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**PANDEMIC**  
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**FRIENDSHIPS**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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A culture that produces world changers doesn't just happen. Positive cultures are created by leaders. It takes intentionality and determination. At UCA, the faculty and staff are the creators of a very positive culture.

UCA has always been known as a supportive, life-affirming community. Many *Connection* readers have their own positive memories—either of living and growing there yourself, or of watching your children grow there.

But now this school year, the UCA faculty team experienced a unique challenge. Their response to the coronavirus and the social distancing caused by it has been nothing less than extraordinary! This fine leadership team found ways to keep the UCA culture flourishing, even during this most difficult time.

Through the internet, they have nurtured, coached, mentored, listened to, and stayed in contact with their students. They have inspired them, motivated them, challenged them, and helped them stay connected to their purpose and to God.

This crisis required the UCA faculty to go the extra mile . . . and they did it uncomplainingly, even joyfully. I hope you will join me in applauding the 2019-2020 UCA faculty team for their extraordinary efforts and their undying devotion to our children.

The story on page 8 will give you a glimpse of how all of this transpired. I know you'll enjoy reading it, as well as the other stories in this *Connection*.

God bless,

Mindy Weber

Mindy Weber, '85





◀ Monica & Tommy on their wedding day with their many UCA friends

# OF LOVE, LIFE & UCA

Monica (Carr) Dalrymple and Tommy Dalrymple, both from the class of 2013, have been married for three years, but their relationship didn't start out great. In fact, the first time they met they had their first fight!

Monica was an only child. Her parents divorced when she was 10. Her mother ran a small business—a health food store. To keep her daughter enrolled in Adventist schools Mrs. Carr took on a second job—cleaning the school.

Tommy grew up in Spangle, Washington. Tommy's dad worked at the conference office in Spokane and his mother worked part time jobs, but mostly she was a homemaker. Tommy was aware that finances were tight, so the summer that

he was 11, he began contracting with UCA teachers to mow their lawns. Every summer, from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, he raised his school entrance fee by mowing lawns.

Monica came to UCA her junior year. On her first day of school, after lunch, she headed to the music building where she was to work as a hall monitor. Just as she was settling into her new job, Tommy showed up, all hot and sweaty, because he spent every spare minute in the gym playing basketball.



**Tommy:** “What are you doing here?”

**Monica:** “I’m doing my job. I’m monitoring the practice rooms.”

**Tommy:** “No you’re not, I am supposed to be the hall monitor this period!”

The two students ran to Mr. Anderson’s office to get him to settle their squabble. Monica says, “I was the one that was wrong that time. I was supposed to be the hall monitor the prior period.”

Thus began Monica and Tommy’s six-year friendship and courtship. “It was not love at first sight,” says Monica, “A lot of girls in the dorm had crushes on Tommy. I didn’t begin to like him until two or three months later.”

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Tommy’s mother taught piano at UCA, and Monica took music lessons from her. “Before I knew what was happening,” says Tommy, “Mom was inviting Monica over to the house. I was too shy. I never would have invited her. So Mom kind of helped us grow our friendship.”

Before long Monica and Tommy were special friends, and everyone on campus knew it.



▲ Tommy is a winner of the Wayne Hooper Brass Scholarship.

When asked about UCA’s impact on their lives, Tommy said: “UCA’s staff is amazing. They don’t just put in their time—they genuinely care about teenagers. They work very hard, but still they manage to take time to listen and interact with students. I don’t know how they do it day after day.” He added, “I worked with teens at summer camps. It’s exhausting working with teens! The UCA faculty do much more than is required—they organize great experiences, like senior survival, music tours, mission trips, and so much more.”

Monica talked about dorm life, the forever peer friendships, the meaningful worships, and the wonderful music program. Monica was involved in band and choraliars and she accompanied choraliars and octet. She credits UCA for helping her achieve a scholarship for college.

After graduating UCA, both Tommy and Monica enrolled in the nursing program at Walla Walla University. “We did not confer with each other regarding our majors, we made our career choices independently,” says Monica.

Monica had always been focused on doing something in the medical world. Tommy

was influenced by an uncle who was a nurse. His uncle told him that nursing is a great foundational career. He said, "When I went back to Andrews University, I was able to make \$30 per hour while most of my classmates were making minimum wage."

The day after they graduated from Walla Walla University with their nursing degrees, Tommy and Monica were married. It had been a long journey and the couple chose, for their wedding site, the property that Mr. Humbert (UCA math teacher) had carefully cultivated into a beautiful park. The property just happened to be back in Spangle, where it all began.

