’s blessing was evident throughout the day!

The tournament honors Bob Larrabee, '53, FoundationONE charter board member and entrepreneur extraordinaire. His background in banking and investing helped FoundationONE get off on the right foot.

Special thanks goes to the Bob Larrabee Family and to Bob’s lifelong friend, DeVere Clarneau, for continuing to be major sponsors of the event.

**Top:** The 1st Place Winners – Alpha Services team: David Morse, Hunter Gust, with Cheri Attwood. (Chad Self, Dane Everson, not pictured)

**Bottom:** At the 1st Hole three UCA students shared about how UCA and FoundationONE have been a blessing to them. Paola Gomez, Acyanna Richardson and Sam Asaki.



*Class of 2004 Team celebrates their 20th Reunion. Brent Davis, Evan Kinne, Aaron Vizcarra and Danny Lamberton*



*Summit NW Ministries Men's Team of Jailbirds won the Best Costume Prize. John Davis, David Christensen, Caleb Foss, Terry McLeod*

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Another huge thank you goes out to the tournament planning committee and volunteers: Taylor Wilkens, '02, Keoni Coleman, Cheri and Ted Atwood, Mindy Weber '85, Alfred Schroetlin, '59, and Dana Downing-Woodall. Thank you for your work in recruiting sponsors, sharing creative ideas for

the tournament, and helping wherever needed on tournament day!

**SAVE THE DATE! THE 2025 BOB LARRABEE TOURNAMENT WILL BE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, AT CIRCLING RAVEN GOLF CLUB.**



# "Serving others"

**G**limpses of Campus is a new feature that highlights a program, staff member, or department on the UCA campus. Our first glimpse is one that is often overlooked – **the cafeteria.**



▲ Left to right: Zach Engle, Kaitlyn Rivas, and Charlee Butler

If you have attended a boarding school, you more than likely have lasting memories of the cafeteria. It really is one of the social hubs on campus, and the one place where time can be spent at a table full of friends enjoying a meal together. The temptation to linger is always present. But a cafeteria is also an integral part of a boarding school program. It provides work, and a place to learn responsibility. It's where there is some upward mobility when it comes to a job.

At UCA, the cafeteria employs many students. It takes a large workforce to provide meals three times/day for 200+ students and staff. What I found interesting, as I spoke to three student food service employees, is they love their job, and have worked in the cafeteria for two or more years.

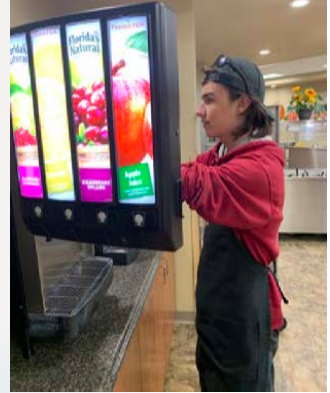
Seniors Zach Engle and Kaitlyn Rivas and sophomore Charlee Butler work in food service on the UCA campus – Kaitlyn for four years, Zach for two, and Charlee will begin working a regular schedule second semester when she is old enough. What is it about a job in the cafeteria that is so appealing? All three said they enjoy working with food, they appreciate the variety of tasks they get to do, and they added, “you aren’t just sitting at a desk!” There are perks to the job, too; they are occasionally asked to sample a new recipe and provide input.

Zach and Kaitlyn have worked their way up to a supervisory position. They are responsible for handing out tasks and making sure each assigned job is completed. They are more than willing to assist their team or answer any questions. They look forward to coming to work and will at times work extra if help is needed. “They both not only take on more responsibility, but oversee their peers”, says Ted McConnachie, Director of Food Services at UCA.” He realizes food service isn’t the most glamorous job offered on campus, but he has been impressed by the commitment and dedication Zach, Kaitlyn, and Charlee have made. “I especially enjoy seeing the students grow as they work in the cafe from year-to-year,” says Mr. McConnachie.

Zach said he is asked for a favor from time-to-time by his peers, usually they want an extra drink of some kind. One task he does not like is cleaning the waffle iron – he is amazed at what a mess it is following breakfast! Kaitlyn wants the best experience possible for her team and finds it frustrating when a member doesn’t show up for work. It requires her to shift assignments around, so all tasks are covered.

