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**BULLIED**

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**REUNION AUCTION  
GENERATES \$10,000**

For Eric Molstead Scholarship Fund



**UCA World Changers**



## President's Message

Dear UCA friends,

At Upper Columbia Academy students meet Jesus and prepare for lives of service. Over the years UCA has produced many, many World Changers. That's why we want to assure that finances never stand in the way of a student enrolling at UCA. Our world needs a steady stream of UCA World Changers!

In this issue of the *Connection* we are beginning a new series called *UCA World Changers*. Your heart will be blessed as you consider the impact Dr. Richard Hart and Candace Mayfield are making in this world. Enjoy their stories p. 10 and then, if you have not done so already, please consider partnering with us. Together we can inspire the next generations of World Changers!

Many of you have already bought into the mission of FoundationONE, as evidenced by your response to our recent Spring Appeal (remember Moises Ramirez' story?). Thank you for your support! Here is a brief summary:

### Between 4/1/19 and 5/17/19:

- You gave \$29,172 in cash toward the \$200,000 matching challenge.
- 20 of you became FoundationONE Impact Partners (monthly donors).
- Our Impact Partners have committed to \$2,717 per month, or \$32,604 per year.
- The matching challenge continues through June 30, 2019. Please give or pledge now. . . and double the impact of your gift!

If you missed reading Moises' story, go to [www.foundationoneuca.org](http://www.foundationoneuca.org) and click on IMPACT. ■

Mindy Weber

Mindy Weber, '85



## Dear Scholarship Donors,

I am writing to say thank you for your generous donations to FoundationONE! Without a scholarship, there is no way I would be at UCA. Your support is helping me become the person I've always wanted to be.

UCA is a great place to grow! You see, until last summer when my family and I began taking Bible studies, I was lost, rebellious, and disrespectful to my parents and to many people around me. Now I am getting my life on a positive course. My time here at UCA has allowed me to meditate and grow strong in my calling to God's work.

I was baptized the first time when I was 12 years old but it was out of sheer pressure, as if I had to do it because if I didn't I wasn't going to be saved. I was baptized again on December 22, 2018 and this time it was from the bottom of my heart because I had the time to think about what I really wanted to do with my life. Thanks to all of you wonderful people I had the opportunity and the time to think and choose Jesus.

I am considering becoming a Student Resource Officer after high school, this will give me the opportunity to reach out to youth who need the Lord and allow me to share with them about our wonderful God. Truly I can't thank you enough for helping me. God bless you for your amazing, kind, and loving hearts. THANK YOU!!!!!!!! ■

Sincerely,

Moises Ramirez, '20

► Moises Ramirez







# BULLIED

## *No More...*

Chantelle Olbekson had a high school friend who took her own life because she was bullied. Now those same students were bullying Chantelle. They made fun of her pimples, her weight, her clothes. “The stress at public school was becoming unbearable,” Chantelle says, “I was becoming a very unhappy person.”

This past summer, a string of events (providential events, she now believes) opened a door for Chantelle to enroll at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA). At first Chantelle resisted—she didn’t have the energy to make new friends, she was afraid she wouldn’t fit in. After all, she wasn’t a Christian. Her nose was pierced and her hair was dyed bright red.

But. . . Chantelle’s Grandma had moved to Spangle and was willing to transport her back home to Spokane every day, and her Uncle—Pastor Fred, the Bible teacher—had found sponsors for her. Her mom said, “It’s a good opportunity; you’d better not pass it up,” so that is how Chantelle ended up at UCA on registration day this past August.

◀ **Left:** Chantelle and her BFF, Emberly Gimmaka; **Right:** Chantelle (center) and co-workers, Bella Leno Coburn (left) and Shyla Scruggs (right) take a moment from their custodial duties to pose for a picture.

“The first two weeks at UCA were hard,” Chantelle says, “I was afraid to talk to people. Then the second Saturday night we had a class party. We sat around the campfire, ate, talked and had a lot of fun. That evening I got to know my sophomore classmates, and suddenly, I felt comfortable, at home, accepted! They didn’t look down on me because of how I looked. For the first time in my life, instead of having friends who would stab me in the back, I have friends who tell me every day that I’m beautiful!”