Today Tommy works on a medical/surgical floor at Mt. Hood Hospital in Gresham, Oregon. Monica works in the cardiac ICU at Adventist Health Portland. Monica says, "Our hospitals are not overwhelmed with Covid-19 patients, still our jobs have changed. We now routinely wear cumbersome personal protective equipment. Caring for patients with the coronavirus

requires a huge team effort and I feel closer than ever to my coworkers. But, at the same time, I feel less connected to the families. The most heartbreaking part is having to tell family members they can't be there with their sick loved one. It just makes our jobs as nurses that much more important."

Both Monica and Tommy are Foundation ONE scholarship recipients. Monica qualified for grants based on her family's income. Tommy received a Wayne Hooper Brass Scholarship. Of that experience, Tommy says, "I played the French horn and I really wanted to get that scholarship. I practiced a full hour every day including weekends, but I didn't think I had a chance. There were other brass players who were better than me. So, when they called my name I was surprised! It was great to know that someone had noticed my hard work and to be publically recognized for it. And, of course, the extra financial boost really helped too!"

When asked if they have something that they'd like to communicate to Foundation ONE supporters, Monica said, "I want to say thank you!" Tommy said, "I'd like to sit down with them and have a conversation. I'd like to learn about their lives—how they achieved success; what it means to them to be able to give back; why they choose to invest in teens, etc."

FoundationONE is always pleased to reconnect with its scholarship recipients. Thank you, Monica and Tommy, for making us proud! Keep pressing on . . .

◀ *Monica, ready to care for her patients, in her Personal Protective Equipment*



# *“The Generosity of Spirit”*

## A W A R D

FoundationONE is a melting pot. Our supporters are as varied as the colors of the rainbow. Some are young and just beginning their careers; others have climbed the career ladder and are now retired. Some enjoy high levels of financial success; others live on very restricted fixed incomes. Some are traditional Adventists; others' spiritual journeys have taken them other directions. Some enjoy recognition; others prefer anonymity.

But there is one common trait of FoundationONE supporters: all believe in quality education, and all see Upper Columbia Academy as a school whose mission they wish to forward.

For the past 15 years, FoundationONE has been pleased to partner with a family that prefers anonymity. Prior to his death, the father named FoundationONE in his will and designated \$15,000 to establish an endowment for student scholarships. He said, “Four

generations of our family have graduated from YVA/UCA, and we just want to say Thanks!” Since then some of his children, grandchildren, and friends of the family have chipped in and the fund has grown to more than \$49,000 in assets.

Typically, named scholarship funds bear the name of the person or family they are honoring. Since in this case we cannot use the family name, we have designated it: “The Generosity of

Spirit” Scholarship. Truly these words—“Generosity of Spirit”—describes this big-hearted, modest family, and “Generosity of Spirit” is something we hope to inspire in UCA students.

This year’s recipient of “The Generosity of Spirit” Award is Faith Montes, a junior. Here is what Faith wrote on her FoundationONE Grant application:

*I wish to attend Upper Columbia Academy because it is my home. I have attended UCA since my freshman year. I never imagined how much I would learn here. The ability to grow is so readily available—and it is encouraged and nurtured!*

*When I grow older, I would like to become a FoundationONE donor as well as a missionary doctor. These gifts (the FoundationONE grants)*

*have impacted my life in more ways than I can count.*

*My family hopes to send my younger brother to UCA as well as me.*

*Medical reasons have significantly impacted my family’s income and perhaps hurt our ability to provide for two private school educations.*

*If my family cannot pay for both tuitions, I wish at least for my little brother to attend. My relationship with God would never have gotten to the state that it is right now if it hadn’t been for UCA and that’s all I want for him—for my brother to have an opportunity to really meet and get to know God. That is all I really ask for.*

From all of us at FoundationONE: Congratulations to you, Faith, on receiving the 2019-2020 “Generosity of Spirit” award. It has been a pleasure supporting you these three years. God has given you a big, open, generous heart. He has great plans for your life. May you cherish the precious gifts he has given you and always stay connected to Him.

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◀ Faith Montes, junior



# PANDEMIC DEEPENS FACULTY-STUDENT FRIENDSHIPS

Upper Columbia Academy is a close-knit family and right now the UCA family is hurting—the students and faculty are suffering. *Connection* recently interviewed two FoundationONE scholarship recipients and two UCA teachers about how Covid-19 has impacted them. Here is their story.

Sunday, March 15, 2020, was the day everything changed. “That morning,” says Juliana Luce, “Mr. Johnson called an emergency all-school assembly. He told us that the State Governor had mandated the closure of all Washington schools. I knew right then that it might be a long time until I would see my friends again, and I began to cry.





