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THE NOAH DAVIS STORY

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# Director's Message

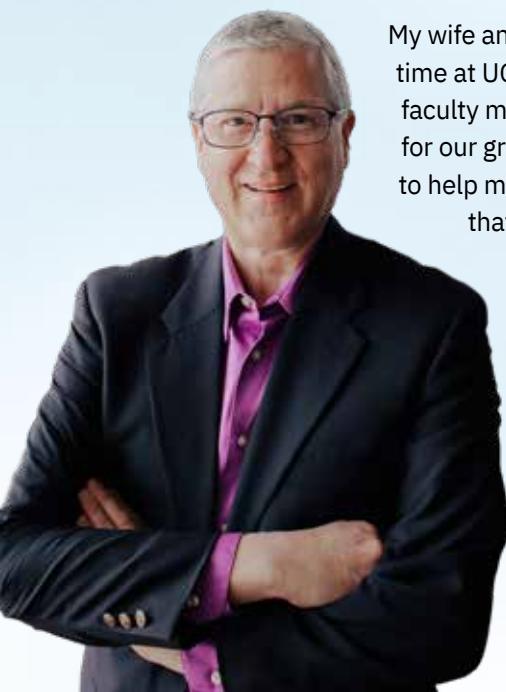
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Over the past year God has abundantly blessed FoundationONE through you, our alumni and donors! Thank you! Because you chose generosity, we are providing nearly \$360,000 in financial aid to UCA students this year. As you will read in the story of Noah Davis, many students would not be able to attend UCA without the assistance you helped to provide.

For the past 20 years, the sole reason for the existence of FoundationONE is to help families be able to send their children to UCA. We have a passion for the Biblically based, Christian education that UCA has been providing for decades, and we want it to continue until Jesus comes.

I'm not one to cry "Wolf!" – it's just not my style - but with two more of our academies closing this last summer, I might wonder how Upper Columbia Academy is doing, and if they might be the next school to have an empty campus next year.

The reality is the cost of doing business for UCA has gone up by more than 40% in the past four years. Think about that fact. During the same period, UCA's tuition and fees rose by just over 20%. Any greater increase would not have been fair, or feasible, for students and their families.



My wife and all four of our children were blessed by their time at UCA, as was I during my thirteen years as a faculty member. We want UCA to be strong and vibrant for our grandchildren, so we choose to give each month to help make that a reality. My wife and I have learned that generosity isn't about waiting until we have more. It's about giving what we can, where we are, with what we already have.

I don't know how that looks for you. Maybe that's \$20 a month, or maybe it's \$500. Whatever it is, I know that if we all do our part, we can ensure that UCA is thriving for the next generation, and until Jesus comes.

*Dean Kraig*

# The Water Towers Are COMPLETED!!

**W**e join with UCA in praising God for the generosity of our alumni and donors!

The construction on the towers and piping to the campus was completed in mid-November. The towers are now filled and awaiting final inspection by the Washington State Department of Health. When students return from Christmas vacation, the system should be fully functioning. Final landscaping and fencing around the towers are planned but will have to wait until after the spring thaw.

As of December 1, there remains \$325,000 of the \$1.65 million total that needs to be raised. To help us reach that goal, a generous donor has offered a \$50,000 matching gift. When it is matched, we will be only \$225,000 from being free of any outstanding debt! Let's join together to complete the funding for this project!





# AGAINST ALL ODDS

## **Editor's Note:**

As we heard Jacqui Davis tell the story of how God used FoundationONE to enable her son Noah to attend UCA, we felt that it would be best to let you read it in her own words. We know you'll be blessed!

**A**s a family, we have always believed in the importance of education and the role it plays in shaping our children's futures. This past year brought a whirlwind of transitions for us and launched us into a new season of change.

Our oldest child completed high school—a milestone that simultaneously filled our hearts with pride and anticipation of the coming prospects of college! At the same time, our younger children were stepping into new educational phases, each with their own unique set of challenges and hopes. It felt as though every member of our family was standing on the edge of something new and unknown.

