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UC Blue Ash College

2016  
*Distinguished Awards*  
A CELEBRATION OF FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

## 2016 Distinguished Awards Celebration and Alumni Silent Auction

Wednesday, April 13

5:00—6:30 p.m. | Reception and Silent Auction

6:30—8:00 p.m. | Awards Program

Join us for the 2016 UC Blue Ash Distinguished Awards Celebration and Alumni Silent Auction on Wednesday, April 13 at the Cooper Creek Event Center (4040 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241). We'll celebrate this year's Distinguished Alumnus, **The Honorable Andrew Ciafardini**, and the Young Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award winner, **Lauren Altman**, along with distinguished faculty and staff award recipients.

Come start the evening off by enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres and perusing the Alumni Silent Auction, starting at 5:00 p.m. The auction features great items such as gift cards to Cincinnati's best restaurants, entertainment packages, health and fitness packages, various date night packages, and much more. All proceeds generated from the silent auction benefit the UCBA Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. [A sneak peek of some of the auction items are posted online. Click here to view!](#)

The awards ceremony will take place immediately following, starting at 6:30 p.m.

**RSVP by Tuesday, April 5.** This event is free and open to all, so invite your friends, family, and former classmates and join us for an evening of fun and celebration. [Click here to register.](#)

## Alumni Spotlights

We're proud to introduce our 2016 Distinguished Alumni award winners, The Honorable Andrew Ciafardini and Lauren Altman! Come hear their full stories at the Distinguished Awards Celebration and Alumni Silent Auction on Wednesday, April 13—see details above.



**Distinguished Alumnus Award:  
Hon. Andrew Ciafardini, Class of 2001**

UC Blue Ash alumnus Andrew Ciafardini is no stranger to being around highly distinguished individuals, so it comes as no surprise that he has won the college's highest alumni honor of being named the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

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**Young Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award:  
Lauren Altman, Class of 2010**

Lauren Altman doesn't tend to stay in one place very long.



**The Ticket to Thrive**  
Dean Cady Short-Thompson

I've said on many occasions that spring is arguably our busiest season at the college, but also one of my favorites. It means celebrating the great academic accomplishments of our students – from honoring scholarship recipients, to recognizing honor students in each department, to shaking hands with each and every graduate as they walk across the stage at Commencement – and I love it.

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**Upcoming Event .....**

**Bearcats at the Ballpark**  
*Friday, May 20*  
*First pitch: 7:10 p.m.*

UC Bearcats are taking over the Great American Ballpark! This year's annual UC alumni event, Bearcats at the Ballpark, is taking place on Friday, May 20 and is going to be bigger than ever! Bring your family and friends for a complete Bearcats takeover while the Reds take on the Seattle Mariners. First pitch is at 7:10 p.m.

Don your UC gear and have your photo taken with Mr. Redlegs and the Bearcat mascot, enjoy free giveaways, and stick around after the game for Fireworks Friday! Be sure to stop by the Fan Zone before the

She has always been, as she calls it, "hyperactive" – which is how she first got started working in the bustling restaurant industry. While this sense of restlessness proved to be a challenge throughout school for Altman, it suits her well now as the Corporate Manager at Thunderdome Restaurant Group, which owns and manages five concepts (with 30 locations nationwide) including Bakersfield, The Eagle, and Krueger's Tavern.

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### UC March Mania Giving Challenge— We are the Champions!

UC Blue Ash recently went head-to-head with 14 other UC Colleges in a four-day bracket-style giving challenge – and won! We are proud to announce that UC Blue Ash is the 2016 UC March Mania Challenge Champion. **With your help, we won an additional \$2,500 in scholarships for our students!**

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### Nursing Student Success Fund .....



**Nursing Student Success Fund—  
Help us to Build a Better Nursing Workforce**  
*The deadline to participate is Thursday, March 31.  
Gifts of just \$5 add up to make a big impact!*

[Click here to learn more.](#)

game to visit the UC Blue Ash alumni table!

Discounted tickets in designated Bearcat Fan Sections start at just \$11

[Click here to buy your tickets today!](#)

TO BUY TICKETS:

- 1) Enter "BLUEAS" in the Offer Code box (offer code is case sensitive),
- 2) Choose your seats within Bearcat sections 109, 412, or 512, and
- 3) Click "Buy Tickets" and complete your transaction on the Ticketmaster website.

### Save the Date .....

**4th Annual UC Blue Ash Dash 5k**  
*Saturday, October 8  
8:30 a.m.*

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

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**We make it possible. You make it happen. ....**

TELL US HOW YOU'RE

*making it happen!*



*Tell us your story today.*

Tell us about your experience as a UC Blue Ash alumnus – how you're pursuing your dreams, how you're advancing your expertise in your profession, or how you're making a positive impact in your community. We love to share stories about our amazing alumni.

We're looking for UC Blue Ash stars who are willing to share their stories and be featured in videos, publications, advertisements and news articles.

Tell us how you're making it happen.

[Click here to submit your story.](#)

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