

FoundationONE

# CONNECTION

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*Monique* finds  
*God* through  
*Hardship*

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Friends,

Fourteen years ago, a new philanthropic organization was formed to provide funding for students who wanted to enroll at Upper Columbia Academy. Known then as Upper Columbia Academy Foundation, its first round of scholarships resulted in \$30,000 for UCA students. Since then FoundationONE has given more and more each year, and this current school year we are awarding \$138,400 in scholarships to qualifying UCA students. All I can say is, "Praise God for bringing us a host of wonderful partners—our partners are giving wings to our dream!"

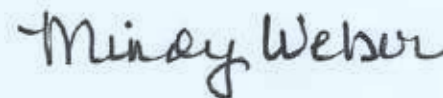
Today, our assets exceed \$3 million. The total amount awarded since inception is nearing the \$1 million mark (\$948,000 to be exact). This is an incredible testament to the power of impact investing and innovative finance. Together, and with God's blessing, we have changed countless lives for the better, including Monique's (see page 4).

During 2017 we added a new Named Scholarship Fund—the Sheila Lynn Larson Fund. We are delighted to pay tribute to this fine lady in this edition of the Connection (see page 11). This brings our total number of Named Scholarship Funds to seven. What a pleasure it

is to partner with our family fund agents who, through their own grief and loss, endeavor to create a bright future for others.

FoundationONE is here to connect people who care with students who desire an opportunity to enroll at UCA. We are honored to be your partner in philanthropy and excited about the new and innovative solutions we will create together to assure that Adventist education will become increasingly accessible to students who desire to study and grow at Upper Columbia Academy.

Gratefully yours,



Minsy Weber

FoundationOne President





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**W**hen Monique was five years old, her family moved from Corvallis, Oregon to the Pacific Coast resort town of Ixtapa, Mexico, where her dad got a job driving a tour bus. The family moved in with her father's parents. It was not an ideal situation for raising a family. Dad was gone one to two months at a time, and when he did come home, he was often impatient and verbally abusive. Mom worked 12-hour shifts as a waitress at a restaurant.

So, Grandma raised Monique and her younger sister and brother.

It was a stressful childhood. Grandma showed favoritism to Monique's sister and blamed everything on Monique. There was no safe place for kids to run and play. Sometimes Monique and her sister would take off and explore the town. It felt good to be free, but it was dangerous—kidnappings were common in the neighborhood where Monique lived.

Mom knew that Ixtapa was not a good place to raise a family and she was determined to find a way out. But how?

One day in the middle of Monique's third grade year, Mom came home from work, frantic. Monique was watching TV. Mom said, "Get up! We have to go now!" Grandma came in and said, "No, you can't leave!" and she grabbed Monique's little sister and held her tight. Mom picked up

baby brother and handed him to Monique and, for a brief moment, the two ladies had a tug of war over Monique's sister. But when Mom realized it was hurting the child, she stopped, and proceeded to flee. Monique and her mother ran toward the bus station. They boarded a bus to Mexico City, where they found safe haven with Mom's brother. Later that month Mom went back to Ixtapa and successfully rescued her 5-year old daughter. A few days later the little family flew to Oregon to start a new life in the United States.

Although Monique is grateful now for her mother's wisdom and courage, at the time she didn't understand. It was hard leaving everything that was familiar, changing schools, re-learning the English language.

Fortunately, Monique didn't know that more challenging times lay ahead. A couple of years after they came to the U.S., Mom introduced Monique to a gentleman who was destined to become her step dad. At first Monique wanted nothing to do with him. But eventually his kindness won her heart.

Then along came a baby sister. And shortly after that, Mom was diagnosed with Stage 1 lymphoma.

Altogether, it was too much! By the time Monique was in her early teens, she found herself sinking into a depression. She spent more and more time locked away in her room, moping and fretting.

How could she ever come to terms with everything that had happened? Why did she exist anyway? What bad thing was going to happen next?

One day Aunt Ramona invited Monique to go to church with her. Monique had no interest. But her aunt kept on encouraging her, and finally, Monique agreed to try it. That night they talked about Adam and Eve and the Robe of Christ's Righteousness that covered them in the Garden of Eden. Monique was captivated! She went back to church again and again. Each time she discovered another answer to the many questions that she had been puzzling over.

