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3rd Annual **UC**  
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**DASH**



**HELP US WITH OUR LARGEST SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER!**

**3rd Annual UC Blue Ash Dash 5K Run/Walk for Scholarships**  
*Saturday, October 10, 8:30 a.m.*

This October marks our third year of holding the UC Blue Ash Dash 5K—the college's signature FUN-draising event benefitting student scholarships! Over the past two years, UCBA has raised more than \$72,000 for scholarships from this event alone. Through this event, we can collectively help prevent current and future UCBA students from stopping or dropping out due to financial barriers. [Read more...](#)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** It takes many helping hands to execute this large event. Whether your talents lie in greeting people with a friendly smile, cheering on and directing race participants, or serving one of our many donated food or beverage items after participants cross the finish line, we have a volunteer shift for YOU! [Click here to view full list of volunteer roles.](#)

**Help Us Honor Our 2016 Distinguished Alumni**  
Nominate now through October 16!

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## Welcome Home: 2015 Homecoming .....



### UCBA Pep Rally

*Tuesday, October 20, 12:30 p.m.*

Join us on campus for the UCBA Pep Rally as we get into the Homecoming spirit! [Read more...](#)

### UC Homecoming Game vs. UConn Huskies

*Saturday, October 24, Time TBA*

UC will battle the UConn Huskies on our home turf for the first time in two years at the recently renovated Nippert Stadium. [Check back regularly on the UC Homecoming webpage](#) for updates on Homecoming Weekend and events organized by the UC Alumni Association.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Represent UC Blue Ash in the pre-game UC Homecoming Parade by volunteering as an alumni parade crew member! We're currently recruiting for UCBA alumni to walk in the parade with fellow Blue Ash Bearcat alums and current students. The parade takes place four hours prior to game time, which is TBA. Immediately following the parade, we'll celebrate at the Bearcat Blitz Tailgate held at the Myers Alumni Center in Clifton! For more information and to sign up, [click here](#).

## Alumni Spotlights .....

Learn about two of our alumni who are making an impact here at home and thousands of miles away!

### Challenge is the Crucible for Greatness

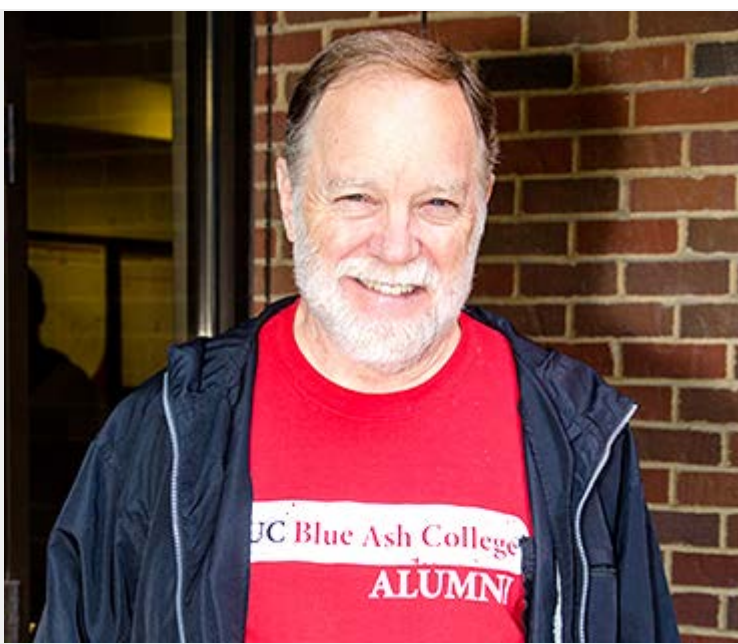
Dean Cady Short-Thompson

Just last week, we kicked off the official start of the 2015-2016 academic year by welcoming nearly 5,200 students—or future alumni, as I like to think of them—to our campus, complete with a new and exciting renovation to our One Stop Center in Muntz Hall. This makes it easier for our team to provide exceptional customer service to our students who need assistance with registration, financial aid, and accessing student accounts.

Despite the many student support services in place and outstanding staff on-hand to meet our students' needs, there are—unfortunately—those who stumble upon barriers and need additional assistance. As alumni, you know this scenario just as well as I do. Sometimes, life comes at you fast. Perhaps you or a fellow classmate struggled with a personal matter that temporarily caused you to falter. Those personal matters often snowball into financial barriers as well, causing hardships and headaches when trying to pay a tuition bill. Finances are the number one reason why UC Blue Ash students are forced to drop out of college.

To address these challenges, we have put deliberate measures in place to ensure we're meeting students where they are on their academic journey, especially when it comes to overcoming financial barriers.

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### Ken Suer, Class of 1970

UC Blue Ash alumnus Ken Suer (Pre-Education, 1970) never thought he would attend college. As the oldest of five siblings and with parents who never advanced past high school, he didn't think it was in the cards. Higher education wasn't even something Suer considered until one of his high school teachers gave him the encouragement he needed. "You need to go to college," Suer recalls his teacher imploring.

It was during Suer's senior year in high school that UC Blue Ash College (then Raymond Walters College) was founded. The first classes were held at the college in September of 1967 and Suer began the following year. To his surprise, he flourished. Suer says he hadn't been exposed to a real "academic environment" before coming to UC Blue Ash and found tremendous support from his outstanding professors. "It was an eye-opening experience," Suer explains. While studying pre-education, he says he "really got hooked." He did so well in the program that he eventually graduated from UC Blue Ash as valedictorian.

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## Save the Date .....

**Entrepreneur Speaker Series: Featuring Craig Kurz, Owner and Board Member of the HoneyBaked Co., LLC**  
[Click for information.](#)

October 1  
7:00 p.m.

**3rd Annual UC Blue Ash Dash 5K Run/Walk for Scholarships**

October 10  
8:30 a.m.

**Estate Planning Seminar**

October 19  
5:30–7 p.m.  
Walters Hall, Room 100  
To register, contact Tammy Wernke at (513) 556-6293 or [wernkety@uc.edu](mailto:wernkety@uc.edu).

**Homecoming: UC vs. University of Connecticut**

October 24  
Nippert Stadium

For a full list of UC Blue Ash alumni events, [click here](#).



### **Brigitta Kulberg, Class of 2015**

A graduate from the dental hygiene program at UC Blue Ash College will travel half way around the world to begin her career and try to make a difference in her home country of Estonia.

A little over five years ago, Brigitta Kulberg followed her mother to the United States with a plan to earn her degree in dental hygiene and return to her home country to begin a movement for better oral health.

"The people of Estonia are not very well educated when it comes to dental care; even basic care like flossing every day. One of the things I am looking forward to is holding workshops about proper dental care," says Kulberg.

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### **Tell Us Your Story**

What have you been up to since you graduated or moved on from UC Blue Ash College? We'd like to know! To share latest news, or to be considered for future editions of our Alumni Spotlight, please submit your stories and updates to Katelyn Hainline at [Katelyn.hainline@uc.edu](mailto:Katelyn.hainline@uc.edu)

## New Online Bachelor's Degree .....



### UC Blue Ash College Launches Online Bachelor's Program

UC Blue Ash College, in partnership with the University of Cincinnati College of Allied Health, is launching its first online bachelor's program this fall.

The online Bachelor in Radiation Science Technology (BRST) program will make it possible for students all over the nation, even the world, to earn their degree while learning and interacting with faculty electronically. [Read more...](#)

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