**By Jacqui Davis**

We were successful in finding a local Seventh-Day Adventist elementary school that could accommodate adding our fourth and youngest son to their very full roster, but the most pressing challenge was finding the right school for our two high schoolers. The options in our area were limited and, frankly, none felt quite right. We considered local public schools, private programs, and even online alternatives. Each solution seemed to come with its own set of compromises and uncertainties. The weight of making the right choice was heavy, knowing that these years would lay the foundation for their adult lives.

During this season of searching, our pastor, who truly has a passion for the ministry of God's young people, suggested we explore Upper Columbia Academy (UCA). He spoke with conviction and tenderness, knowing our circumstances and the particular challenges we faced. His encouragement planted a seed of hope, even as we wondered if such an option could ever really be within reach for us.

Immediately, real barriers stood in our way. The cost of private education at UCA seemed impossible, especially with one son just beginning college and another already enrolled at a junior SDA academy, while also trying to navigate our nearly fixed budget based on injuries my husband sustained during his military service. Every dollar counted, and the idea of stretching ourselves further felt overwhelming—not just overwhelming—not a realistic possibility. Beyond the financials, we wondered

if our family was emotionally ready for a change of this magnitude, and whether our children could thrive in a new environment.

Despite our doubts, we decided to call and ask if we could tour UCA. This was the beginning of August, so there were no students, but they graciously agreed to let me bring my two high school age sons to tour the grounds. Walking through the campus, meeting some of the staff, and seeing the dorms helped us envision what could be possible. The environment felt nurturing and Christ-centered, with opportunities for growth both academically and personally. As a family, we spent long evenings discussing whether this could truly be the right step. Noah, our 9<sup>th</sup> grader, immediately wanted to go to UCA, but I, his momma, felt being not quite 15 was maybe a bit too soon. And while both of our sons had a great talk with one of the deans that truly inspired them, the decision was not straightforward, and uncertainty lingered.

We ultimately decided to start the school year with online homeschooling. We enrolled, set up a dedicated space, and tried our best to create a routine. Our high schoolers began the year and Nathan, our 11<sup>th</sup> grader, settled in right away...loving the freedom homeschooling provided for all his homesteading endeavors. However, Noah, although gave it his all, it quickly became clear that his heart longed for something more—a different experience, a new challenge, and a sense of belonging that homeschooling simply could not pro-

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vide. Noah's struggle touched us deeply. We saw the spark in his eyes dim just a little, and we knew we couldn't ignore his desire for a different path. Swallowing our fears, we reached out to UCA, unsure if it was even possible to enroll so late in the year – just 4 business days before registration day! The response was swift, kind, and encouraging. Suddenly, a door that had seemed impassable began to open.

What followed was a flurry of activity that can only be described as miraculous! It was the Tuesday before school began when I called to see about enrolling Noah and within a matter of hours, we began and completed the application process. The UCA staff guided us through each step, helping us navigate late registration, financial aid applications, and the necessary paperwork. Their understanding and compassion gave us strength, and we felt the support of a wider community rallying around us. I spent the following day completing every type of financial aid or scholarship form available, and by that evening we had received Noah's application approval email and link for enrollment.

Thursday began very daunting... as I completed section after section of the

several part enrollment package, I found it included having a physical examination and immunization record or waiver signed by a Washington licensed practitioner! I'm ashamed to say that my first thought was "well there goes that", but my next thought was of a nearby practice in Washinton that our son had never been to, and I took a deep breath and said, "Thy will be done" and called them. I told them the deadline I was under and what I was trying to accomplish, they said they doubted any of their practitioners would be able to fit me in but that they'd ask around and call me back. The phone rang...our Pastor letting me know our church would commit to the UCA church match program! The seemingly immovable financial boulder quivered!