About this time Mom had to undergo a series of cancer treatments. Monique's new church friends helped care for her and her siblings and each day they studied the Bible. Monique wanted to follow Jesus and join the church, and she urged her mother to join her. At first her Catholic Mother was resistant, but eventually the Holy Spirit got through to her too.

On July 26, 2014, Monique and her mother were both baptized in the Columbia River. Following the baptism, Mom's health started to improve. Monique praises God for His healing—the lymphoma has now been in remission three years.

That fall Monique enrolled as a freshman at Hermiston Junior Academy. During that school year,

Monique visited Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) for the first time. "From the moment I stepped on campus," she says, "I felt peace. I told Mom, 'This is my place!'" She wanted to transfer to UCA immediately, but circumstances prevented it.

Finally, the summer before her junior year, the pieces began to fit together for her to enroll at UCA. With great joy Monique filled out the application forms. When the acceptance letter finally arrived in her mailbox, Monique jumped up and down for joy!

Monique says, "I'll never forget Orientation Day at UCA. I was both excited and terrified. They played the song, You Make Me Brave, by Amanda Cook. These lyrics filled me with courage and helped me get my year off to a great start:

*I have heard You calling my name  
I have heard the song of  
love that You sing  
So I will let You draw me  
out beyond the shore  
Into Your grace . . .  
You make me brave;  
You make me brave  
You call me out beyond  
the shore into the waves. . .  
No fear can hinder now the  
love that made a way. . .  
No fear can hinder now the  
promises you made.*

#### CHORUS

*As your love, in wave after wave  
Crashes over me,*

*crashes over me  
For You are for us;  
You are not against us  
Champion of Heaven;  
You made a way for all to enter in.*

I've kept the song sheet with the lyrics to that song, and anytime I feel fearful I sing the words over again. Before you know it I'm ready to handle whatever!"

Monique is now in the middle of her senior year. When asked about the most impactful experience she's had at UCA, she said, "Definitely, senior survival". During the week Pastor Fred led the seniors through a series of experiences to deepen their understanding of God and to help them bond as a group. One exercise involved jumping backward off a platform and trusting your classmates to catch you. "For me it was symbolic of leaving behind my old life. As I jumped off that ledge, I saw a

light that shone on me. It was like God was shining on me. The experience was so powerful that I wanted to be re-baptized, and I was, the very next day, right near the place where I had jumped."

Monique radiates love and joy. She shares it with girls in the dorm when they drop by her room for a listening ear. She shares it with hungry people when she hands out food boxes with her church's food bank. Ultimately, she plans to continue to share love and joy through a medical career, perhaps as a surgeon.

Monique's family and church family are supporting her at UCA, and she is working two jobs—as a front desk receptionist in the girls' dorm and as the head janitorial supervisor in the dorm. FoundationONE is also delighted to support Monique in her quest for God and a Christian education.



*Monique's family shortly after they moved from Mexico to the US*

# COLOR YOUR WORLD

Who would have thought that the old UCA cafeteria could be turned into a beautiful banquet hall? Not many would dare to dream of such a thing. But, Synnove Stover (former UCA music teacher) imagined it, and made it happen for the 14th Annual FoundationONE Awards Ceremony. The neon-colored place settings and the centerpieces with colorful fruit reflected the theme “Color Your World”.

The FoundationONE board was excited—we had 119 awards to present—and we invited not only students, but also their parents and grandparents to attend. The banquet hall was full of warm greetings and happy smiles as the 225 guests found their places at the table.

Dan Frickle, FoundationONE treasurer/master of ceremonies

for the event, welcomed everyone. Following the meal, he challenged the students to “Color Your World” beautiful with kind words and actions.

FoundationONE president, Mindy Weber, presented the 119 awards as the audience cheered. Altogether, we awarded \$110,000 that Friday evening, November 17th.

Table hosts distributed note cards to the students and asked them to write a brief note of thanks to our FoundationONE donors—those wonderful people who make the scholarships possible. Parents eagerly joined in pouring out their heartfelt thanks. As guests and students left, they were handed a goody bag that contained, among other things, a set of colored pencils—a reminder that every day is a good day to “Color Your World”!





# PLANTING SEEDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

**A**s unimpressive as seeds are, they are the beginning of something beautiful. God can create something magnificent from a very small beginning.

Interested in helping kids get an education at Upper Columbia Academy, but don't have the income to make a significant cash gift? No worries! You can still have an impact. You can pass on your values through your will or living trust.