Charlee Butler, worked in the “specialty diets” section of the cafe for a short time. She loved it! I asked her what exactly did she do? There is a section of the kitchen set aside for meeting

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the needs of students with dietary restrictions such as gluten, nut, and soy-free. Kids who choose to be vegan are also provided for. So, Charlee will spend her time preparing foods using the ingredients that meet the needs of these students. Charlee plans to work in the cafeteria throughout high school and would like to continue learning about and working in the “specialty diet” section.

When I spoke to Mr. McConnachie about the over-all food service program provided at UCA, it didn’t take long to realize why so many workers are needed. Not only does the cafeteria provide three meals/day (except for Sundays), but they also provide food for many of the off-campus trips by putting together sack lunches or snacks that can be taken on the road. One of their biggest events is Sabbath lunch at Alumni Weekend, where they must feed several hundred in a very short amount of time. It is a very well-planned and efficiently executed event, with all hands on deck!

Campus employment is another form of education at UCA. Students learn various tasks and are entrusted with

a variety of responsibilities. Working also provides money for tuition costs. FoundationONE celebrates and supports the many avenues of employment on the UCA campus. In fact, asking about employment is part of FoundationONE’s grant application process. Dean Kravig, Executive Director says, “The foundation believes that although the work-study program that many of us grew up with is no longer possible due to federal regulations, we want our grant recipients to know that it is important for them to do their part in paying their school bill, while hopefully developing a strong work ethic.”

The cafeteria on a boarding school campus serves such an important role – not only does it provide food, but it employs students who can learn to be committed to a job and gain valuable experience that will serve them later in life, all while earning money that will go toward their tuition. Sounds like a win-win for everyone! Thanks to Mr. McConnachie and his team for creating a successful program and work environment. Zach, Kaitlyn, and Charlee, thank you for your commitment and hard work!

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# **UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY'S 18TH ANNUAL "CHRISTMAS AT THE FOX"**

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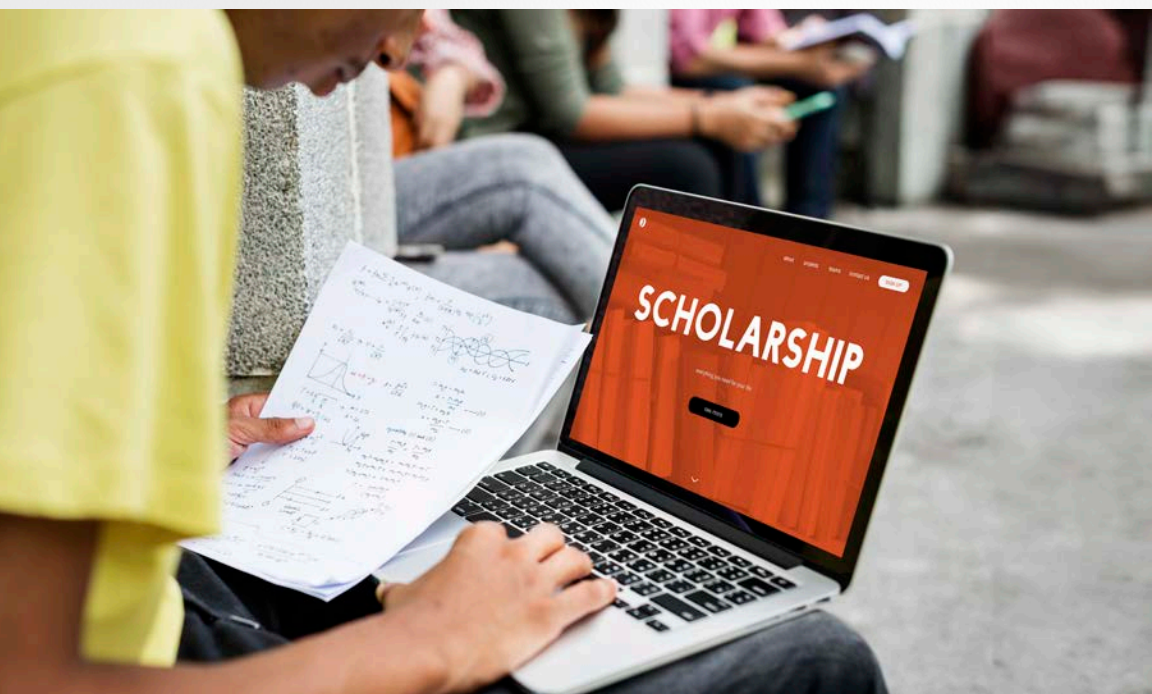
There will be an opportunity for you to help meet UCA's  
ongoing need for student aid.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024, 7:30 P.M.**

