



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF FALL 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 15	<i>First day of school for the 2017-18 academic year</i>	Campus
Oct. 30-Nov. 3	<i>Spirit Week</i>	Campus
Nov. 01-02	<i>The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i>	Stivelman Theater
Nov. 03	<i>Homecoming: Uni vs. Palisades football game</i>	Kampmann Stadium
Nov. 08-09	<i>The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i>	Stivelman Theater
Dec. 04-09	<i>Jim Nakabara Basketball Classic</i>	South Gym
Dec. 15	<i>Last day of the Fall Semester</i>	Campus

UNI PRINCIPAL ERIC DAVIDSON: OUR STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP

- ▣ Uni principal **Eric Davidson** spoke for the entire faculty and staff at Uni with this short commentary on what Uni and its students face in today's educational and societal environment as we begin the school year:

The youth of today are in survival mode. The competition is greater than it has ever been and society has been giving trophies to everyone who participates for far too long. It's not enough to participate anymore and we have to make sure we are preparing students to vie against a greater number of capable competitors.

This cannot be the work of school staff and current parents alone. The Uni nation has to come to our aide. Public education is free – great public education costs a little more. The three resources schools use are human, financial, and time. Volunteering for events at the school is a great chance to give back to the school. We have Career Day, College Awareness Night, and guest speaker opportunities. Mentorship has proven to be an excellent support for some of our students who need additional guidance.

We also have fundraising opportunities that support the programs that give our students the “boost” they need to compete. From theater arts to speech and debate, from the health and fitness program to facility improvements, from our on-going need of updated technology to scholarships for our college bound youth – all these things continue to make Uni great.

Whether Warriors or Wildcats, we are Uni. Unified and unique. When students step through our doors each year, they have no idea about the history and traditions of the school. When they walk the stage at the end of four years, they know what it is to be family.

The UHEF is here to help. We are the designated organization, authorized by University High School, to raise funds and support Uni. Since its formation in 1985, more than \$1.1 million has been raised and nearly all of it has gone to support Uni students, program and even faculty stipends when the Los Angeles Unified School District was not able to do so.

We're happy to connect to Uni in any number of ways; just let us know how we can help you help Uni, now beginning its 93rd year as a Los Angeles public high school. Contact us directly at Connect@UHEF.org.

UNI FACULTY TO BE HONORED SEP. 10 AT DISNEY MOTIF AWARDS

- ▣ Uni's amazing recognition as one of the nation's top high schools will be officially honored on September 10 at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in downtown Los Angeles. The honor:

“The International Education Bureau of the nationally recognized Walt Disney Motif Awards has ranked University High School as one of the top twenty schools in the country to exceptionally expose students to high levels of life changing instruction.

“Because of your push to generate positive productive citizens within our nation; the Walt Disney Motif Awards International Selections Committee has elected to honor the University High School during the 2017 Walt Disney Motif Awards Ceremony, ‘The Nation's Highest Most Prestigious Honor For Youth Advocacy.’”

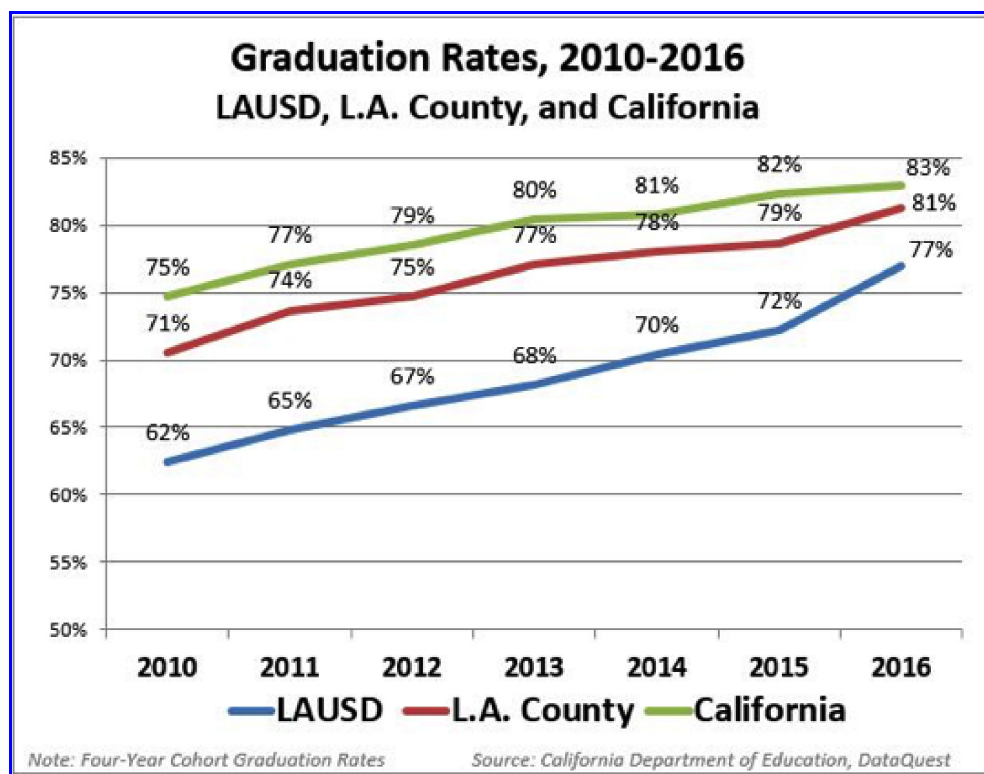
Even more remarkable was that the organizers extended an invitation to the entire Uni

