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Presenting The University College Class of 2006

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Congratulations to the Class of 2006

Get To Know: Angela Stalcup, UC Alumna, Class of 2003



Angela Stalcup

Although Angela graduated from high school as class valedictorian, she did not pursue a traditional educational route. Moved by the suffering of women and children in the world, she decided to spend some time “saving the world” before continuing her education. She traveled to West Africa, the Caribbean, South America and Asia seeking ways to empower women. However, after 16 years of this work, Angela decided it was time to continue her educational path and to obtain a bachelor’s degree.

At Oglethorpe, Angela embraced the college experience and was an involved student. She helped to create the Student Advisory Committee (SAC), a student group to represent the needs and concerns of UC students. The SAC worked closely with the UC director and the UC Council and sponsored UC student activities on campus. She served as president of the SAC for two years. She was inducted into the **Alpha Chi** honor society in 2003.

As a result of the nurturing yet challenging academic

atmosphere of the UC program, Angela discovered a new, more personal mission. As a plus-size woman she had experienced the media barrage of unrealistic female images, seemingly designed to make women hate the natural female form. Angela decided to challenge prevalent media narratives with the tools of the academy. She examined the subject of female body image through the lenses of communications theory, art history, film studies and anthropology. From this research she identified herself as a vital woman in the modern world.

“I loved the variety of challenging liberal arts classes taught by enthusiastic and supportive professors.”

Angela completed her bachelor’s degree in 3 years, graduating summa cum laude with a communications degree in May 2003. She received the **2002-2003 University College Award** and was co-recipient of the **2003 Sally Hull Weltner Award for Scholarship**, the award for the highest grade-point average among students graduating with Latin Honors.

After graduation, Angela participated as a panelist at the **2004 Conference on College Composition and Communication**. She presented “Mediascapes, Embodiment and the Adult Learner,” a paper based on the body of work she created during her time at Oglethorpe.

Q: What was your best memory at UC?

A: All of my fondest memories involve the camaraderie of classmates and professors and the excitement of the collaborative learning environment. Three years after graduating, I still maintain friendships with quite a few former classmates and professors.

Q: Why did you choose to attend UC?

A: University College used to run ads in the Sunday paper and on NPR. I was familiar with the reputation of Oglethorpe as a prestigious liberal arts university, and the accelerated evening program seemed like it would be a perfect fit for me. All that remained was for me to step into the quad: the beauty of the campus sealed my fate. I was completely in love. I knew that Oglethorpe would be my educational home.

Q: What elements of the UC program did you like the most?

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Get To Know: Susan Richards, UC Student



Susan Richards

Susan Richards received the prestigious **University College Award for 2006** in recognition of

her outstanding **3.959 GPA**. She grew up in Atlanta and spent two years studying at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina. She is the mother of two daughters, Stephanie and Jennifer, who are both college students. Susan waited until her youngest daughter, Stephanie, was a senior in high school before she returned to school. When asked what aspect of education she enjoys the most, Susan responds, "I just love to read. My children tell me that I read for fun what other people have to read as a requirement."

Congratulations to Susan on all of her accomplishments and thank you for setting such an excellent standard for other students.

Q: What is your major and minor?

A: Communications and English.

Q: How do you feel about receiving the UC Award?

A: It was a great honor to be recognized at the Awards Convocation for all of

Oglethorpe University, especially by the eloquent words of **Annie Hunt Burriss**. I really wanted to "represent" for the students at UC. UC students not only have to study hard; we have to work hard at our day jobs.

Q: Why did you choose to attend UC?

A: Initially I wanted to take a couple of Spanish courses. But once I stepped onto the campus, I knew I wanted to complete my degree.

Q: What elements of the UC program do you like the most?

A: I like the high academic

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standards, the school's good reputation, the evening class schedule, the diverse student body, the small class size and a location that is convenient to home and work. Most of all, I have enjoyed learning from the professors. There are no words to describe the heartfelt gratitude and respect I have for the UC teaching staff.

Q: What do you plan to do when you graduate from UC?

A: I'd like to go to grad school. I have no plans to change careers at the moment.

Q: What type of job do you have now?

A: I'm an Administrative Assistant III for Bank of America Premier Banking.

Q: What is the most difficult aspect of going to school?

A: Learning how to prioritize and not procrastinate.

Q: Did anyone inspire you to finish/return to school?

A: I've always been ashamed of myself for dropping out of college. This was a personal goal for me. In Proverbs, King Solomon sums up my reason when he says, "The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul."

Q: If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, living or not, who would you choose and why?

A: I would like to have dinner with singer-songwriter **Jack Johnson**. His soulful and poetic music gives me peace.

Q: In 5 years, where do you see yourself?

A: I wish I could be living at the beach and having a great paying job that is creative and rewarding. How fun would that be?