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# NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS AND LEGACIES



**O**ur Named Scholarships always make me think of legacies. Legacies of families, a spouse, a child or parent that are being carried on through these scholarships in the lives of our student recipients. Students in whom we see those unique and special traits of character, or those passions and interests that we want to nurture as they mature into adults. Traits like a strong work ethic, a passion for math and science, music, history, industrial arts, a love for people and a desire to encourage and build them up. And most of all, a love for God, and a wanting to know Him better. All of these and more are represented in our 20 named scholarships.

In addition to almost \$200,000 in financial aid grants, this year FoundationONE will be providing over \$100,000 in financial aid through the named scholarships that we manage. We are deeply grateful for the commitment and work of the fund agents who help to manage the named scholarships. The funds they oversee encourage students to continue growing and developing into their highest God-given potential. And when student recipients realize that the fund agents and donors are sacrificing to invest in their future, it is very empowering.

In the 2023-24 school year the named scholarship funds helped many students in a variety of ways. Some needed help in paying off their bill before they graduated – thus enabling them to graduate debt-free, and receive their diploma. Others were able to use the funds to attend UCA this current year.

As you look through the descriptions of the named scholarships in this article, we invite you to consider donating specifically to funds that have criteria of interest to you, or that carry on the legacy of a former teacher, family member or classmate.

To donate, you may use the envelope you'll find in this Connections, or online at: [foundationoneuca.org/named-scholarships/](http://foundationoneuca.org/named-scholarships/)

### **OLIN PEACH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Students with financial need who exhibit an outstanding work ethic, put forth strong academic

effort, and are good citizens. Selected by the UCA faculty.

### **ERIC MOLSTEAD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must be female freshmen at UCA who demonstrate interest and academic achievement in science and/or math, and who plan to pursue a career in science or math. If recipients maintain a 3.5 GPA in math and science the scholarship renews every year.

### **FAYE R. (PREWITT) KWAPIEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Students must demonstrate financial need; must live within the territory of the Upper Columbia Conference; must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

### **“GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT” SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Students who show a spirit of generosity and caring towards others, and have financial need.

### **LAMBERTON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Strong work ethic. The purpose of the fund is to assist hard-working Hispanic students in obtaining a quality education at UCA. Many Hispanic students come from families who work in the orchards and on farms as did the Lamberton children.

### **SHEILA LYNN LARSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Must demonstrate an interest in music, home economics, or industrial arts, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and demonstrate financial need.

### **ROBERTS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must be enrolled, or accepted at UCA, and demonstrate financial need.

### **HARVEY & VERNA MOHR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Earnestly desire a Christian education and be accepted as a student at UCA. Must have educational and spiritual goals, demonstrate financial need, and obtain a letter of recommendation from their pastor.

### **GRANDVIEW PIONEER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Students who wish to attend Upper Columbia Academy, who are active in their home church, and who can demonstrate financial need.

### **LONDA SLAWSON (RAINES) SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Involvement in UCA's vocal music programs, financial need.

### **LEADBETTER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must excel in one of these areas: history, English, or music performance and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.

### **WAYNE HOOPER MEMORIAL BRASS SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Passion for playing brass instruments, consistent in practice, able to demonstrate progress in their musical abilities, and be considering a career in music.

### **BILL & JUDY PUTNAM SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Students from single-parent homes.

### **CLASS OF 1985 SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Students who show strong student leadership and have financial need.

### **CLASS OF 2007 SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: An attitude of generosity and hospitality, being a friend to all, and have financial need.

### **DAN DAVIS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Financial need.

### **NANCY DRISCOL ENGLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Female student, financial need, active in their local church, enjoys music, has a heart for giving to and serving others.

### **TONY HENNEBERG**

### **"THE ENOURAGER" SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: An encourager of others, compassionate and kind, and have financial need.

### **DANIEL NEIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: Passion for outdoor sports, a lover of people and a friend to all, shows financial need.