## HOW IT WORKS:

- You (and your spouse) designate a particular asset or a percentage of your estate to FoundationONE by including a bequest provision in your will or revocable trust.
- FoundationONE receives the gift after your lifetime. FoundationONE invests the money and each year— generation after generation— income (from interest, dividends,

etc.) is drawn off to fund scholarships for UCA students.

## BENEFITS:

- Your gift costs you nothing now. You retain control of your assets during your lifetime.
- You can change your mind or modify your gift if circumstances change.
- Your gift may provide tax savings or help reduce the tax burden for your heirs.
- You will be remembered as someone who made a positive difference in this world. Or, your gift can remain anonymous, if you choose.

## LEARN MORE:

- [www.foundationoneuca.org/#planned](http://www.foundationoneuca.org/#planned)
- For a private, no-obligation consultation, call Don Klinger, Planned Giving Specialist, at 208-288-1260.



## *New Scholarship Fund*

A Memorial Tribute to Sheila Lynn Larson

Sheila Lynn Larson, was the third child of Pete and Betty Foster. She grew up in Oklahoma. Life in the Foster home was fairly basic. To entertain herself Sheila would cut paper dolls from Sears catalogs, and in later years she would roller skate on Saturday nights.

Sheila attended an Adventist school grades one through eight, then attended Harrah Public High School. Her whole life she cherished her Christian education roots. Thus, when she had a family of her own, she chose Adventist schools for her children.

On December 19, 1971, Sheila and her parents attended a 50th Anniversary party for Keeney & Fannie Miller. At this party she met the Miller's grandson, Allen Larson, from Free Soil, Michigan. Allen noticed Sheila's bright eyes and beautiful smile and, following the celebration, he invited Sheila to take a walk around the block with him. That was the beginning of a love journey that would last 43 years.

Sheila and Allen kept in touch and eight months later the young couple was wed at the Adventist church in Choctaw, Oklahoma. The



newlyweds set up housekeeping in nearby Harrah, Oklahoma.

Their first child, Tonya, was born in 1974, and six years later they welcomed their second baby, Bryan (Bryan is a 1999 graduate of UCA). Sheila took impeccable care of her children, and Allen willingly supported. The couple never had a separation of duties. Whatever needed to be done, just got done by whoever was free to do it!

In 1974 Allen decided to start a custom cabinet-making business. Sheila eagerly joined in building up the family business, learning to operate machines to cut and assemble cabinet parts. They named their business A & S Woodworks. They serviced mostly

new home projects, but in 2013 they were honored to be invited to make cabinets for the new UCA cafeteria.

Sheila and Allen fostered in their children a love of music. Bryan says, “Mom and Dad encouraged both Tonya and me to learn the piano, then they gave us opportunities to learn other instruments as well—woodwinds, trumpet, and guitar. This impacted me greatly with a lifelong love of all things music-oriented.”

When Sheila wasn’t keeping house or working or in the woodworking shop, she was busy crocheting—a skill she taught herself. Each Christmas she blessed family and friends with beautiful hand-made Afghans, table runners, and doilies.

Before she knew it, her kids had grown up. Sheila and Allen enthusiastically welcomed the next generation of Larson’s. Sheila loved spoiling the grandkids and kept gummy treats on hand at all times. How she loved seeing their little eyes light up whenever the bag of gummy treats came out!

In 2013—when Sheila was just 59 years old—she was diagnosed with dementia and the following year with Lou Gehrig’s Disease. Over the next couple of years her health declined rapidly. Her final year of her life she needed total care, and Allen tenderly and loving provided it.

Following her death in 2015, Allen began looking for a way to memorialize his beloved wife. In 2017 he landed on the right idea—he would establish a scholarship fund with FoundationONE. The Sheila Lynn Larson Scholarship is for UCA students who are interested in some of the things Sheila enjoyed—music, home economics, and industrial arts.

Allen and his family’s desire is that, through this endowment, many young people will get to experience the rich spiritual atmosphere,

the outstanding academics, the extraordinary music program, and the forever friendships, for which UCA is renowned.

Next time we see Sheila, we may find her riding a lion, for she always said: “When I get to Heaven, I want to play with the big cats!”





## HOW TO START A SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO HONOR A LOVED ONE

**H**ave you recently been saddened by the loss of a loved one? In the midst of grieving, you may find solace in creating a permanent tribute in his/her honor. After all, he/she made a lasting impact on you and the community. You can publically acknowledge their accomplishments and keep their memory alive through a Named Scholarship.