faculty, all of whom shared in the effort that won this award. The ceremony itself will “recognize the outstanding work of the world’s leading child advocates who have dedicated their time to fighting indifference, intolerance and injustice and whose accomplishments are consistent with the goals of the Walt Disney Motif Awards.”

We’ll have coverage and details on the ceremony itself in a coming issue.

UNI AHEAD OF LAUSD RISE IN GRADUATION RATES

- ▣ The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce’s Business Perspective report from June 13 noted that “[T]he Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) [improved](#) its high school graduation rate by an unprecedented five percentage points in one year, while at the same time stepping up completion requirements and university eligibility.



“LAUSD made this progress while adopting more rigorous standards to better prepare students for college. Last year was the first year graduates had to complete all courses required for admission to California’s public universities. LAUSD graduates maintained their three-year trend of outperforming the state and county in CSU/UC eligibility (55 percent of LAUSD graduates, compared to 50 percent in L.A. County and 45 percent statewide.”

Uni did even better, with a [graduation rate](#) of 87.8%, well above the LAUSD average and almost five points higher than the State average. Another feather in the cap for Uni’s faculty and administration.

REVITALIZING THE UNI LIBRARY THANKS TO YOUR DONATIONS!

- ▣ *"This year, **Judy Wolfenstein** started us off by buying one of the new books on the short list I've put together so far. Alumni are really making a difference by providing books that students ask for and teachers assign. This keeps our library alive, and I cannot thank everyone enough."*

Uni librarian **Tascha Folsoi** '86 extends her thanks to everyone who has donated to the Uni library from a continuously-updated list of books on Amazon.com that is making the school's library not only more vibrant, but more relevant to the student body.

Total donations have reached 196 books from 11 named donors who have contributed so far (plus some who wish to remain anonymous):

Jeff Deckman '76

Ivan Finkle '50

Barbara Wong Franklin '68

Sukey (Roth) Garcetti '57

Carl Hagge '53

Judy Kleinberg '65

Erik Levin '77

Ruth Albert Roberts '64

Roger Schrag '83

Judy Wolfenstein

Kevin Young '75

Levin is our newest donor, but you can join the list. It's easy!

The program uses Amazon's "Wish List" function. Anyone can go to the list ([here](#)), purchase one or more books and they will be sent to Uni directly within two business days.

The "University Senior High Library" Wish List enjoys Amazon Prime status thanks to Folsoi, so that you (as the purchaser) **do not** have to be an Amazon Prime member to buy any of the books!

New books on the list for the Fall 2017 semester include works by noted authors such as **Maya Angelou, Emma Chastian, Blake Nelson, Alicia Keyes, Tupac Shakur** and others.

Folsoi asks for help if you buy a book: *"I think it would be better if we also asked people to email me their name and grad year along with items purchased, so I can email them back with the tax I.D. number and also remove the items from the list."* You can contact her at tascha.folsoi@gmail.com. Yes, your book purchase is a charitable donation!

