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UNIVERSITY HIGH GRADUATION SET FOR JUNE 4 ON NEW FIELD & TRACK

- ▣ The beginning of a new era in Uni's athletic history will appropriately commence with the graduation of the Class of 2015 on the Uni campus on June 4, beginning at 5 p.m.

The long-awaited world-class football field and running track at Uni are now complete, with the striping of the AstroTurf football and soccer field and the Rekortan track, with the final touches applied on May 12.

Class of '65 graduate **Steve Udvar-Hazy**, the billionaire owner of Air Lease Corporation, will be the featured commencement speaker, nine days in advance of the classes of 1965 reunion (more details below). He and his family fled their native Hungary in 1958 due to the Soviet occupation of the country and came to Los Angeles. After finishing at Uni, Udvar-Hazy attended UCLA and then embarked on a remarkable career which saw him, with two partners, essentially create the aircraft-leasing business in the United States. His insight into innovation and entrepreneurship will be of great interest to Uni's 2015 graduates, many of whom are part of the school's highly-respected Digital Media Magnet program.

UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS THREE SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▣ UHEF Co-President **Judy Wolfenstein** reports that the Foundation delivered three scholarship awards to deserving seniors in the Class of 2015.

Applicants for two of the awards wrote essays specific to those programs, and the awardees were selected by the UHEF Board of Directors. The awards were presented at the annual awards ceremony on May 20.

- The **UHEF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** (\$1,000) was made to **Abigail Diaz**. She has worked with Prime Time, an after-school program for kids with developmental disabilities, sponsored by UCLA, as well as at Arlington Heights Elementary, where she attended primary school. In addition, she has recently graduated from the Los Angeles Police Department's Cadet Academy, and is planning to pursue a university degree in criminal justice.
- The estate of **Sharon Mednick**, a Uni college counselor from 1995-2003, bequeathed \$10,000 to establish a fund to help a student who demonstrates an interest in pursuing a career in education. Thanks to your ongoing support, the Mednick Fund was grown and continues to award \$1,000 annually. The 2015 recipient of the **SHARON MEDNICK SCHOLARSHIP** is **Ashley Drew**. She realized that teaching drew her to help others and saw the impact of a "spark of inspiration" that helps people want to achieve. Ashley will be attending the University of California. Riverside in the fall.
- For 2015, the UHEF inaugurated the **JACK MOSCOWITZ PRINCIPAL'S AWARD** in honor of the much-loved former Uni principal who inspired the creation of the UHEF. The selection of the award is made by the University High School Principal and **Eric Davidson** selected **Gabriela Rodriguez**. He describes her as well-liked, a great role model and someone who leads by example. "She gives 100% to everything she does, is wise beyond her years, puts family first, is goal-oriented but also patient," noted Davidson. "She is someone you would want your own child to befriend. She's a wonderful part of the Uni family."

Wolfenstein added "Your ongoing support of the UHEF allows the Foundation to continue awarding these scholarships. Please donate generously to the Foundation and our annual awards funds. You can direct your donation to the scholarship of your choice. We are striving to fund other scholarships and can do so with your help."

ON CAMPUS

- ▣ Uni Spring sports report: *Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](https://twitter.com/Utownsports)*
- Boys/Golf 10-2 overall **Western League Champions**

A highly-successful season for Coach **Eric Temena's** boys golf team climaxed with a fourth-place finish in the City Finals on May 20 at Griffith Park.

Western League Champion **Michael Han** (a junior) shot a 72 for a second-place individual finish, followed by junior **Kevin Temena** in 14th (78) and senior **Bryce Howell** in 23rd (80).

Uni's team total of 411 for its top-five-players was just 14 strokes behind winner El Camino Real (397, won with a lower back-nine score), Palisades (also 397) and Granada Hills (402). Congratulations to these Wildcats on a great season.

- Girls/Softball 2-14 overall

Although seeded 15th out of 16 teams in the City Division III playoffs, having won only one game during the regular season, Uni pummeled second-seeded Hollywood, 12-5, in the opening game of the playoffs on May 19. The Wildcats lost a heart-breaker to North Hollywood in the quarterfinals, 9-8, on May 22 to end the season 2-14, but on a positive note.

Feb. 25	@ North Hollywood	Lost, 0-15	Apr. 21	Venice	Lost, 3-27
Mar. 11	@ King-Drew Medical	Lost, 3-25	Apr. 23	@ Westchester	Lost, 11-16
Mar. 17	Hamilton	Lost, 2-21	Apr. 30	Fairfax	Lost, 2-21
Mar. 19	@ Venice	Lost, 0-25	May 05	Los Angeles CES	Lost, 6-11
Mar. 23	Westchester	Won, 10-9	May 07	@ Palisades	Lost, 0-21
Apr. 07	@ Fairfax	Lost, 4-28			
Apr. 09	@ Los Angeles CES	Lost, 13-14		<i>City Division III Playoffs (Uni seeded 15th):</i>	
Apr. 14	Palisades	Lost, 0-23	May 19	@ 2 Hollywood	Won, 12-5
Apr. 16	@ Hamilton	Lost, 3-15	May 22	@ 10 North Hollywood	Lost, 8-9