Words From Annie: Say Cheese



In my family we take lots of pictures. There's probably thousands of our first born, Gin, and then maybe a few hundred of our second, William. Warped photos taken by kids depict a menagerie of family pets. My husband hates to have his picture taken and the kids have acted out badly sometimes to try to avoid this persevering mama's camera. But, you know what? I think they really kind of like my photo shots, in a perverse kind of way. They will not admit this, mind you, but nevertheless, they have been known to be admiring photos that actually made it into Tuesday Morning picture frames. In my God-forsaken home office, there's no telling how many Rubbermaid boxes are filled with semi-sorted pictures and yes, even slides. My DMZ zone is shared with my son's ill-tempered cockatiel that continuously contributes layers

of dander and shrieks so badly I actually have a perfect excuse to not make perfect scrapbooks. I should be grateful for that darned bird. I only have 2.5 years of that bird as an excuse for not sorting out the photos until that bird is gone with the wind and my son to college.

Mostly we take lots of pictures when there's some kind of a big event like prom night, a special baseball game, folks gathered for weddings and funerals. And of course, we've shot graduations and anniversaries and celebrations of grabbing whatever the gold ring was we were after. So my family and friends, probably like yours, smile and say cheese at the big moments.

Hopefully all of you Oglethorpe evening degree students will get to say 'cheese' upon graduating from Oglethorpe University. However, I kind of wish we could capture shots to mix in the reality of the life of the adult learner. It's not always 'cheese' I see when you smile. Your life, my life, our lives are filled with moments where it's so mixed up in the lovely and the unlovely. I have freeze-framed in my mind my husband Woody hand-in-hand with young Ginnie, decked out in Easter finery. I also have a poignant mental picture of him leaning over her hospital bed at an awful time, to hold her hand and to fix some uncomfortable

wires tracking brain activities. Because that's when she knew he really loved her. I picture them at that moment, forever in my mind's eye, and neither were saying 'cheese.'

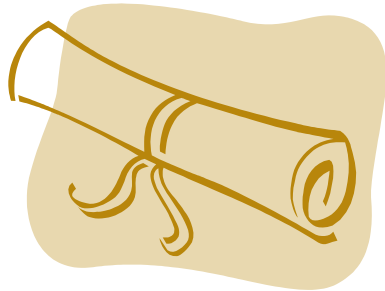
As an adult learner myself struggling with a dissertation, I have never said cheese as I banged on the computer. My family may want to say 'cheese' when our living room is finally rid of tons of books and messy papers; and they can see the floor and piano top again.

Then maybe, as we get done with university learning, we'll come to learn ourselves, to see self through the lens of critical objective thinking, to perceive a renewed life, and know how to make a difference. Maybe we'll have the grace to actually see our accomplishments through Oglethorpe. Maybe in our heads, or on Kodak or in digital color emailed to family and friends.

So picture yourself now as an Oglethorpe winner. As you struggle and became stronger, as your mind, heart and soul connect and are broadened, and then, at the end, you can just curl your lips up and say 'cheese!'

Annie Hunt Burriss

Words of Advice for UC's Class of 2006



From Dr. Karen Head:

"The best graduation advice I've heard recently, and with which I whole-heartedly agree, is that a person should make a habit of sending thank-you cards. As graduates you will want to thank everyone who supported you, but beyond your big day you should demonstrate that you are a considerate and communicative person by regularly engaging in the practice of sending such cards: something that will always distinguish you from the crowd."

From Dr. Barton Palmer:

"Graduation is an exciting moment: the rewarding culmination of years of arduous work, sacrifice and hard-won growth. But graduation is also the end of a stimulating intellectual journey, something you did for yourself. Now your focus, inevitably, will be elsewhere. So if you discover that the sudden release from reading, thinking and writing on a demanding schedule leaves you somewhat depressed, remember that the completion of a degree program does not mean you have to give up the thrill of learning. Embark on new projects that make use of your skills and knowledge. And don't be hesitant to contact your UC professors for guidance. We are always ready to help and serve. Nothing pleases a college professor more than a student who comes back with

further questions, exploring the possibilities for renewed intellectual growth. As you embark, like all OU graduates, on "making a life," don't forget that all of us here at UC remain committed to helping you on that journey."

From Professor William Vincent:

"No matter how bleak your working career might look always move forward; always be rethinking your situation; always change the direction you are going in if conditions warrant. Never, ever give up and you will achieve the career you want even if it takes longer than you thought."



CONGRATULATIONS!

The 2006 University College Fellowship



Congratulations to UC senior **Nick Moreno** who recently made Oglethorpe history by being named the first UC Fellow. Next year, Nick's numerous projects will include forming a student activities committee through which he plans to establish a UC theatre club to present workshop productions of plays, host a formal spring dance and regularly scheduled social

events on campus. In addition, Nick will be serving as the editor of the UC Newsletter and developing scholarship opportunities for minority students with a specific emphasis on the Latino community. As Fellow, Nick will receive full tuition remission for four classes and will be acknowledged with a University College Fellowship insignia on his diploma upon graduation in May 2007.

Nick is a communications major and has been attending Oglethorpe since August 2004.