All purchasers of books for the library are permanently recognized with a donor plate on the inside front cover of each donated book. Ready to help? Here's the link to the Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2907HPM85SFOW/ref=cm_sw_su_w



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ON CAMPUS

▣ Uni sports report:

Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](https://twitter.com/Utownsports)

• Boys/Football:

Coach **John Washington's** team opened the season with a 27-10 win over Manual Arts, but fell in overtime to Contreras, 20-13, on Thursday night. The schedule (* = Western League game):

Aug. 25	Manual Arts	Won	27-10	Kampmann Stadium
Aug. 31	Contreras	Lost	13-20 (OT)	Kampmann Stadium
Sep. 08	San Fernando		7 p.m.	Kampmann Stadium
Sep. 15	Lincoln		7 p.m.	Kampmann Stadium
Sep. 21	@ Culver City		7 p.m.	
Oct. 06	Fairfax*		7 p.m.	Kampmann Stadium
Oct. 13	@ Westchester*		7 p.m.	
Oct. 20	@ Venice*		7 p.m.	
Oct. 27	@ Hamilton*		3 p.m.	
Nov. 03	Palisades* /Homecoming/		7 p.m.	Kampmann Stadium

The September 15 and 21 games are part of the national [Touchdowns Against Cancer](#) fund-raising program to help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

• Girls/Volleyball:

Uni started the season 1-2, with losses to Rivera and Crossroads and a win vs. Arleta. For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on *MaxPreps.com*, [click here](#).

REUNIONS

- ▣ We're asked constantly about whether reunions of specific classes are happening. If they aren't listed below, we don't know about them, but are happy to list the information as soon as supplied to us.

Formal reunions and informal get-togethers get organized because *one person* decides it should happen and finds other classmates who feel the same way. Just decide that you're going to make it happen . . .

▣ We are informed of upcoming reunions for these classes:

★ 1954 • 1957 • 1967 • 1968 • 1978 ★

- Sep. 23, 2017: **CLASS OF 1954 (Capris) 63-YEAR REUNION**
At the Saticoy Country Club, Ventura
Information: Erin Boomer (boomererin@gmail.com)
(Saturday Reunion Luncheon at Saticoy CC; Friday Night Cocktail Party and Saturday Evening Dinner at other locations)
- Oct. 07, 2017: **CLASS OF 1967: 50-YEAR REUNION**
Hollywood & Highland Center, Los Angeles
Information: Judi Astrachan Doling (judidoling@sbcglobal.net)
Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at (661) 259-5999 or visit www.reunioncommittee.com.
- Oct. 14, 2017: **CLASS OF 1957: 60-YEAR REUNION**
Mission Hills Country Club, Rancho Mirage
Information: Patty (Kelly) Froehlich (rmgrandy4@hotmail.com)
- Sep. 15, 2018: **CLASS OF 1978: 40-YEAR REUNION**
Hollywood & Highland Center, Los Angeles
Information: Irma Macias
Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at (661) 259-5999 or visit www.reunioncommittee.com.
- Oct. 13, 2018: **CLASS OF 1968: 50-YEAR REUNION**
Hollywood & Highland Center, Los Angeles
Information: Kathie Brown Marion (marionmoses@me.com)
Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at (661) 259-5999 or visit www.reunioncommittee.com.

Please send details of any and all reunions, meetings or informal get-togethers to Connect@UHEF.org for inclusion in future issues.

▣ **Class of 1957:**

Great news from **Patty (Kelly) Froehlich** (rmgrandy4@hotmail.com), who announced that “We are holding our 60th reunion on OCTOBER 14 [in] Rancho Mirage at the Mission Hills Country Club.” For more information, contact Patty right away at rmgrandy4@hotmail.com.

▣ **Class of 1962:**

Linden Nishinaga S’62 (lnishinaga@gmail.com) is wondering about his class reunion since it's been 55 years. Anything happening?

▣ **Class of 1987:**

A reunion committee is forming for a 30-year celebration later in 2017. Check out the class Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129073165787/> or contact **Marvina (Stephens) Miller** at marvina@centurycommercial.com.

▣ **Class of 1997:**

Kymia Jones '97 (kymiaejones@gmail.com) has already asked "I'm wondering if there is a 20-year reunion planned for the Class of 1997?" Why not contact Kymia and get the party started!

