HOMECOMING 2009

During Homecoming Weekend, April 3-6, you will see numerous alumni back on campus, many of whom have not been to Union since they graduated. Some of these visitors graduated 50 years ago or more.

Please greet these guests, welcome them back home and assist them in finding the right building for their events. If they have questions, direct them to the Advancement Office. Please remember that these alumni contribute to the life of the college in a very direct way through scholarships, library materials, classroom equipment and other gifts.

Would you like to volunteer in some way? Here are some areas where volunteers are needed.

- **Thursday, April 2**
  - o Decorate for the Val's buffet (noon*)
  - o Clean up after the Val's buffet (7 p.m.) in the atrium
- **Friday, April 3**
  - o Decorate the gymnasium for the banquet Friday night
  - o Clean up after the banquet (7 p.m.) and set up for the potluck the next day
- **Sabbath, April 4**
  - o Clean up after the potluck, (3 p.m.)
- **New this year**
  - o Honor class shepherds for the class photos
  - o Sabbath, April 4—immediately following the music concert for 1-1 ½ hours

*All times may vary.

Ask Janya Mekelburg in Advancement for specific instructions.

Thank you, in advance, for giving our alumni a warm welcome home to Union College!

Special things to take note of at Homecoming:

**Hanging of the Golden Cords**—Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. Join the alumni for a special missions celebration as the Golden Cords are hung for those who have served, share with those who are serving via Skype and dedicate student missionaries who will be serving next year.

Music students from the Dan Shultz and Lynn Wickham era will be on campus sharing their musical talents at the Homecoming banquet, first and second church services, Sabbath school and a special Sabbath afternoon program, April 4 at 4 p.m.

GOLD STARS

- On March 8, Union hosted its first **Try Scuba** program for 15 students and family members of Union employees. The class, sponsored by the Husker Divers, provided all of the equipment and allowed interested individuals to try out scuba diving before signing up for the certification class.

- The March issue of *Adventist World* magazine included a story written by Michael Steingas about the luminary service held last fall by Union’s Social Work Club and the Peace and Social Justice Club.

  This community project that helped to draw attention to the Friendship Home’s Safe Quarters Drive now has a world church audience to highlight the issue of domestic violence.

- On March 6, Union’s **social work program** hosted the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers continuing education seminar: “Understanding the Impact of Secondary Traumatic Stress.” Nationally recognized speaker Dr. Christine Dobson, from the Child Trauma Academy, presented to more than 50 area social workers and clinicians.

- **John Kurlinski** and **Joe Allison** are part of “Eden to Eden,” a **television ministry** sponsored by the Holland and Northside Adventist churches. This hour-long program airs on Time Warner Cable Channel 13 at 9 p.m. on Fridays and 2 p.m. on Sabbaths. John speaks on the issues of creation and Joe shares education and family life topics.

- On April 5, The **Golden Cords string quartet** will give a **concert** in Alamosa, Colo., to help raise funds for a small, self-supported Adventist School. The concert will be advertised in local newspapers as well as on KFLQ, a Christian radio station for Southern Colorado and New Mexico. The Golden Cords will also use this opportunity to raise awareness about Union College.

CORRECTION

- The 2009 winners of the Mr. and Mrs. World Pageant were **Jonathan Greenberg** and **Liza Ngenye**. Second place went to **Ryan Pierson** and **Carolyn Kitiona**.

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CHECK IT OUT

✦ Save a life by donating blood to the American Red Cross in Woods Auditorium on April 13, 12–6 p.m. Sign up at Union Market April 6-10 from 11:30 a.m.–1p.m. or visit givebloodgivelife.org and search for sponsor code 1920.

Only 3 out of 100 people in America donate blood, yet every moment of every day someone needs blood. Statistics show that 25 percent or more of Americans will require blood at least once in our lifetime. Will you share yours?

✦ On April 8 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., The Wellness Methodology Materials and Research class will kick start National Start Walking Day under the clock tower for Union students and employees. This event will launch a month of walking and heart disease awareness.

The Institutional Development class is coordinating a fundraising effort for the American Heart Association with creative activities and events that will culminate in the American Heart Walk on May 13. Watch for details on how you can help take a stand against America’s number one killer.

✦ Don’t miss the Campus Store Homecoming and Spring Sale March 30-April 5, with a special Sunday opening on April 5 from 9 a.m-noon. Stop in and check out the deals.

✦ The Union College library will exhibit displays showing how “Worlds Connect @ Your Library” during National Library Week, April 12-18. The library will distribute posters around campus featuring library staff and their favorite books. Find your favorite library worker or librarian and tell them how much you like their poster.

✦ March 18-21, 115 chaplains and campus ministries student leaders from 14 colleges and universities shared ideas and inspiration at Union College during the North American Division (NAD) Campus Ministries Convention. The event was produced by Union’s Campus Ministries team under the leadership of Emily Carlson and Ann Bryant.

NAD guest speakers included Jose Rojas, director of volunteer services, and Dan Ferguson from Blue Mountain Academy. Dan will be returning next year as a Power Pac speaker. Many of the guests said the convention was the “best they’ve seen in a long, long time—if not ever.”

✦ All students are invited to the last training session for online Academic Registration on April 6 at 12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch to the President’s Dining Room.

✦ Interested in the environment? Thursday evenings at 5:30 from Feb. 19-April 30, the biology department is hosting free seminars in Jorgensen Hall, Room 300. Upcoming seminars:

April 2 Michael Cavazos “Are the cows still mad?”
April 9 Alicia Bacon “Pharmaceutical contamination in aquatic habitats. What are you drinking?”

✦ Spring Concerts Series
April 7 General Student Recital in Engel Hall, room 201
April 13, 7:30 p.m. The Spring Chamber Music Concert in Engel Recital Hall
April 17, 7:30 pm. Unionaires Spring Vespers Concert in College View church
April 18, 8:45 p.m. Concert Winds Spring Concert in the gymnasium
April 19, 6 p.m. UC Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert in the atrium

✦ Don’t miss the final showing of The Tempest at 8:30 p.m. on April 4.

✦ Chapel Calendar (Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.)
April 7 Division of Religion
April 14 Doug Elsey, pastor of New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church

McClelland Art Gallery

“Visual Pleasures,” on display until April 12, features oil and watercolor pieces by Jim McClelland that are mainly new works he has produced in the last year. While the subject matter remains reflective on his passion for nature in life and art, many of the pieces this year are a larger format.

Aprille Okimi, graphic design student, will showcase her senior exhibit April 15-21.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

New Question
Q: What employee has lived in 50 different places in the United States and Canada, parasailed over the Atlantic Ocean, white-water rafted in the Smoky Mountains, hiked the Appalachian Trail, ridden a mechanical bull, snorkeled in Hawaii and seen the spring cherry blossoms in Japan?

Share in the conversation.
Submit information for Campus Conversations or other public relations purposes to news@ucollege.edu.

Next Deadline: April 7 Edited by Hannah Adams