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UAGC Student Newsletter
Special Edition | Spirit Week!

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Welcome to a special Spirit Week edition of the UAGC student newsletter! Read on to learn all about UAGC Spirit Week, an annual celebration hosted in UAGC Connect designed to bring our incredible student and alumni community together through fun daily activities, meaningful conversations, and a whole lot of UAGC Wildcat pride!

Each day of Spirit Week will feature a themed prompt on UAGC Connect: Students can post, share, engage, and show their UAGC pride! One spirited student will be crowned the inaugural Spirit Stick winner, taking home the very first UAGC Spirit Stick and an exclusive UAGC Swag Package.

UAGC Spirit Stick



All hail the mighty Spirit Stick!

This Spirit Week, participate in activities in UAGC Connect for a chance to win the innagural Spirit Stick, and an exclusive UAGC Swag Package!

Learn more in UAGC Connect

Daily Themes



Monday – Wildcat Welcome

October 19

Introduce yourself by sharing where you're from, your major, a fun fact, or what inspired you to become a UAGC Wildcat.

Add your introduction now!



Tuesday – Talent Tuesday

October 20

Share a hidden talent, hobby, creative project, or something you enjoy doing outside of school.

Share your hobbies or talents here!



Wednesday – Workspace Wednesday

October 21

Give everyone a look at your workspace or study environment and show us where you get your UAGC work done.

Show your workspace here!



Thursday – Wildcat Spirit Day

October 22

Show off your Wildcat spirit by wearing UAGC gear, school colors, or creating a fun Wildcat-themed look.

Represent your UAGC Spirit here!



Friday – Flashforward Friday

October 23

Share a baby picture along with what you hope to pursue with your major or where you see your education taking you in the future.

Grand Prize Winner is announced in UAGC Connect!

Share your future plans here!

Student Spotlights

Meet some of your fellow Wildcats!



Shelly Hudson

Associate of Arts, '27

"I have just completed my first course as a Wildcat. I always loved spirit week during school and am excited to participate in the inaugural event at UAGC. I am a wife, mother, Navy veteran, and now college student. I am 'neurospicy' and try to use it to my advantage. I have many eclectic interests and try to switch between them regularly. First and foremost, I am geektastic. I love my weekly Dungeons and Dragons sessions. I have a small crafting business that lets me indulge my hyperfocus as well as interest hopping. I look forward to getting to know more of my fellow UAGC students!"



Ciera Morris

Bachelor of Arts, Social and Criminal Justice, '28

"As a brand new student at UAGC, I can't tell you how excited I am to be joining this amazing community, especially during the very first UAGC Spirit Week! As someone who's just starting out on this journey, I know how important it is to feel connected and supported. Spirit Week is the perfect chance for all of us to come together, have some fun, and show off our Wildcat pride. I'm looking forward to sharing stories and jumping into all the creative challenges and activities planned for the week. Go Wildcats!"



Nestor Rivera

Master of Business Administration, '27

“My journey at UAGC has taken place during one of the busiest and most rewarding times of my life. While working full-time, I have also experienced career growth, including transitioning into new leadership roles and earning promotions that have challenged me to continue learning and developing professionally. At home, my wife and I are raising three children. We have a one-year-old, and our other two are seven and eight-years-old and heavily involved in sports. Between practices, games, work responsibilities, and family commitments, finding time for school can be challenging. Many Sundays are spent researching and writing papers while preparing for the week ahead. What has surprised me most is that, although balancing everything is not easy, the discipline and time management skills I have gained have helped me succeed in both my professional and personal life. I could not do it without my wife, who is truly the backbone of our family. Even while working full-time herself, she provides tremendous support and encouragement that helps make this journey possible. UAGC has helped me grow both professionally and personally. I hope my experience encourages others who may be wondering if they can successfully juggle work, family, and school. It’s not easy, but it is absolutely worth it.”