▣ **Class of 2007, are you holding a reunion in 2017?**

The Foundation can provide some help in locating classmates, if we have them as part of our database of 14,000+ addresses (online and postal). If you're out there and want to know more, contact UHEF Co-President **Ivan Finkle** '50 via Connect@UHEF.org right away!

*If your class maintains a [Web site](#) or [Facebook page](#),
please send the address to Connect@UHEF.org
and we'll add it to this list!*

Class of 1987:

- On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129073165787/>

Class of 1981:

- On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UNI1981Centurians/>

Class of 1977:

- On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UniHigh77/>

Classes of 1966: Valcisians & Delphians

- On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1092330424115492/>
- For questions, please contact Joyce Rangen at joyce.rangen@gmail.com

Classes of 1965: Artesians & Peleans

- <http://uni65.com> or <https://unihi65.wordpress.com>
- To join the Class Facebook page, send an e-mail to UniHi65@gmail.com

Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

- <http://www.unihiw61.com>

Class of Summer 1961: Islanders

- <http://www.unihi61.com>

And Uni's theater-arts program is also on Facebook:

- <https://www.facebook.com/unihightheater/>

UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

- ▣ 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.
- ▣ Contribute to Uni by linking your purchases on Amazon.com or at Ralphs to their contribution programs!
- **Amazon.com:** Your purchases on **Amazon.com** can help Uni! Just go to the UHEF.org "[Donate Now](#)" page, scroll down and **click on the Amazon logo** to go to Amazon.com and your purchase will be credited toward rebates which go to support the school!
 - **Ralphs:** Use your **Ralphs Rewards Card**. Via its Community Contribution program, from 1-4% of monthly purchases made by members is sent to Uni, but by designating the school by linking it to your Rewards Card.

Have your card in hand (you'll need the number on the back), go to the Ralphs [Community Contribution page](#) and either **register** or **sign in** (Questions answered [here](#)); Uni's code for the Ralphs program is **93275**.
- ▣ The Foundation, created by committed Uni administrators, alumni and parents in 1985, has raised more than \$1 million 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!](#)

UHEF SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

- ▣ Did you know that the UHEF – thanks to your donations – supports these annual scholarships for Uni students:
- **Community Service Scholarship:** \$1,000 awarded to a graduating senior who has shown exceptional dedication to community service during their tenure at Uni.
 - **Jack Moskowitz Principal's Award:** Named for one of Uni's most outstanding principals (1984-93), a \$1,000 award to a graduating senior selected by Uni Principal **Eric Davidson** for exceptional achievement and service to the school.
 - **Sharon Mednick Scholarship:** Created in 2004 from a \$10,000 bequest left by Uni counselor Sharon Mednick, this annual \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a senior interested in a career in education.

In addition, two new scholarships are set to be inaugurated in the coming year with your donations:

- **Coach Richard M. Kampmann Scholarship Fund:** Named for Uni's late, legendary cross country and track & field coach, to be awarded by the Stimming Family in coordination with the UHEF.
- **Violetta Ponce Scholarship:** a new scholarship created by the University High School faculty and staff in memory of the late **Violetta (Ponce) Pacheco**, a Uni English teacher who lost her battle with cancer in May, 2016 at age 40. Contributions to this fund can be made to the UHEF or sent directly to University High School.

To contribute to any of these scholarships, simply go to the [Donate Now](#) section of the UHEF Web site, make your donation and enter the name of the fund you wish to support in the Comments section. Thank you for your generosity.

UNI ALUMNI NOTEBOOK

*Reunion information and updates for the
Classes of 1954-1957-1967-1968-1978-1987-1997:
Check the [Reunions](#) section above!*