I continued towards finishing the enrollment forms, and just as I was submitting the packet, my phone rang. A Christian doctor at the clinic had heard of our predicament and was moved with compassion to forfeit his lunch hour in order squeeze in seeing Noah the following day. The Friday before UCA began classes! The next morning was another step in faith as Noah and I headed out to purchase school and dorm supplies, and then straight to the doctor's office. Sometime during the

day, we got a call ironing out Noah's class schedule, too. We made it home just in time for me to scan, upload, and email everything back to UCA just before 5pm. But the lingering question remained, was it all for nought? Could this even happen? When would we know? Even with the church match program, that would last a couple of months, and we could not cover the remaining difference. I called UCA just to confirm that the email had been received...and oh yeah, to ask when and where we should show up on Registration day??

To my surprise my call was accidentally rerouted...to the financial offices! The woman who answered the phone asked with whom she was speaking, and when I gave her my name she said, "well that's amazing. You are just the person I needed to speak with! Do you have a minute to discuss Noah's financial payment plan?" I took a long slow breath, and said a quick prayer in my head, then said "Yes". She continued to ask me questions about the applications I had submitted and began to help me better understand the FoundationONE scholarship and UCA financial aid. As I tried to sort out everything she had explained, she told me that the exact amount we would need in order for Noah to be able to attend UCA had been awarded to him! I didn't speak at first, I truly don't think it registered for about 30 full seconds... and then the tears began to fall. That poor woman! She probably thought the call had dropped, then had to ask if I was still there, and then was subjected to trying to understand my thanks

and praise through tears and sniffles! Financial aid from FoundationONE was provided in ways we never could have predicted.

Looking back, we see a story not just of educational transitions, financial challenges, or logistic hurdles, but of faith in action and miracles unfolding. Noah began his journey at Upper Columbia Academy—a door opened by faith, community, and unexpected blessings. We are reminded that even when the way forward seems impossible, hope can be found in the kindness of others and the hand of God. This is how we'll begin: not by our strength alone, but together, lifted by faith and love. Our testimony is a celebration of new beginnings, made possible by miracles great and small. God's provision – and the generosity of our church, faith, family and friends. In less than four days, what seemed impossible became a reality... against all odds!



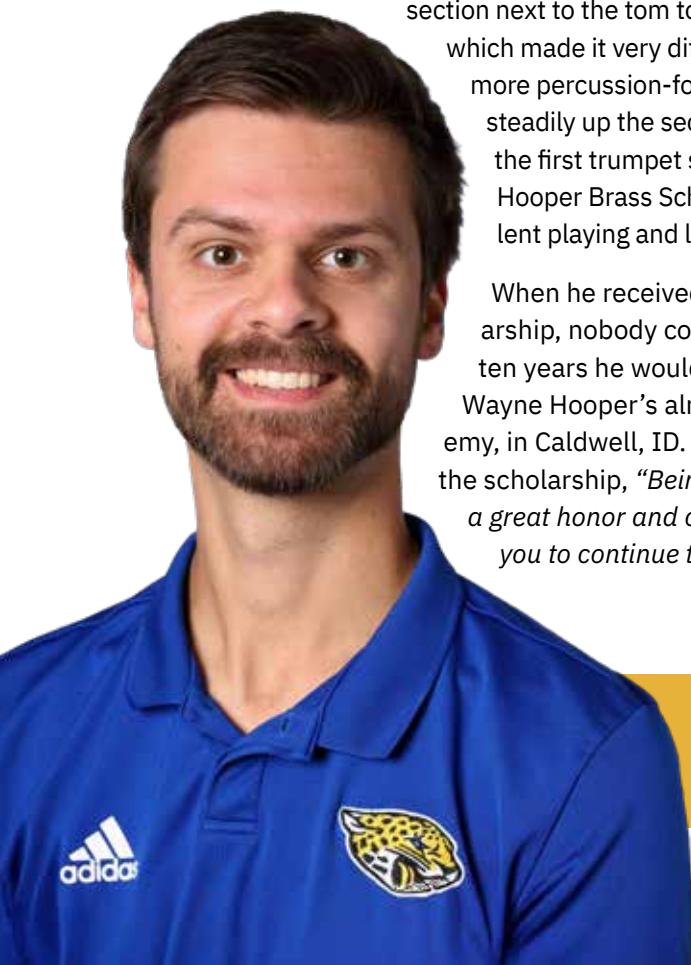
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WAYNE HOOPER RECIPIENT COMES FULL CIRCLE