- Swimming

At the City Finals held at East Los Angeles College on May 15, Uni scored in nine events, led by seniors **Andrei Voicu** and **Lizbeth Crispin**:

Boys 50-yard Freestyle:	Junior Luka Milenkovic finished 15th overall at 23.79.
Boys 100-yard Freestyle:	Senior Andrei Voicu won the first of his All-City medals at this meet, with a second-place finish in 48.79.
Boys 200-yard Freestyle:	Voicu won a second All-City medal, finishing fourth in 1:46.60.
Boys 4x50-yard Freestyle Relay:	Uni's team of Andrew Alatorre, Alexander Kim, Luka Milenkovic and Andrei Voicu finished seventh in 1:35.68.
Boys 4x50-yard Medley Relay:	Uni's team of Andrei Voicu, Matthew Cabrera, Alexander Kim and Luka Milenkovic was 10th overall in 1:53.64.
Girls 200-yard Freestyle:	Senior Lizbeth Crispin won the B-Final (and an All-City medal), finishing ninth overall in 2:10.61.
Girls 200-yard Individual Medley:	Crispin finished 12th overall in 2:30.59.
Girls 4x50-yard Freestyle Relay:	Uni's team of Mona Farzan, Gloria Fu, Valeria Armijo and Lizbeth Crispin won All-City medals by finishing sixth in 1:56.21.
Girls 4x50-yard Medley Relay:	Uni's team of Ila Castro de la Torre, Lizbeth Crispin, Mona Farzan and Gloria Fu finished 11th overall in 2:14.89.

In the Girls 4x100-yard Freestyle Relay, Uni competed in the B-final, but was disqualified for having a swimmer start too soon on the exchange.

- Track & Field

Uni had some historic performances to cheer about at the All-City Finals at Cerritos College on May , finishing seventh in the girls team standings (15 points) and scoring one point in the boys division.

Of special note was ninth-grader **Toni Carter**, who won the 400 m and set a new Uni school record of 58.88. She had previously grabbed the Uni 200 m record from former Wildcat star **Barbara Nwaba** '07 in the Western League Finals with a 26.36 second-place finish. Wow! Imagine what she'll be able to do next year on the new, world-class Uni track.

Boys 800 m: Junior Matthew Freeman finished sixth in 1:59.60.

Girls 400 m: Freshman Toni Carter was All-City Champion and set a new Uni school record of 58.88.

Girls 4 x 100 m Relay: Uni's team of Jada Jenkins, Shania Card, Cach'e Cummings and Toni Carter finished sixth in 50.68.

Girls 4 x 400 m Relay: Uni's team of Jada Jenkins, Shania Card, Kaylan Tanner and Toni Carter finished fourth in 4:06.31.

- Boys/Volleyball 16-8 overall

After an excellent 14-7 regular season and a second-place finish in the Western League, Uni was seeded fifth in the City Division II playoffs. The Wildcats reached the quarterfinals by defeating Arleta (3-0) and Belmont (3-0) before running into fourth-seeded Sylmar, losing all three sets by scores of 19-25, 14-25 and 13-25.

▣ Uni's football and boys basketball teams, and the cheerleading squad are in the middle of their annual off-season fund-raising campaigns for equipment, uniforms, transportation and tournament entry fees. You can help with your donation:

- Football: <https://app.snap-raise.com/fundraisers/3165>
- Boys Basketball: <http://www.gofundme.com/uniboyshoops>
- Cheerleaders: <http://www.gofundme.com/unihicheer>

REUNIONS

▣ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:

- June 13, 2015: CLASSES OF 1965
At Riviera Country Club
Information: www.UniHi65.com or <http://UniHi65.wordpress.com>
or send an e-mail to unih65@gmail.com
Tickets: on sale until June 8 at <http://unih65.brownpapertickets.com>

- October 17, 2015: CLASS OF SUMMER 1954
At the Crowne Plaza Hotel Los Angeles Int'l Airport
Information: Carla Sampson Lowe
(916/965-4825 or carladlowe@aol.com)
- October 17, 2015: CLASS OF SUMMER 1955
At The Olympic Collection Conference Center
Information: Dr. Robert E. Garfield (310/472-2949 or drrobertgarfield@aol.com), or *Lois B. Golden* (310/472-0198)
(Please [click here](#) for a one-page information sheet)
- April 16, 2016: CLASSES OF 1966
At the Marina City Club (*please note the change of date and venue*)
Information: Neal Rein (sabersafety@yahoo.com) and/or
Joyce (Gordon) Rangen (joyce.rangen@gmail.com).
(Please [click here](#) for the event's Facebook page!)

Please send details of your reunions to Connect@UHEF.org for inclusion in future issues.