▲ Julianna Luce, senior

“Seeing the students leave campus was heart wrenching,” says Mrs. C (Castrejon). “I am a touchy, feely person. I derive energy and enthusiasm from interacting with students.”

“At UCA,” says Pastor Fred (Riffle), “we have a unique culture. We genuinely love our students! We enjoy sharing with them, listening to them, growing with them. We have had this positive spiritual cycle going for some time now, and word has gotten out. Kids come to UCA with the expectation of being respected, noticed, appreciated, valued. Their sincere expectation challenges us, the faculty, to live up to their high hopes! So the cycle just keeps going deeper and deeper, year after year.”

Spring break typically provides a much-needed time of rest and rejuvenation for teachers at a boarding school. But spring break 2020 was anything but an R & R. “We had to figure out how to teach by livestream,” says Mrs. C. “It was a steep learning curve just to get comfortable with the technology. And then we had to create new lesson plans for all our classes. It was an extremely frustrating and exhausting time!”



▲ Mrs. C. (Castrejon), science teacher

By March 30, the date school was to resume following spring break, the faculty were armed and ready. They eagerly reconnected with their students, albeit by distance learning.



▲ Andrew Mercill, sophomore

We asked Andrew Mercill, how distance learning was going for him. Here is what he said: "I get my assignments on the computer, but it's not like going to classes with my friends. Every day I talk to someone at UCA. On Monday, a faculty member has worship with us; on Tuesday, everyone in our advisee group has a meeting time with our advisor; on Wednesday, the whole school has assembly; and on Thursday, we have prayer with a faculty member. But seeing them on the computer is not the same. I miss being with my teachers and my friends! And here I am, stuck with my three younger sisters all day! ☺ I want to be back at UCA!"

"Before the pandemic some students thought that distance learning would be fun," says Mrs. C. "This experience has taught them just how much they value the classroom experience. I've had several kids tell me, 'I miss going to school! I never thought I would miss it, but I do, I *really* do!'"



▲ Pastor Fred (Riffel), Bible teacher

Pastor Fred reflects: "The biggest need of our students is for personal interaction with others. It is a terrible thing to be pulled away from each other like this. But we are doing what we can to stay in touch. I am available all day for live chats, and there are a lot of phone calls and emails going back and forth. A group of our kids were talking the other day and they asked, 'Is there something we can do for our hurting world right now?' This worldwide pandemic is causing our students to think seriously; they are definitely maturing."

Mrs. C. continues: "I've had some wonderful conversations via the laptop. Our students are seeking spiritual guidance as never before. I have to set my laptop on 'Do not disturb' or they would be chatting with me until midnight every night! This separation has made us all realize the hole that we fill in each other's lives."



## Fred Troutman, '61

Colonel Fred Troutman, RN, PhD, values people who dedicate their lives to serving others, and strives to make service an important part of his life. He credits UCA teachers and staff for modeling a service mindset, and remembers their willingness to be available to assist students outside of the classroom.

Fred's childhood was not easy. He lost his mother when he was nine. His father was very busy trying to balance raising two sons and running the family grocery store business. "Fortunately," he says, "my aunts and uncles saw my need for a secure Adventist education and convinced my father to send me to UCA."

At UCA, Fred bonded with "Dad" Wisbey and the Medical Cadet Corps (MCC) which set a foundation for his future military career. He also remembers his work supervisors, Mrs. Wisbey, cafeteria director, and Mrs. Reimche, laundry director. He grew to appreciate all his teachers, especially the no-nonsense English teacher, Mrs. Wirth, and Harold Ochs, the science teacher.





At UCA, Fred found the security he so desperately needed, and much, much more. “I also developed self-reliance, a trust in God, and a love of service,” he says.

Fred was deeply disappointed when, after his junior year, his father told him he could not return to UCA. Money was scarce and there were no scholarships then like FoundationONE now offers. After Fred graduated from Coeur d’Alene High School, he attended the local junior college for a time and then enrolled in Walla Walla College

(now Walla Walla University) where he earned a BS in Nursing.

In 1967, Fred joined the United States Air Force. He served five years as an aeromedical evacuation flight nurse, which included a year in Viet Nam, away from his young family. After leaving active duty he earned a Master’s Degree at Loma Linda University. Then he joined the Walla Walla University nursing faculty and began teaching students on the Portland campus. Once his civilian career was established, he resumed his military career

continuing with the Air Force Reserves another 21 years.