“There were 800 kids in my class at public school. I was lost in the crowd, and no one cared. Here at UCA everyone knows each other, and not only do I have friends, I also have teachers who care about me. Whatever you’re going through, there’s always someone eager to listen and support. UCA is more than a school. It’s a second home!”

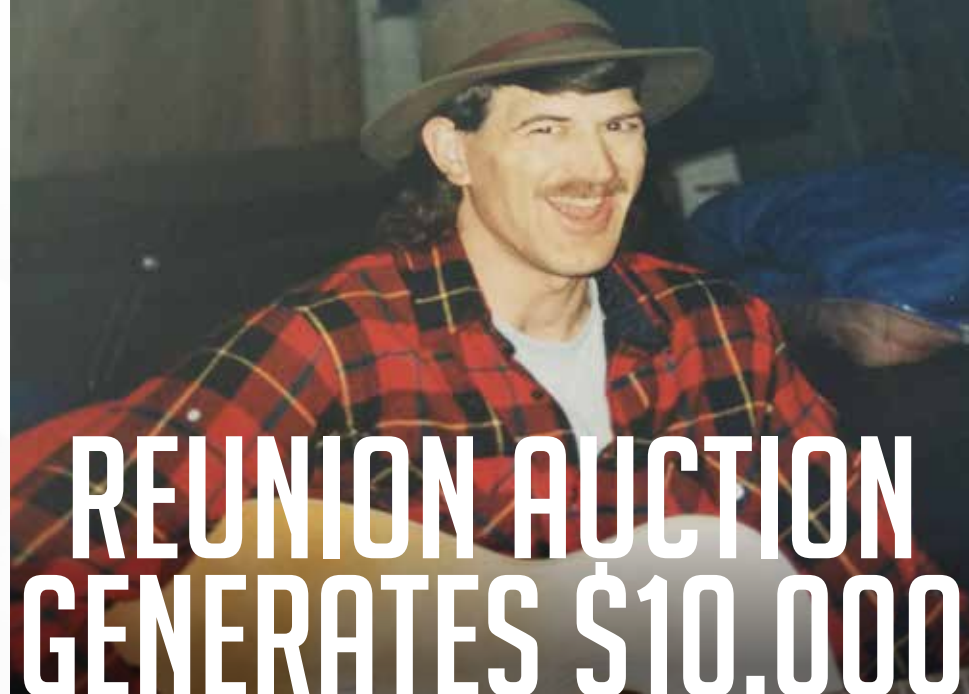
UCA is not only providing a happy healthy social environment for Chantelle, it is also challenging her spiritually and academically. Chantelle’s mother wanted her children to make their own choices regarding religion, so until now, Chantelle has had very little exposure to church. “Here at UCA,” she says, “my favorite thing is the worship that the teachers have at the beginning of each class period. While I believed there was a God, I didn’t trust him. I wondered why he would want people to suffer and die. Now I’ve learned that

God has an enemy and that the Devil is the one causing all the trouble. I’ve learned that God is gracious—that He will not burn you forever just because you didn’t go to church.”

Chantelle is also learning a whole new mindset regarding school. Before she was always stressed about her grades. “Here,” she says, “the teachers say, ‘don’t worry so much about the grade. What’s important is that you understand the concept.’”

When asked about her plans for the future, Chantelle responded, “I’m concerned about next year. My family doesn’t have enough money to send me here. If I don’t get enough sponsors, I don’t know what I will do. I don’t want to go back to public school. UCA has helped me so much! I have a tendency toward anxiety. It’s a genetic thing. UCA is helping me become a healthy, whole person, and I’ve got to continue here. I pray about this every night.”

FoundationONE is pleased to be able to support wonderful, talented, hard-working kids like Chantelle. We are counting on your continued support so that we can keep her enrolled at UCA. Thank you for being God’s agent to answer Chantelle’s prayer. Your past support has made this year possible. Your future gifts will assure that she gets to graduate with her friends. ■



## For Eric Molstead Scholarship Fund

BY ANITA (DIETRICH) MOLSTEAD

Emil and Johannah Dietrich emigrated to the U.S. from Zurich, Switzerland, in 1903, eventually ending up farming in Trout Lake, Washington.