- ▣ From **Judy Kleinberg** '65, energetically organizing the 50-year reunion of the *Artesians* and *Peleans*:

The Class of '65 needs your help!

Do you have a sibling who graduated in 1965? We still have quite a long list of people who are "lost" and we hate to think that someone who's interested in our big reunion might not hear about it because we can't find them!

Please have a look at our "Lost" page – <https://unihi65.wordpress.com/lost/> – and if you know anyone on the list, leave a Comment there or send an email to unihi65@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your help!

The '65 reunion will be held at Riviera Country Club on June 13, 2015, and has a "class challenge" goal of \$1 million! More than \$100,000 has already been raised; for more details, check out their Web site at www.UniHi65.com or the class blog at <http://UniHi65.wordpress.com>.

- ▣ **Jefferson Kane** sent along this note about the Class of 1985 reunion earlier this year:

"The Class of 1985 celebrated its 30th Reunion at the elegant Mountain Gate County Club on Saturday March 21, 2015. There were 53 in attendance, which included 39 alumni. Class Presidents **Sharee Sanders Gordon** and **Nick Cates** led the evening.

"Everyone had a lot of fun and several people came forward to share their Uni memories. The

consensus was to meet more frequently and stay connected. A total of \$436.00 was raised through passing the bucket to help the Uni High Education Foundation. The Reunion Committee did a great job of helping us to coordinate the reunion.”

Thank you, Jefferson, and to the Class of 1985!

UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

- ▣ A special thanks to **Dr. Richard Satnick '71**, for his service to the UHEF upon his retirement from the Board at the end of May.

Dr. Satnick, who holds a Ph.D. in Research and Analysis from USC and is Executive Vice President of Worldbridge Language Services in Los Angeles, joined the UHEF Board in 2011 and has been an enthusiastic leader for the Foundation. He importantly helped create the rebate program Uni now enjoys with Amazon.com that generates \$1,200 annually and continues to grow.

In addition, he served with distinction on Uni’s School-Based Management council, creating a critical link between the UHEF and daily activities on campus. Perhaps most importantly, he and wife Carla are the parents of 2014 Uni graduate **Shauna Satnick**, who has continued her education at the University of California, Berkeley. All three Satnicks are staunch supporters of Uni and public education.

Our thanks to Dr. Satnick for his service, support and counsel, which will be much missed.

- ▣ The Uni Hi Education Foundation exists to raise money to support the instructional programming at University High School. A new LAUSD policy allows *on-campus signage* to be available to recognize donations which assist the educational program.

Interested for yourself or your company? Sent us a note and we’ll help to get the ball rolling: Connect@UHEF.org.

- ▣ Visit www.UHEF.org and tell your classmates to sign up for the *Warriors & Wildcats Report* and volunteer for UHEF activities.

The Foundation, now in its 29th year, has raised nearly \$600,000 to support Uni’s mission of educational excellence, and to supplement the instructional budget in these lean times. You can donate to the cause by [clicking here!](#)

UNI ALUMNI NOTEBOOK

- ▣ **Peter L. Fels '67** (peter@fels-law.com) sent along a [link](#) to a great story about classmate **Ron Silver**, the “most likable man” in Portland, Oregon.

The May 11 article, in *The Oregonian*, describes Silver as a “Jewish atheist who sings in a

gospel choir,” with a great photo of Silver in full voice at a recent concert. He was, among other things, the student manager for legendary Uni cross-country and track & field coach **Dick Kampmann** while at Uni.

▣ **Tony Miller**, S '57 (carguy44@earthlink.net) sent in a frequently-asked question:

“I attended the All-Classes Reunions (and car show) at the Uni campus in the fall for several years, but haven't received notice of the event for the last few years. Is it still being held? If so, what is the date of the 2015 event?”

Great question, Tony. The reunion and car show had to go on hiatus because of all of the construction on the campus. But with the completion of the new football field and all-weather track, planning has already started to revive the event, hopefully in late 2015 or early 2016!

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

▣ **Marvina Stephens-Miller** (mloanna@aol.com) sent in two nominations for Uni alumni to be pictured in the UHEF.org Web site and *Warriors & Wildcats Report* masthead:

- “I would like to suggest for the banner . . . **Jordan Zevon**. He is part of the Class of 1987. His father was Warren Zevon. Jordan has gone onto to be an accomplished musician as well.
- “Another suggestion would be **Tiffany Cochran Edwards**. She is also of the graduating class of 1987. For ten years, from 1997 to 2007, Tiffany served as weekend morning anchorreporter for 11Alive News in Atlanta, Ga. Before that, Tiffany anchored the news in Florence/Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Augusta, Ga.”

Good suggestions! Those currently pictured on the masthead of the *UHEF.org* Web site that we also use on the *Warriors & Wildcats Report* are all identified [here](#).

Would you like to nominate someone for the masthead? Send your suggestions to us at Connect@UHEF.org!

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