Little did Fred know how much he would love teaching! Or how long he would work for Walla Walla University. (Fred served WWU from 1972 to 2009, and he continues to assist as Professor Emeritus). Through the years Fred has been involved with many volunteer projects—both in this country and internationally. He used his influence to get students involved with mission trips whenever possible, and it was always a great thrill to see them embrace service as a way of life.

In 1987, Fred's world crashed when his younger son, Jonathan, died in an automobile accident and his marriage ended in divorce. Of that experience, he says, "Going through those two losses was dreadful! But, there's one thing—I never doubted God's love for me! The reason I didn't is because my faith was grounded. UCA is where I got my grounding." Then he adds, "If parents can just ground their children in a strong belief system . . . that is ***the very best thing*** they can ever do for them!"

**Fred is grateful for the many people who, *early in his life, pointed him to Jesus* and helped him find his way.**

In 1998, Fred began working on his doctorate. His studies opened up yet another service opportunity—helping people who have suffered complicated loss and change in their lives. The past 20 years Fred has been an active volunteer and workshop presenter at conferences for The Compassionate Friends and Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (CureSMA).

Fred is grateful for the many people who, early in his life, pointed him to Jesus and helped him find his way. He would like to give a special shout out (thank you) to Jackie Williams (UCA class of 1966) who has encouraged his endeavors and provided technical support for his efforts.





# *Lamberton Family & Brewster Heritage*

## SCHOLARSHIP

Many parents would deem educating 14 kids in an Adventist boarding school an impossibility, but Henry and Katie Lamberton stepped out in faith, and God “parted the waters.” According to YVA/UCA alumni records, Henry and Katie had students at YVA/UCA for 27 years, from 1923 to 1950!

The next generation of Lambertons also sent their children, and the next. Now four generations of Lambertons have attended, and the number of Lamberton alumni now stands at more than 100.



▲ *Henry & Katie Lamberton and their 14 children, circa 1937*

In 2011 Jerry Dawes, '52, Henry and Katie's oldest grandson, decided it was time the Lamberton family began demonstrating their gratitude. He began passing the hat at the Lamberton family annual reunion and this generated the seed money for the Fund. Then in 2016, Jerry passed the responsibility of fundraising to his younger cousins, Henry Lamberton, '66, and Dan Lamberton, '67. The brothers began eagerly promoting their Fund, and this past year it achieved fully-funded status.

Brewster is a prime region for growing cherries and apples, and many of the Lamberton children earned money to attend UCA by working in the orchards. It

is fitting, then, that

the purpose of the Lamberton Family & Brewster Heritage Scholarship is to assist UCA students who have a very strong work ethic.

The first Lamberton Family & Brewster Heritage Scholarship was awarded on May 27<sup>th</sup> to Beverly Talakua. Beverly is being raised by a single-parent. In her essay, she said:

*When my Mom told me that I was going to Upper Columbia Academy my sophomore year, that was the worst news ever.*

*I thought she was out to make my life horrible by sending me away to a school thousands of miles away . . . Now, I'm ending my senior year having had the opportunity to hold all kinds of leadership positions: ASB President, Gymnastics Team Captain, Youth Church Leader, Girls' Club Officer, Class Officer, Girls' Dorm Social RA, and the opportunity to consider UCA staff and friends as family.*

*My mom lost her job the end of my junior year making it really hard for her to make monthly payments to the school. I remember during pre-week my senior year, I was talking to Mrs. Lersbak and she told me how much my mom owed. She mentioned that at the end of my senior year, I wouldn't be able to receive my diploma if mom wasn't able to pay. That was an eye-opening moment for me. I remember crying. This is why the Lamberton Family & Brewster Heritage Scholarship is so important to me. It will help me receive my diploma so that I can continue with my education.*

*At UCA, I did my best to do extra desk shifts in the dorm whenever I could to make some extra money and I was also blessed to be an RA, meaning I was paid more as well. This summer I also plan to get a summer job and all the money will go to help pay off my UCA bill.*

Congratulations, Beverly, on receiving the first Lamberton Family & Brewster Heritage Scholarship! We are delighted to support you in your educational journey. You represent well the values of the Lamberton family. Welcome!

► Beverly Talakua, senior

FoundationONE is pleased to partner with families or groups who wish to make a difference in students' lives by creating permanent legacies honoring loved ones. A Named Scholarship Fund must achieve \$25,000 in contributions before beginning to distribute scholarships. FoundationONE provides the following services:

- Initiate a Named Scholarship Fund Agreement
- Assist with marketing and raising funds for the Named Scholarship Fund
- Provide the fund agent with an annual financial report
- Facilitate the selection of appropriate candidates to receive the Named Scholarship
- Organize the presentation of the awards, involving family members if they choose to participate.