Their eight children's descendants gather every August at the foot of Mt. Adams for a week of camping, rafting, fishing, and rich conversations. One of the yearly traditions is for nearly 20 cousins to summit Mt. Adams. More than one hundred cousins typically attend, thereby insuring that third and fourth cousins become great friends.

On the last day of the campout, after the Sunday morning communal breakfast, the family auction takes place. As the tradition has grown, more and more homemade items show up for the auction. Funds have built schools in India, helped finance a women's literacy center in Ethiopia, contributed to the Redmond, Oregon Relay for Life

Race, added to the scholarship funds for Arizona's Holbrook Indian School, and funded several African projects. When family members are facing huge medical challenges, auction funds help them, too.

Our son, Eric, was a yearly visitor to the Dietrich family reunion, flying a plane into the Trout Lake airport for the day. He and his guitar would join his cousins for the sing-a-longs at vespers and church services, with multiple generations standing under the huge maple trees singing their hearts out.

Six years after we lost Eric, we established the Eric Molstead Scholarship Fund for young women at Upper Columbia Academy who were interested in pursuing careers in math and science. Last year we were so grateful when the Dietrich family decided to use the auction money to bolster Eric's Scholarship fund.

The bidding on hand-made items—including hand-forged knives, home-canned peaches, produce from the Frog Hollow Organic Farm in College Place, home-grown honey, knitted hats and scarves, and powder-coated hand-forged entry-way hangers—was especially spirited. Competition for French macarons or a gorgeous quilt drove the bidding up and up! A grand total of over \$10,000 was raised that Sunday morning to benefit the Eric Molstead Scholarship Fund. Dick,

Michele, and I are extremely grateful for the support of so many family members.

The special memories of Eric being a part of this extended family and the inclusion into the Dietrich family of the young women who earn the scholarships, has made this an awesome memory. Our family would like to encourage others who enjoy getting together with their relatives at family reunions to come up with ways that benefit others. It's a wonderful way to add value to the unique and special time of each family reunion. ■



► **Top:** Jeff Dietrich, Eric's cousin, served as auctioneer;

► **Bottom:** The home canned soup from Frog Hollow Farm sold for \$200!



# BILLY CHRAMOSTA LEAVES LEGACY



**I**n 2016, Billy Chramosta, UCA class of 1951, decided he wanted to do something more—something very special—for his school.

He had been a good supporter of UCA for many years. Just two years prior he had funded a \$135,000 challenge grant for FoundationONE. But that was not enough. His heart was full of happy memories of his days at UCA, and he had to find a way to do more!

Linnea Torkelson, UCA's alumni director, and Linda Klinger, FoundationONE's director, met with Billy and he shared this dream with us: He wanted to give his home, after he passed, to benefit students who wanted a Christian education. We were able to help Billy deed his home, half to UCA directly, and half to the FoundationONE endowment. Billy was delighted!

We stayed in touch with Billy. This past November I (Linda Klinger) had occasion to drive through Tacoma. Billy and I enjoyed breakfast together at Denny's. Billy was getting older. His step had slowed, but he still had a good appetite. And he still loved his school—UCA. His closing words to me were, "Don't forget, I love you people."

Billy lived in a 1950's era home that he and his wife had purchased in 1974. His wife died in 2011, and he carried on, continuing to maintain his home. He knew every nook and cranny of the nearly one-acre property. Fortunately, he was able to live out his days, right there where he was comfortable.

On April 16, 2019, following a short illness, Billy Charles Chramosta fell asleep in Jesus. Now he is awaiting the call of the Lifegiver. Meanwhile his home is being readied for another occupant, and the proceeds from the sale will help more kids get a life-changing education at UCA.

If your heart is full of happy memories, like Billy's was, you too can make a difference. Giving your home is only one way—there are lots of ways! Our Certified Specialist in Planned Giving is ready to help you brainstorm ideas and fulfill your philanthropy dreams. Don Klinger is just a phone call away (208) 288-1260.

## IS A GIFT OF REAL ESTATE RIGHT FOR YOU?

A gift of real estate may be right for you, if:

You want to make a significant gift that benefits UCA students.

The expenses and obligations of owning your property outweigh the income you receive from it.