FoundationONE is pleased to partner with families in creating Named Scholarship Funds. Here's how it works:

An Individual or organization establishes a named scholarship endowment with a minimum gift of \$25,000. This gift may be given in one

lump sum, or options are available to allow you to reach the \$25,000 minimum over five years. Cash, securities, and closely held stock are almost always accepted for beginning a scholarship Fund. With approval by the Board of Directors, real estate, tangible property, and/or a charitable remainder trust, may also be used to create or build a Fund.

The donor chooses the name of The Fund. It might be named in honor of a loved one, a family, or a class, etc.

The donor chooses the criteria for student scholarships. The criteria may reflect the values of the person/organization being honored (of course, the criteria must be aligned

with the philosophy/values/needs of Upper Columbia Academy). Criteria may include such things as: minimum GPA, a certain geographical region, a certain academic discipline, etc.

FoundationONE will invest the money; it will begin generating income immediately. Once the Fund has generated \$1,000 in income (typically a \$25,000 investment will generate \$1,000+ within the first year) scholarships can begin to be distributed. If income from investment is not sufficient to provide the number of scholarships desired, Fund Agents may consider making a "pass through" donation.

With help from the donor, FoundationONE will create an Application form that includes a photo and biographical information about the person/organization being honored. FoundationONE works with UCA to promote the scholarship opportunity to students who qualify. After the applications have been completed and returned, the FoundationONE Scholarship Committee will meet to determine the winner(s). The donor may review the student applications and make recommendations, but the Scholarship Committee, with counsel from UCA faculty, will make the final decision.

The majority of FoundationONE awards are presented at the Annual Awards Dinner which takes place on Parents'/Grandparents' Weekend in November. The Fund Agent and his/her guest(s) are invited. This gives

scholarship agents an opportunity to get acquainted with their student(s). These personal connections are the most rewarding aspect of funding a scholarship!

Creating a Named Scholarship Fund is simple. Contact us and we will assist you every step of the way – (509) 939-1716 or [linda.klinger@foundationoneuca.org](mailto:linda.klinger@foundationoneuca.org).



Dick and Anita Molstead were devastated when their son, Eric, died. Now they find joy in connecting with their scholarship recipients. The Eric Molstead Scholarship is renewed from year to year. So, Dick and Anita follow "their kids" all the way through—from their freshman year to their senior year. By the time they graduate, the Molstead scholars are tightly bonded to Dick and Anita.

*Photo is of the 2016 Eric Molstead scholars—L to R: Grace Ahola, Kristen Wagner, Dick Molstead, Anita Molstead, Emma Tucker, Hailee Huenergardt.*



# Wayne Hooper's Music Legacy Lives On!

Every year, for the past 11 years, UCA brass players have practiced hard, hoping to win the prestigious Wayne Hooper Brass Scholarship. The impact on each scholarship recipient has been profound. Breanna Daley, one of the 2016 recipients, recently shared her story with the Hooper family:

Receiving the Wayne Hooper Scholarship was a huge blessing. My parents firmly believe in Christian education, but it's hard as they have five children to put through school. It became even harder when my mom was in an accident and has not been able to work much in the last six years due to physical pain. So, when I got the scholarship it was an answer to prayer.

I started playing trombone in 9th grade and really loved it but I didn't know how far I would go with it. My parents sent me to UCA my sophomore year and we just prayed that God would provide. The first

day of band I realized that I was nowhere near the level of most of the people in band and I decided I was going to drop, but Mr. Kravig talked me into staying. I learned so much that first year in lessons with Mr. Kravig. I was so surprised when I won the scholarship and it pushed me and encouraged me to work harder and practice even more. If Mr. Kravig thought I was capable and so did your family, then I wanted to make sure to give it my all.

The 2017-2018 awards were presented at the annual Christmas Concert, which is held each year at the historic Fox Theater in downtown Spokane. The winners of this year's awards are: Christopher Kime, a freshman; Walker Johnson, a senior; and Sasha Paago, a junior. Congratulations students! And heartfelt thanks to the Hooper family for inspiring, motivating, and rewarding students for their hard work!