**R**onnie Anderson, ('16), Director of Music at Gem State Academy, began playing trumpet in the Upper Columbia Academy Band in 7th grade.

He recalls that he sat at the very end of the trumpet section next to the tom toms in the percussion section, which made it very difficult to hear himself on the more percussion-focused pieces. Ronnie moved steadily up the section, and before long was in the first trumpet section, receiving the Wayne Hooper Brass Scholarship in 2014 for his excellent playing and leadership in the band.

When he received the Wayne Hooper Scholarship, nobody could have known that within ten years he would be the director of music at Wayne Hooper's alma mater, Gem State Academy, in Caldwell, ID. As Ronnie observes regarding the scholarship, *"Being recognized for something is a great honor and can inspire something inside of you to continue to grow and challenge your-*



BY DEAN KRAVIG

*self even more in that area. The Wayne Hooper scholarship reinforced to me that I had the ability, talent and work ethic to be good at music. There are several requirements for those students, and while I was enjoying trumpet just fine, the scholarship inspired in me the confidence to continue that growth and belief in myself until I got to college.”*

Ronnie's music classes, while at UCA; band, Choraliers and Vocal Octet fostered his musical background as a young student, grew his love for music and showed him its amazing spiritual power. Playing in the band gave him the opportunity to learn to read music well, and work as a part of a large group. Choraliers became a family of like-minded people who loved singing together. As a whole, the UCA teachers' genuine interest in him and his future was inspiring. It was while at UCA that he strongly considered becoming a teacher and helping students in the future to find their strengths, to grow in their love for Jesus, and follow God's calling for their lives.

It was in Ronnie's second quarter of college at Walla Walla University that he decided to become a music teacher. The thought was always in the back of his mind, but he had started as a graphic design major at WWU, and was involved in music ensembles as a non-music major. He was in the university wind symphony (band), and enjoyed it immensely. It was during this quarter that he made some decisions about what he wanted out of life. Ronnie realized

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that he wanted to work with students, and he needed to be more involved in music. His love for young people was fostered mostly at Camp MiVoden, where he learned many lessons about people and leadership.

At the end of his first quarter at WWU, Ronnie switched his major to Music Education, and because his UCA music teachers had prepared him well enough to do so, he tested out of Music Theory and Ear Training I for the quarter he had missed. During the remaining years of his university experience Ronnie grew in several key areas: confidence in himself and his musical skills, a deeper knowledge of people and how to have positive interactions with students, and most of all, the knowledge that he had what it took to be a teacher – and that he was pretty good at it!

Upon graduation from WWU in 2022, Ronnie was offered the position of Director of Music at Gem State Academy. During his three years at Gem State, he has found that he has grown greatly and learned from his mentors and students many things that will serve him well as he continues on this path. Ronnie hopes to get a master’s degree and continue to learn about this wonderful thing called music.