You don't have family members or loved ones who wish to take on the responsibilities or costs of owning your property after you're gone.

You want immediate income tax relief and capital gains tax elimination on the property's appreciation.

## BILLY TALKS ABOUT HIS PHILANTHROPIC JOURNEY

A few years ago I decided to try to discover the one place where a dollar does more good than anywhere else. I began to research various causes. Ultimately, my search brought me back to my roots, to Upper Columbia Academy.

As you know, UCA accepts students from all walks of life. Students from professional homes and students whose families have fallen on hard times. Regardless, when students arrive on campus the faculty begin showering them with love and acceptance and inspiring them to reach their highest potential, academically, spiritually, socially, physically.

The effect of this mentoring is absolutely astounding! But, the cost for a UCA education is more than \$19,000 a year. That is beyond the reach of many families. That is why I donated my home—because the young people who want to attend UCA are the very best raw material that can be found anywhere!

I've made a lot of decisions in my life, but giving my home to benefit UCA students is one of the finest—it's a decision I feel really, really good about! ■

◀ **Left:** Billy, in 2014, interacting with one of "his" UCA kids—Jeffery Rodriguez, '15;

◀ **Middle:** Billy proudly wears his US Air Force uniform to the 2002 UCA Alumni weekend, and he happily poses with Linnea Torkelson, alumni director;

◀ **Right:** Billy enjoying breakfast at Denny's



## Candace (Cortes) Mayfield, '11

**As you look back, what was the most impactful thing you got from Upper Columbia Academy?**

The greatest thing to me is that every teacher and staff member deeply cared about my personal growth and walk with the Lord. The staff and my fellow classmates made me feel as if UCA was my home. I really do feel like UCA shaped me, not just academically, but also spiritually.

**When you were a student at UCA, what were your dreams/plans for the future?**

I was dreaming about doing full time ministry, which I have had the opportunity of doing, and still do to this day. I work for the Upper Columbia Conference as a Bible Worker/Outreach Coordinator.

**Is there a cause that you feel especially passionate about? If so, what is it?**

I have a huge desire to minister to youth and early teens. One of the ways I help young people is by sponsoring them so they can get a Christian education and go on mission trips.

**Did you have a special experience that opened your eyes to the particular needs of young people?**

During the past five years I have been the youth leader for my local church and a year and a half ago my husband and I became foster parents to a 13-year-old girl. Both of these experiences has shown me how much I really do love being a mentor and a friend to young people as they endure some of the most difficult years of their childhood.

Currently I am sponsoring my foster daughter's Adventist education. I also make sure she is involved with Pathfinders and gets to attend Camp MiVoden. I want to give her every opportunity to grow in Christ.

**If the world continues past your lifetime, what do you hope will be the**



**impact of your life? In other words, how will the world be better because you lived on this planet?**

I hope that I am able to inspire others to extend a helping hand to their

neighbors or to anyone who needs support, whether it be emotional, physical or spiritual. I also hope my life will influence others to love people the way Jesus does.



## Richard Hart, '62

Dr. Richard Hart has a heart for ministering to people in third world countries. When he was a

student at Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University), he became one of the first student missionaries from the Seventh-day Adventist Church to serve outside of North America. Since then he has been active in leading Adventist young people to become involved with mission service.

Dr. Hart has served as president of Loma Linda University Health since 2008; he has served the University in various roles since 1972. Despite his heavy workload, Hart continues to make mission service a high priority by also serving as president of Adventist Health International which works to strengthen Adventist health facilities around the world.

At the University, Hart is often stuffed in an office or board room, but when

he is in Africa, Asia, or Latin America, he is out on the front lines—loving people, getting his hands dirty, caring for real needs!

Dr. Hart's love for helping people is contagious. He has been influential in inspiring hundreds of Loma Linda University's graduates—physicians, dentists, nurses and other health-care specialists—who are now serving around the world. He has also inspired thousands of Adventist health professionals who God has called to serve us right here in America!

In his spare time, Hart and his wife, Judy Osborne (UCA class of '61), tend a seven-acre farm that includes an orchard, Christmas tree farm, large garden, and two llamas. "As in health care, the work of a farmer is never finished," he says. "I'm always behind, but that's the way I want it." ■







▲ Julie Hagele



▲ Dr. Jodi L. Bailey

# FoundationONE

## Welcomes New Leaders

**JULIE HAGELE** recently accepted the newly created part-time Executive Assistant position. She joins Linda Klinger in the FoundationONE office in mid-July.