L to R: Jan (Hooper) Lind, Dick Lind, Christopher Kime, Walker Johnson, Sasha Paago



# Donor Recognition

*The following list acknowledges gifts received between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. We have taken great care to verify the accuracy of this report. Please report any errors to Linda at 509-939-1716.*

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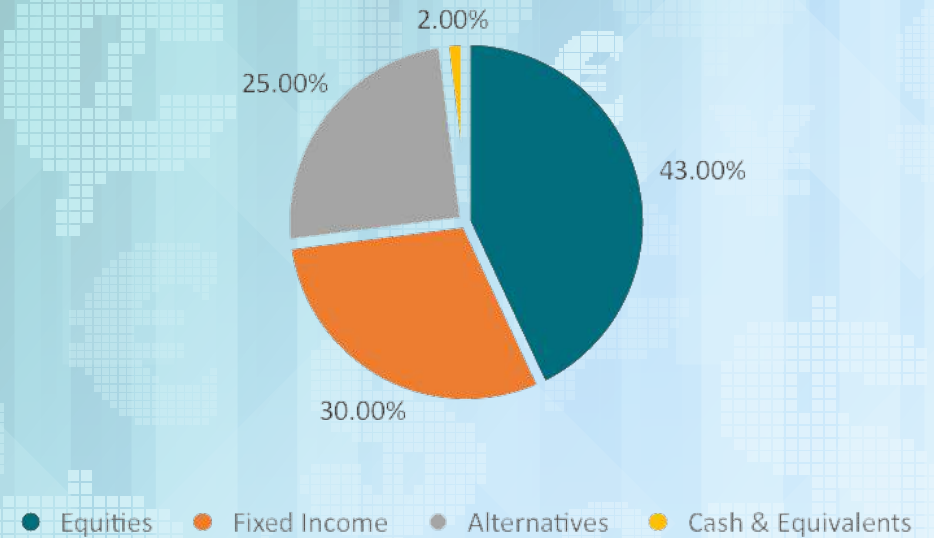
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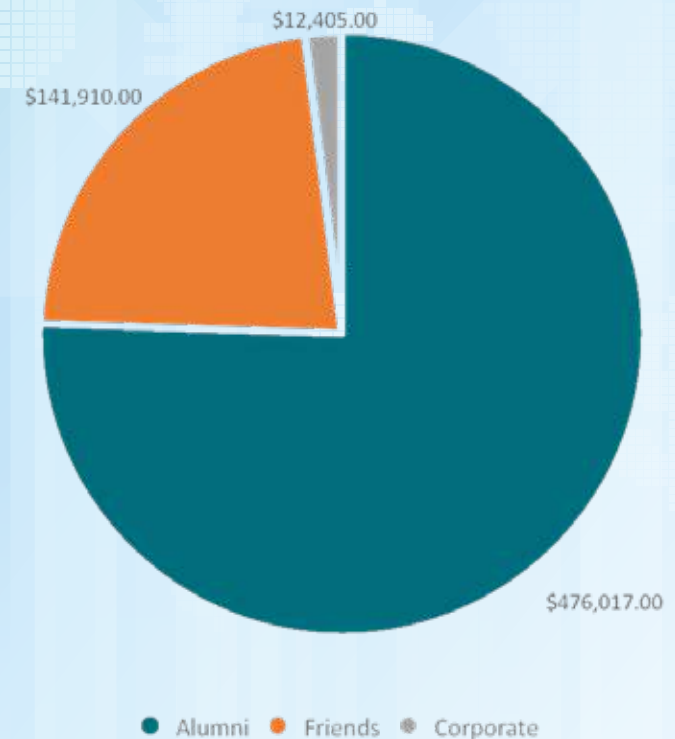
## Endowment Fund Management