Get A Job! The Best of The Best

The Best Jobs in America	Average Salary	The Best Companies to Work For in America
1. Software engineer	\$80,427	1. Genentech
2. College professor	\$81,491	2. Wegmans Food Markets
3. Financial advisor	\$122,462	3. Valero Energy
4. Human resources manager	\$73,731	4. Griffin Hospital
5. Physician assistant	\$75,117	5. W.L. Gore & Associates
6. Market research analyst	\$82,317	6. Container Store
7. Computer/IT analyst	\$83,427	7. Vision Service Plan
8. Real estate appraiser	\$66,216	8. J.M. Smucker
9. Pharmacist	\$91,998	9. Recreational Equipment (REI)
10. Psychologist	\$66,359	10. S.C. Johnson
11. Advertising manager	\$107,049	11. Boston Consulting Group
12. Physical therapist	\$54,883	12. Plante & Moran
13. Technical writer	\$57,841	13. Quicken Loans
14. Chiropractor	\$84,996	14. HomeBanc Mortgage
15. Medical scientist	\$70,053	15. Whole Foods Market
16. Physical scientist	\$80,213	16. Edward Jones
17. Engineer	\$76,100	17. Republic Bancorp
18. Curriculum developer	\$55,793	18. Baptist Health Care
19. Editor	\$78,242	19. Alston & Bird
20. Public relations specialist	\$84,567	20. Kimley-Horn & Associates
21. Sales manager	\$135,903	21. QuikTrip
22. Optometrist	\$93,670	22. American Century Investments
23. Property manager	\$78,375	23. Qualcomm
24. Actuary	\$81,509	24. David Weekley Homes
25. Writer	\$60,519	25. Cisco Systems

**List compiled by Money Magazine and Salary.com.*

**List compiled by Fortune Magazine.*

Get To Know: Angela Stalcup *continued*

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A: Apart from the gorgeous surroundings, I loved the variety of challenging liberal arts classes taught by enthusiastic and supportive professors. I felt that UC students and professors served as advocates in the education of each member of the classroom. I was so impressed with **Dr. Anne Rosenthal** and the communications program that I changed my major after just one of her classes, and I enjoyed being able to take film and art history classes as I worked toward my degree.

Q: What type of job do you have

now?

A: My degree has definitely impacted my career development. I currently work as Director of Marketing for Steelcoat, LLC, an Alpharetta-based software company. I am also a partner in SmartFish, a small business incubator/think tank.

Q: Did anyone inspire you to finish/return to school?

A: Two mothers inspired me to return to school: my mother and Mother Nature. At age 34, Mother Nature tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Honey, you're not getting any younger. If you're going to get your degree you'd better not wait

much longer." Once I had made my decision to pursue my degree, my mother tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Honey, you're going to be great." She served as my most enthusiastic supporter and cheerleader during my three grueling years at Oglethorpe.

Q: In 5 years, where do you see yourself?

A: I plan to have a graduate degree in either communications or women's studies and to be well on my way to becoming an established expert in the field of female body image.

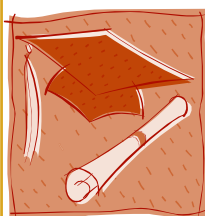
Register Now for UC Summer Sessions!

The UC Summer Sessions are just around the corner! Please be sure to register now for your summer classes. The session dates are:

Session I: May 15 – July 6

Session II: July 8 – August 24 (*note different end date than originally published*)

Please email **Wayne Leon** at wleon@oglethorpe.edu or call him at **404-364-8314** to make a registration appointment. The summer schedule is available on the OU website (keyword:UC).



FACT: Graduation is the action of receiving or conferring an academic degree or the associated ceremony. The date of event is often called degree day. Many colleges have different traditions associated with the graduation ceremony, the best-known probably being throwing mortarboards in the air.

QUOTE:

"Don't live down to expectations. Go out there and do something remarkable."

Wendy Wasserstein

QUOTE:

"When you leave here, don't forget why you came."

Adlai Stevenson



I Wish I Would Have Said That!

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

The Learning Resources Center

Suffering from test anxiety?

Need help brushing up on your test taking skills?

Visit RoseMary Watkins in the Learning Resources Center located in the Weltner Library's 24-Hour Room.

Extra! Extra!



The *UC Newsletter* is getting a makeover! After only five issues, expect a new design and name in the fall. Also, look for a **Special Summer Issue** this July! We thank all UC faculty, staff and students for making our first year such a success!

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Must Have Campus Information

Department	Information	Phone Number
Business Office	Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	404.364.8302
Campus Safety	Campus Safety is available at on-campus extension 1998.	404.504.1998
Career Services	Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	404.364.8533
Counseling Services	The Center for Counseling Services offers individual, group and couples therapy as well as outreach and consultation. Please call to make an appointment.	404.364.8456
Financial Aid	Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	404.364.8354
IT Services	The campus computer labs are available to students 24/7. The IT Help Desk is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	404.364.8518
Office of the Registrar	Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	404.364.8315
Oglethorpe Bookstore	Mondays through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	404.364.8361
The Philip Weltner Library	Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	404.364.8511
UC Office	Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	404.364.8383
Weather Advisory Line	In the case of severe weather or other emergencies, Oglethorpe University will use the Weather Advisory Line to communicate appropriate information to our students, including school closings.	404.504.1800