Julie knows, from both sides of the desk, the differences between public and Adventist education. That knowledge, combined with

the gratitude she feels for those who sponsored her through academy, fuels her passion for making Adventist education more attainable.

Julie obtained a mathematics degree from Pacific Union College and later earned a Master's Degree from the University of Nevada.

She has taught mathematics in both Adventist and public schools, from third grade through college Calculus. She has also served as a school administrator.

In 2007, Julie transitioned from teaching to administering estate plans at Western Adventist Foundation. Then in 2015 she sensed God calling her back to her alma mater—Rio Lindo Academy. Two years later she joined the staff at Upper Columbia Academy

where she served first as the VP for Alumni & Development, and then as the VP for Academics/Registrar.

Julie and her husband, Rob (her high school sweetheart), believe that joining the FoundationONE team is the next step in God's plan. She says, "Others saw to it that I got an Adventist education. I'm excited to facilitate gifts to the endowment so that generations of students can attend UCA, where they will meet Jesus."

**DR. JODI L. BAILEY** recently accepted a position on the FoundationONE Board of Directors. She understands the importance of grants and scholarships. Raised by a single parent, Jodi says she would not be where she is today without the financial aid she received through college and medical school. "The US Air Force gave me a free ride through med school and to pay them back I worked four years at Fairchild Air Force Base."

That's how Jodi and her husband happened to move to Spokane. Now they have been living and

working and serving the Spokane community for more than twenty-five years. Dr. Jodi is a specialist in breast imaging and diagnostic radiology. Her husband, Dr. Hal Bailey, is a Family Medicine physician.

Their son, Parker, is a 2016 graduate of Upper Columbia Academy. Jodi says, "Hal and I were delighted with the education, the Christian mentoring, and the friendships that Parker received when he was at UCA. It is a great school! And I want to make that positive experience available to more kids." ■

# Register Now!

## Bob Larrabee Memorial Golf Tournament

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**9:00 a.m.  
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## FAQs About Giving Your RMD to Charity

Some of us discovered the hard way that the new tax law makes it much harder to benefit from charitable donations. Still, we want to give to the causes we love. Utilizing one's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is one of the smartest strategies donors may use to minimize taxes.

### *How much can I transfer from my IRA to charity? Can I transfer more than my RMD?*

Yes, if you are 70½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free each year—even if that's more than your RMD. The money counts as your required minimum distribution but isn't included in your adjusted gross income.

### *I'll be 70½ in a few months. Can I give my RMD to charity now?*

Even though you can take your RMD anytime during the year you turn age 70½ (or until April 1 of the year after you turn 70½), you have to wait until you actually turn age 70½ to make the tax-free transfer to charity.

### *Can I give my 401(k) RMD to charity?*

No. You can only make the tax-free transfer from an IRA, not from a 401(k).

### *Can I withdraw the money from my IRA and then write a check to charity, or do I need to transfer the money directly?*

The tax-free transfer won't count if you withdraw the money from the IRA first and

then make a contribution to the charity. You can take a charitable deduction for your contribution in that case, but the IRA withdrawal will be included in your adjusted gross income.

You need to transfer the money directly from the IRA to the charity for it to count as the tax-free transfer. Ask your IRA administrator and the charity about making a direct transfer, or you can have the IRA administrator send a check from your account to the charity. If you have check-writing privileges for your IRA, you can write a check to the charity. Give the charity a heads-up, so it knows the contribution came from you and can send you an acknowledgement.

### *So which is better: the tax-free transfer or the charitable deduction?*

If you make a tax-free transfer from your IRA to charity, you can't also deduct that money as a charitable contribution. The new tax law increased the standard deduction and limited the deduction for state income and property taxes and the impact has been that many filers are better off simply claiming the standard deduction rather than itemizing deductions. Thus the tax-free transfer is, in most cases, more beneficial—you don't need to itemize your deductions to get a tax benefit from the gift.

For more information contact our planned giving specialist, Don Klinger (208-288-1260).





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