- Endowment assets now exceed \$3.4 million.
- FoundationONE assets generated \$282,000 in 2017 (8.5% return on investment, net of fees).
- During 2017 FoundationONE awarded \$125,000 in grants and scholarships to qualified UCA students.
- The FoundationONE Endowment is managed by the investment team at Washington Trust Bank.
- The funds are invested per the FoundationONE investment Policy guidelines. Our guidelines include no sin stock.
- The investment objective: balanced growth.
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- FoundationONE pays a 0.65% management fee for assets under management.
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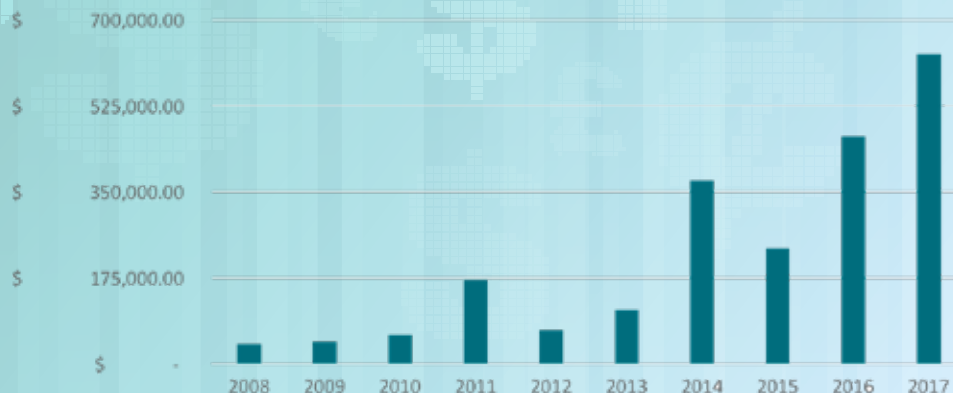
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## 2016 Voluntary Support



## 10 Years of Giving



# Spotlight on Our Treasurer

I attended Mt. Ellis Academy in Bozeman, MT. from 1970 to 1974. It was a life saving experience for me in so many ways. For the first time in my growing up years, I was able to take part in ALL school activities, not just those that didn't conflict with Sabbath hours, as had been my experience through eight years of public school.

At the beginning of my junior year I met Vicky Pielat, and after some nudging by our friends, we became inseparable. Forty-six years later (42 years of marriage), we still are inseparable. The stability of her family and her sweet and spiritual ways grounded me in ways my family could not. Because of Christian education and our meeting at Mt. Ellis, we have enjoyed many years of church involvement and a growing spiritual experience.

I have been a practicing CPA in Spokane since 1978, and Vicky has worked for Upper Columbia Conference as well as our local Spokane Valley SDA Church. We have two grown children and four grandchildren, and we are puzzled as to how we got this far down the road so incredibly fast! I was first made aware of FoundationONE by Susan Davis

(a founding board member) who happened to own the retail store next to ours in the Flour Mill (Spokane). It always sounded interesting, but I wasn't clear regarding its purpose, funding and future, until I received a phone call from Linda Klinger. She had gotten my name from a former teacher at Mt. Ellis who knew of my career as an accountant. After that initial phone call, we arranged to meet with Doug Wells and Jaclin Smith, and when I learned the full extent of Foundation's mission, it made a great deal of sense to me. Even though I did not graduate from Upper Columbia Academy (UCA), I value the boarding school experience so much. So, it was easy to say yes to becoming involved as the Treasurer of FoundationONE.

The Board voted me in as Treasurer in the summer of 2014. The vision of the Foundation and its potential for growth and impact became clearer than ever to me. Due to my experience in public accounting, primarily with Non-profit Organizations, I recognized much opportunity to improve the overall accounting and reporting for the Foundation that would take us into the future with a greater level of

accountability and sophistication. My excitement grew!

Since joining the Foundation, I have met and worked with many wonderful people—our board members, donors and UCA administration. Our logo and name has changed making it abundantly clear as to our only purpose for existence. Our role with the Academy has been clarified and strengthened. Our assets have grown by over \$1.5 million and we have re-balanced our investment portfolio to strengthen the earnings to provide more scholarships to more students.

Under Linda's leadership, along with two excellent board presidents, we have continued to expand our donor base, embarked on a major campaign, grown our outreach to areas outside of our geographic region and achieved higher levels of giving each year.

Vicky and I have enjoyed the yearly board retreat on Lake Pend O'Reille.

At that event we hear from students who have experienced miracle after miracle—all because FoundationONE made it possible for them to attend UCA. We also dialog with school and conference administrators. We laugh, we cry, we pray! That precious time together as a Board has strengthened and encouraged me and my relationship with Christ and helped me to bond with many wonderful people who have a heart for Christian education.

We pray for the continued growth of FoundationONE's endowment fund. We pray for the students and faculty at UCA. We pray for greater impact in the lives of our future church leaders. As time brings us closer to Christ's soon return, we see a greater need for FoundationONE and the blessing it brings to UCA students and the school. What a wonderful experience it has been to be part of this amazing organization as it grows and matures.