### **ANDERSON-WILKENS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria: financial need.

If you are interested in starting a named endowment please contact Dean Kravig at [dean.kravig@foundationoneuca.org](mailto:dean.kravig@foundationoneuca.org) or 509-939-1716.

# THE REWARDS OF FoundationONE

Each year on registration day the FoundationONE team is privileged to hand out scholarship certificates to students of Upper Columbia Academy.

The gymnasium bustles with activity and noise from students and parents trying to get all the stations visited and required signatures. Nearly one hundred students are grant recipients this year, and it's always so rewarding to see returning students and meet new ones and their parents.

Because of the support of our FoundationONE donors \$197,000 in grants will be given to ensure that students are able to attend UCA. The greatest reward of the day is seeing the smiles and hearing the words of gratitude from students and parents.

On behalf of UCA student recipients and their families, thank you! You are making a difference for God's kingdom. May God bless you for your generosity!



*Kylie and Kierstyn Brandon with the FoundationONE team: Mindy Weber, Dean Kravig and Cheri Atwood*





▲ Temporary road from campus to tower site.

# “Igniting the World” Campaign UPDATE

Through the Igniting the World campaign and the generosity of our alumni and donors, Upper Columbia Academy and FoundationONE have been greatly blessed. Although the campaign addresses many areas of need on campus, by necessity the focus has primarily been on four:

**ONE—The New UCA Water Towers**

Over \$1.1 million of the \$1.7 million needed has been raised for the new water system, and the permit has

been received from the Spokane County Health Dept. The temporary road has also been completed from the Principal’s home to the hill

where the new towers will be located. However, due to a delay in obtaining the permit, and the arrival of autumn rains, the engineers and excavation professionals have advised that any site preparation for the towers be postponed until drier conditions in the late spring. Any inconsistencies in the soil compaction beneath each tower could cause serious problems later on in the process.

This new timeline is still within the deadline given by Spokane County, and Baker Silo has assured us that any possible increase in the towers will be no more than \$7,000 due to a possible increase in concrete costs. Because of the delay, a significant amount of the funds we have received are now re-invested until spring. This will allow the money that has been donated thus far to keep earning over the next six months, which will more than cover any increase in costs.

## **TWO—Girls' Dorm Improvements**

As we have shared before, the rooms in the girl's dorm have been beautifully renovated, providing a much more comfortable living environment for study, relaxation and rest. Ladies in the dormitory are grateful for all those who contributed to this project.

### **STILL NEEDED:**

- The aging and outdated bathrooms and showers are the next project we hope to complete as part of the Igniting the World campaign. One of our alumni from the 60's who visited the campus last summer commented that "these bathrooms

and showers look almost the same as they did when I was here almost 60 years ago!" Because the dormitories are the home of our students for nine months of the year, this long overdue renovation would be most appreciated by the ladies in the girls' dormitory! At current prices, the total cost will be \$1.5 million or more.

- All exterior doors need to be replaced with card lock doors for increased security.



▲ Current shower room.

## **THREE—Faculty Home Improvements**

Thanks to the generosity of the classes of '66 -'71 there have been numerous improvements to the homes of UCA faculty and staff:

- A garage roof and trusses have been replaced
- Two bathrooms have been renovated and updated
- A backyard fence has been replaced
- Three electrical panels have been replaced
- Re-roofing of house #8 is funded and scheduled for June of 2025.

## **STILL NEEDED:**

- 9 homes need new fascia and soffits
- 11 homes need new rain gutters
- 6 homes need new electrical panels
- 4 exterior doors & more than 20 screen doors are needed
- 1 furnace needs to be removed from the attic and re-installed in the garage
- 1 yard needs to be regraded, so it slopes away from the house. This will require a new driveway, sidewalks and landscaping.
- 4 homes need work on egress windows
- 2 homes need ceiling and wall repairs
- Many homes need updated kitchens and bathrooms

## **FOUR—Growth of the FoundationONE Endowment:**

Since Igniting the World campaign began, the FoundationONE endowment has grown from \$4 million to more than \$7 million, and is providing over \$300,000 in financial aid this school year. We are so grateful to all who have given generously to make this happen! The need for financial aid at UCA is far greater than we can currently supply, so please consider how you can give to help us reach the campaign goal of \$10 million.