- ▣ Memories of Coach **Dick Kampmann** from **Linden Nishinaga** S'62 (lnishinaga@gmail.com): "While attending UniHi from 1959 thru 1962 I ran track under Coach Dick Kampmann. Track events included (among other events) the Class C 120-yard low hurdles whereby I held the school record (I recall of 13.8 seconds)!"
- ▣ Sad news of Warriors we have lost, compiled by **Howard Fine** '74:
 - **David Finch Travers** '44, on August 5, due to a lengthy illness at age 91. After graduating from Uni in the midst of World War II, he volunteered for the Merchant Marine and served in the Pacific theater. He returned to Los Angeles and graduated from UCLA and pursued a noteworthy career in architecture and journalism. He published *Arts & Architecture* magazine and was a Director at Gruen Associates. An accomplished drummer, golfer and sailor, he traveled widely with his wife Donna, his sweetheart from Emerson Junior High and Uni days. He is survived by her, their four children and their families.
 - **Carole Lynn** '53, who passed on July 29, 2017 due to complications from Parkinson's Disease, at 81. A noted designer for her own firm that was an early user of recycled materials, Carole Lynn Interiors, she married classmate – whom she did not know at Uni – **Jim Kenney** in 1964. She was a co-founder of Palisades Beautiful in 2000 and was recognized for her community work. She is survived by Jim, two children and two grandsons.
 - **Marlyn "Mike" Ann (Friend) Smith**, '71 on February 13, 2017, at 64, due to lung

cancer. A decorated graduate of Cal State Northridge and Loyola Law School, she had an outstanding career in tax law and then in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). After marrying Randall Smith in 2000, they founded InSite MediaCom, LLC, a giant outdoor advertising company. He survives her, along with a large family.

▣ Another passing noted by **Craig Schwarz** '77 (craigoschwarz@icloud.com):

- **Dr. Paul Gabriel** '64, for more than four decades a respected dentist, passed away at 71 from complications after emergency heart bypass surgery. He attended Uni and UCLA and graduated from Loyola Dental School of Chicago in 1973. He was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and a longtime volunteer on the World War II-era Merchant Marine ship the U.S.S. *Lane Victory*. He is survived by his wife, Donna.

▣ **Chett Lehrer** (clehrer@lbiewear.com) writes and asks simply: *"I would like to make contact with my high school class of 1981."*

Centurians: if you remember Chett – or would like to say hello – drop him a note!

By the way, the Class of 1981 was the last to have a class name. What happened in '82 and beyond?

▣ The amazing story of Uni's first-ever NBA player – **David Nwaba** '11 – continues to get better and better. He played for the Lakers last season, but when he was placed on waivers in order to clear salary-cap space in order to [sign another player](#), he was claimed by the Chicago Bulls.

The reaction from league observers was good: *"Good move from the Bulls. Nwaba stood as arguably the best help defender in the G League. Can also dunk with the best of them ... seems like that kind of player that will have a role in the NBA where he plays hard-nosed [defense] and attacks the rim in like 15-20 [minutes per game]."*

If you want a complete review of Nwaba's game, [click here](#). He's scheduled to make the standard minimum salary in the NBA: \$1.3 million per season, but his contract is not guaranteed until January of 2018.

▣ The massive plaques saluting Coach **Dick Kampmann**, Uni sprinter (and double Olympic gold medalist) **Mel Patton** '43 and the school's first principal, **Angus Cavanaugh**, are mounted outside the north side of the South Gym. If you would like to see them, please note that Uni is a closed school and requires visitors to register. Please arrange your entry by calling Uni – (310) 914-3500 – and ask to schedule a date to come to see the plaques.

▣ We have received a number of inquiries about how one can obtain a copy of an old diploma or a proof of graduation. We have the answers (we think):

- If you graduated within the past 10 years, call the Registrar's Office at Uni directly, and they can help you. Uni's telephone number is (310) 914-3500.

- If you graduated before 2006, here's the link to the LAUSD Web page which includes instructions on how to obtain your records: <http://achieve.lausd.net/transcripts> . Please read the requirements carefully!

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

- ▣ UHEF co-President **Ivan Finkle** '50 found a scan of a Uni "[Spirit Song](#)" sheet and passed it along. Did you know Uni has an Alma Mater?

*Standing high upon the hill-slopes
By Pacific's pounding blue,
Mother of our fondest memories,
Alma Mater! Hail to you!
May we never prove unworthy,
Bow your head, or cause you tears,*

*Let your radiance shine upon us,
Seen through mist of space and years,
Let your radiance shine upon us,
seen through mist of space and years.*

Really? Does anyone know when this [song sheet](#) might have been current? What was the music? Maybe in the 1940s? 1950s? 1840s? 1850s? Thanks in advance for your advice!

*Contribute your comments, ideas and news to the **Warriors & Wildcats Report!***

*Send a note to Connect@UHEF.org !
Be sure to give your full name and Uni graduating class!*

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