By Dan Frickle, CPA



# FoundationONE's Current Leadership Team

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Mindy Weber\***, *President* – A 1985 UCA graduate; owner/manager of *The Renaissance at Coeur d'Alene Assisted Living Community*

**Debbie Nelson\***, *Vice President* – Served as UCA's VP for Finance 2008 to 2015; accountant for a Boise-based law firm

**Dan Frickle\***, *CPA, Treasurer* – Semi-retired; his career has focused on non-profit organizations

**Linda Klinger\***, *Secretary* – A fundraiser since 1993; the Executive Director of FoundationONE since 2013

**Don Ammon** – A 1960 UCA graduate; former President/CEO of Adventist Health

**Nancy Engle, PhD** – Recently published the book: *Influential Women of Spokane: Building a Fair City*; historian/community volunteer

**Brent Featherston, Atty** – A 1983 graduate of UCA; a partner with Featherston Law Firm 20+ years

**Mickey Meyer** – Retired pastor/rancher/entrepreneur; chair of Highpoint Medical, Inc. board of directors

**Allan Roth\*** – 35-year career in banking; retired as Executive VP and Treasurer of Banner Bank

**Jaclin Smith\*** – A 1962 graduate of UCA; 55-year career as a developer of senior centers

**Doug Wells** – A 1959 graduate of UCA; former president of FoundationONE (2010 to 2016); retired public high school teacher/administrator

**Keith Wilkens, MD** – Wife and children are UCA graduates; family practice physician in Spokane since 1985

*\*also serves on INVESTMENT COMMITTEE*

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

**Karl Peach, DDS, Chair** – A 1982 UCA graduate; son of UCA's beloved history teacher, Olin Peach, and agent of the Olin Peach Scholarship Fund; has practiced orthodontia in Post Falls, ID since 1994

**Glenn Dutro** – A 1959 UCA graduate; grew up on the UCA campus (his father served as school treasurer)

**Bill Lenz, Atty** – A 2007 UCA graduate; an Associate with the Witherspoon Kelly Law Firm in Spokane

**Debbie Nelson** – See Board of Directors list for bio

**Heidi Opp** – A 1987 UCA graduate; parent of current students

**Ron Turner** – A 1959 UCA graduate; served as UCA's director of marketing/recruitment 1997 to 2006.

**Pam Backman** – UCA's current VP for Finance

## PLANNED GIVING CONSULTANT

**Don Klinger, CSPG** – Retired pastor/church administrator; Certified Specialist in Planned Giving from American Institute for Philanthropic Studies, Long Beach CA

## GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Greg Meager, Chair** -- Served as UCA's athletic director 2011 to 2015; currently a broker for RenCorp Realty

**Don Ammon** – See Board of Directors list for bio

**Nancy Engle** – See Board of Directors list for bio

**Larry Marsh** – A former UCA principal; currently serving as Upper Columbia Conference VP for Education

**Mickey Meyer** – See Board of Directors list for bio

**Heidi Opp** – See Scholarship Committee list for bio

**Alfred Schroetlin** – A 1959 UCA graduate; wheat farmer from Farmington, WA

**Taylor Wilkens** – A 2002 UCA graduate; serving as the Dental Director for Marimn Health in Plummer, ID (the Coeur d'Alene Tribes medical facility)

# save the Date

**Bob Larrabee Memorial Golf Tournament**  
**September 28, 2018**



## SEE YOU THERE!

*FoundationONE is organizing networking/information-sharing events in the following locations:*

**Mar 4, 4:00 p.m.**

Peoria/Sun Cities Adventist Church  
13450 N Plaza del Rio Blvd.  
Peoria, AZ

**Mar 11, 4:00 p.m.**

Jaclin Smith's Home  
80871 Vista Lazo  
La Quinta, CA

**Mar 18, 4:00 p.m.**

Yakima Adventist Church Fellowship Hall  
507 N 35th Ave.  
Yakima, WA

**Jun 10, 4:00 p.m.**

Todd & Teri Wagner's Home  
3235 Peppers Bridge Rd.  
Walla Walla, WA

**Jul 15, 4:00 p.m.**

Mickey & Verdyne's home  
17902 N Rimrock Rd.  
Hayden, ID

**Oct 7, 4:00 p.m.**

CherryWood Village  
Retirement Community  
1417 SE 107th Ave.  
Portland, OR

*Complimentary meal, stories of current students, great friends!*





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Endowment

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**One Goal**

Future Leaders

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