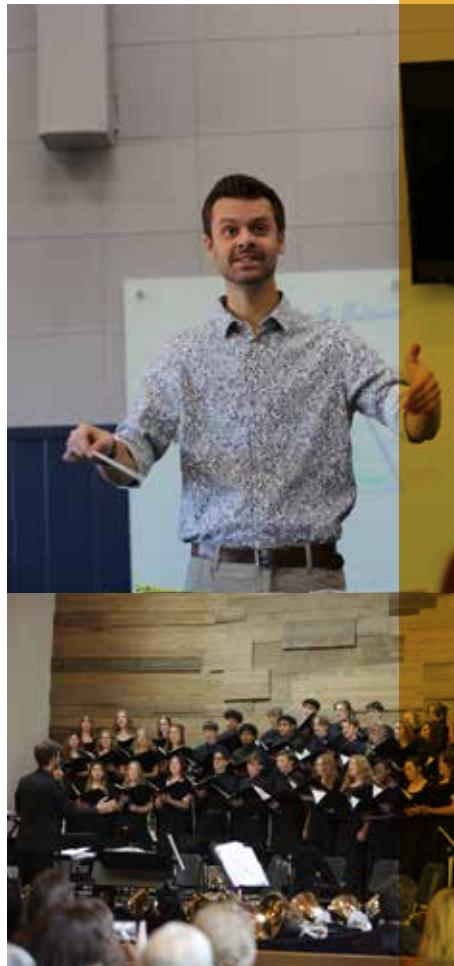
*“I am grateful to Dick and Jan (Hooper) Lind, the fund agents for the Wayne Hooper Scholarship, and I would say to all the named scholarship agents, that they should not underestimate the deep impact that simple recognition of achievement can have. When*

*done properly, scholarships build students up and propagate future engagement and willingness to step forward and grow into the plans God has for them. We need leaders among our young people for the future, and scholarships are often the starting point for them.”*

As a UCA alum, Ronnie says to FoundationONE’s named scholarship agents and donors who support UCA students,

*“Thank you for supporting Adventist education. While the world flounders, we as educators have a responsibility that is sacred. Alongside family and mentors, educators have a high calling to prepare young people to share the love of Jesus to the world in a stark and tangible way. FoundationONE Scholarships allow young people to thrive at UCA in an environment that is founded on a belief in Jesus, challenging scholastically, safe and Christ-centered. Thank you sincerely and wholeheartedly for your generosity. I know that I, and hundreds of other students have been blessed by your generosity. It is truly inspiring to us as students that you choose to invest in us even though you may never meet us personally.”*

So the circle is complete: Not only is Ronnie a Wayne Hooper Brass Scholarship recipient from Upper Columbia Academy, but he is now the director of music at Wayne Hooper’s alma mater, and is managing Gem State Academy’s own Wayne Hooper Memorial Scholarship Fund for promising young musicians like Wayne Hooper was so many years ago.





## INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST NAMED SCHOLARSHIP FUND **THE PATCHETT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**Christian Education has been a part of our family for generations.**

In the early 1900's, Howard and Lida Patchett both graduated with teaching credentials, and shortly after marriage, they set sail for South Africa as missionaries.

Their son Orval was born in Africa. He would later attend several Adventist colleges before his time at Loma Linda University Medical School. While at LLU, he met Dorothy Belle Gould.

Dorothy was born and raised in Walla Walla. Her grandfather came west from Missouri in a covered wagon, settling in Dayton, WA. Her parents ran a 'super club', selling moonshine from their own still, during prohibition. Through Providence, Dorothy made friends with a family from College Place, and shortly after, joined the Adventist church.

After obtaining a 2-year nursing degree from Walla Walla College, Dorothy continued her studies in Loma Linda, where she met Orval. They would

marry, and in the early 1950's, move to Pasco, WA. Over the next 25 years, they helped build the local Adventist school, Tri-Cities Jr Academy, and provide financial assistance to many students who wanted to attend.

My brother Tim and I enrolled as juniors at UCA, in the Fall of 1973. We have so many good memories of our time there—life-long friendships, dedicated faculty, and exciting group activities like band tours, football under the lights, and skiing at Mount Spokane.