## **What's Next?**

The Igniting the World campaign will end on December 31, 2024, at which time UCA will continue to raise monies for the needs around campus, and FoundationONE will focus solely on increasing the endowment. Rob Knipple, who has taken on the development program as part of his load, took a training course in development at the Indiana University School of Philanthropy this summer, and is aggressively working to grow UCA's development/fundraising program.

The Igniting the World campaign has increased our awareness of the many ongoing needs at UCA, and we invite each of our alumni and donors to give generously to help meet those needs so that Upper Columbia Academy can continue to thrive in an age when many of our schools are struggling to stay open. May God bless you as you consider how to ensure the success of UCA until Jesus returns.

**Learn more about the Igniting the World Campaign at:**  
[\*\*ignitingtheworlduca.org\*\*](https://ignitingtheworlduca.org)



## OPTIONS FOR SUPPORTING THE VISION OF FOUNDATIONONE

**T**he vision of FoundationONE is that no student will ever be turned away from attending Upper Columbia Academy because of finances. A secondary goal is to be able to fund all the student aid needs for UCA, so that it is not a drain on the school's budget each year.

Even though the FoundationONE endowment has now surpassed \$7 million, and will provide over \$300,000 in financial aid this school year, Upper Columbia Academy has also had to budget an additional \$400,000 to meet the remaining need. This situation only heightens the urgency for the FoundationONE endowment to grow – indeed, to double in size to \$14 million.

Although \$14 million may seem like an unreachable goal, if every living UCA alumni simply gave \$50/month, we would surpass that goal in two years.

As we near the end of the year, we encourage you to consider including FoundationONE in your giving. Here are a few donation options:

## CASH GIFTS

A cash gift, through a personal check or credit card, is the most popular type of charitable gift FoundationONE receives. You can make gifts using a credit card by clicking on GIVE, in the upper right corner of the home webpage at [foundationoneuca.org](http://foundationoneuca.org), or by using the QR Code below:



## IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

If you are 70 ½ or older and do not currently need your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for living expenses, you can make a contribution to FoundationONE of up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA and reduce your taxable income. This is an easy way to fulfill your RMD, reduce your tax liability, and support students at UCA. Here's what you need to do:

- 1) Act before December 31 to transfer the RMD funds directly to FoundationONE.
- 2) Call 208-288-1260 for assistance, or use our sample letter from the FoundationONE website to give your IRA administrator instructions. The letter can be found under the IRA RMD section at [foundationoneuca.org/#ways-to-give](http://foundationoneuca.org/#ways-to-give).

## REAL ESTATE

Residential, agricultural, commercial or investment real estate can be given to benefit FoundationONE as a current gift. If FoundationONE accepts the real estate transfer, the Foundation will immediately list the asset for sale, and the net sale proceeds will benefit the fund(s) you designate. This is a great way to avoid capital gains taxes on highly appreciated real estate.

## SECURITIES

Transferring a gift of securities—stocks, bonds or mutual funds—that have been held long term allows you to receive a charitable deduction for the full, fair market value of the securities. Giving securities that have appreciated in value also allows you to avoid capital gains tax.

## LIFE INSURANCE

You can donate a life insurance policy to FoundationONE or simply name FoundationONE as the beneficiary. For the gift of a paid-up policy, you will receive an income tax deduction equal to the lesser of the cash value of the policy or the total premiums paid. To qualify for the federal charitable contribution deduction on a gift of an existing policy, you must name FoundationONE as owner and beneficiary. To make a significant future gift at a relatively low cost, you may do so through a new life insurance policy, designating FoundationONE as the beneficiary.

## MATCHING GIFTS

Many corporations and businesses match their employees' charitable gifts with a contribution of equal or greater value. A matching gift may be initiated by completing your company's matching gift form and sending it with your gift to FoundationONE. Check with your human resources or personnel office to determine if your employer has a matching gift program and if your gift qualifies for a corporate match.

## PLANNED GIFTS

When considering a planned gift, there are many options to choose from. Whether you would like to put your donation to work today or benefit the Foundation after your lifetime, you can find a charitable plan that will help you provide for your family and support FoundationONE.

The optimal gift plan depends on your charitable and personal objectives, available assets, income tax bracket, age, health, and income needs, etc. To discover the best plan for your particular situation will require a little research. You can do the research yourself by following one of the tools under the "Tools to Start Your Giving Plan" link on our website.

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