If you would like to discuss establishing a Named Scholarship Fund, contact Linda, (509) 939-1716 or [linda.klinger@foundationoneuca.org](mailto:linda.klinger@foundationoneuca.org).





# 4 Reasons Estate Planning is SO Important



Many people devote more time to planning a vacation, deciding which car to buy, or even where to eat dinner than they do to estate planning. It may not be as much fun to think about estate planning as it is about a vacation trip, but without an estate plan, you won't get to choose who gets the things that you worked so hard to acquire.



Estate planning isn't only for the rich. All families need to plan. After all, you don't have to be super-rich to do well in the stock market or real estate—both produce assets that you'll want to pass on to your heirs or your favorite charities.

Consider these four reasons why you should have an estate plan:

### **1. It Protects Beneficiaries**

Without an estate plan (the basic estate planning document is a will), the courts will decide who gets your assets, a process that can take years, rack up fees, and get ugly. After all, a court doesn't know which sibling has been responsible and which one shouldn't have free access to cash. Nor will the courts automatically rule that the surviving spouse gets everything.

### **2. It Protects Young Children**

Nobody thinks of dying young, but if you're the parent of small children, you need to prepare for the unthinkable. To ensure that your children are well cared for, you'll want to name a guardian in the event that both parents die before the children turn 18. Without such a will, the courts will again step in. This time it's not to determine who gets a piece of real estate or artwork; it's to decide who will raise your children. You'll want to think not only about their physical needs, you'll want to choose a guardian who will pass on your values.

### **3. It Spares Beneficiaries a Big Tax Bite**

Estate planning is all about protecting your loved ones, which means in part giving them protection from the Internal Revenue Service. Essential to estate planning is transferring assets to heirs with an eye toward creating the smallest possible tax burden for them.

### **4. It Avoids Family Messes**

We've all heard those horror stories. Someone with money dies, and the war between family members begins. One sibling may think they deserve more than another, or one sibling may think that they should be in charge of the finances even though they're notorious for racking up debt. Such squabbling can get ugly and end up in court, with family members pitted against each other.

Preventing such stress and stopping fights before they start is a good reason to make an estate plan. It will enable you to choose who controls your finances and assets if you become mentally incapacitated or after you die. These decisions will go a long way toward quelling any family strife and ensuring that your assets are handled in the way that you would want them handled.

And, of course, if you've had more than one spouse or have a blended family, an estate plan is even more urgent.





### **The Bottom Line**

You need an estate plan! Without one your minor children's futures are in the hands of the court; your heirs could face huge tax burdens; and your assets may not be distributed as you would wish.

### **The Next Step**

For 23 years Don Klinger has been helping people set up Estate Plans. If you wish to include a gift to FoundationONE, he will gladly assist you as well, free of charge. To begin the process contact Don today: 208-288-1260 or [donald.a.klinger@gmail.com](mailto:donald.a.klinger@gmail.com).



*Don Klinger, M.Div., Certified Specialist  
in Planned Giving*

# **With a Guide, Estate Planning is Easy!**

In 2018, Melody (Axford) Schulte, '66, and her husband, David, were not working as much and beginning to make plans to travel more. They had been talking for years about establishing an estate plan, but they just never seemed to get around to it. They have no children and, should something happen to them, they didn't want the governor or some court deciding how their hard earned money was distributed.



"Having an estate plan in place gives us peace of mind," says Melody. "We know how our things will be handled when the time comes."

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About that same time, they received a FoundationONE *Connection*. Inside was an ad encouraging people to make a will. The ad said to contact Don Klinger for help. David called Don. After they talked a few minutes, Don mentioned that he would be traveling through their area in a few weeks. They decided to meet for lunch.

At lunch, Don asked a few questions to ascertain David and Melody's goals, then he gave them an assignment: they needed to decide who they wanted to benefit from their estate, and what portion of their estate they wanted to give to each individual or entity. "That was the hard part," says David. "We follow many charities and we wanted to support them all! It took Melody and me several weeks to decide."

"Once we had made up our minds, however, it was easy," David says. "We sent the information to Don. There were a few more phone calls to clarify, and then Don had everything drawn up by an attorney. We got together one more time and reviewed everything.

Then we signed the documents, and it was done!"

"Don made the whole process easy," says David. "He guided us, step by step, and there was never any pressure. Everything was up to us. He moved forward when we were ready to move forward. And if, at any point, we had said 'stop', he would have stopped."

"Having an estate plan in place gives us peace of mind," says Melody. "We know how our things will be handled when the time comes. I love knowing that the people and causes we care about most, will benefit from our life work and savings."





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