God has blessed us with many wonderful people from our time at UCA, and our children have enjoyed similar memories. Our parents and grandparents were strong advocates for Christian education, and we want to continue their legacy of generosity, making it possible for future generations to enjoy the same blessings that we have been given. —By Richard Patchett

"If you would like to donate to the Patchett Family Scholarship Fund, please indicate that on your donation envelope or check, or choose Patchett Family Fund when you donate online at: [foundationoneuca.org/give-now/](http://foundationoneuca.org/give-now/)

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Featuring the UCA choral and instrumental groups  
Performing your favorite sacred and secular Christmas classics

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025, 7:30 P.M.

(THE CONCERT IS FREE, AND DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)

Fox Theater: 1001 W Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA 99210

# 2025 BOB LARRABEE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**F**riday, September 26 dawned clear and bright – perfect for a day of golf. It proved to be a spectacular day in every way. The weather was perfect, the camaraderie was wonderful, sportsmanship and attitudes were inspiring, and the golf course was gorgeous. God's blessing was clearly evident!

This year's tournament also honored the life of Ron Knutson, long-time golfer in the Bob Larrabee tournament. Ron and his wife, Joyce, have been lifelong, faithful supporters of Adventist Christian education.

FoundationONE is grateful for the 128 players and 25 hole sponsors who supported this year's tournament. Over \$47,000 was raised towards continuing the mission of FoundationONE - providing financial aid for UCA students. We truly could not do this work without you, and we are deeply grateful for your generosity!



Men's 1st  
Place Team  
from Alpha  
Services



▲ Clockwise from top left: Women's 1st Place Team; Women's 2nd Place Team, UCA Women's Team; Appel Family Team; Peter & Candy (Knutson) LaPlante; The Patzer Connection



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DECEMBER 18, 2025**  
**UCA'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE FOX**

**DECEMBER 31, 2025**  
**MATCHING CHALLENGE ENDS**

**MARCH 6-8, 2025**  
**UCA SENIOR RECOGNITION WEEKEND**

**MAY 22-23, 2025**  
**UCA SPRING SHOWCASE**

**JUNE 5-7, 2025**  
**UCA GRADUATION WEEKEND**



# CREATE A BETTER FUTURE. IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK.

Support the FoundationONE endowment and your gift will last longer.

Because endowment gifts are invested permanently, giving to FoundationONE will impact UCA students for generations. It's a way to create a legacy.

- Become an Impact Partner (monthly donor). You may set up your monthly donation online and give via credit card or eCheck. Go to [www.foundationoneuca.org/give-now/](http://www.foundationoneuca.org/give-now/)
- When someone you love dies, consider designating Memorial Donations to FoundationONE. We can provide donation cards with your loved one's photo on them. Call 509-939-1716 or email us to make the arrangements: [dean.kravig@foundationoneuca.org](mailto:dean.kravig@foundationoneuca.org) or [cheri.atwood@foundationoneuca.org](mailto:cheri.atwood@foundationoneuca.org)
- If you are 70 ½ or older and do not need the **Required Minimum Distribution** (RMD) from your IRA for living expenses, you may contribute up to \$100,000 annually to FoundationONE and thereby reduce your taxable income. Here's what you need to do:

1. Act before December 31 to transfer the RMD funds directly to FoundationONE.
2. Call or email us for assistance. We will send you a letter with instructions to give to your IRA administrator.
- Consider giving **Stocks, Bonds, or Mutual funds**. If you have securities that have appreciated in value, and choose to donate them to FoundationONE, you'll receive a charitable deduction for the full, fair market value and thereby avoid capital gains tax. We can email you the transfer instructions.
- Consider a **Planned Gift**. There are many planned giving vehicles that can provide you with significant benefits and, at the same time, benefit the Endowment for UCA students. Call FoundationONE's Planned Giving Specialist, Don Klinger, at 208-288-1260.



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UCA Students**

**ONE GOAL:  
Future Leaders**

**ONE SCHOOL:  
Upper Columbia Academy**

**ONE PROCESS:  
Grants & Scholarships**

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UCA Students**

**ONE METHOD:  
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