



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF FALL 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 26	Career Day / <u>Alumni volunteer opportunity</u> /	Campus
Oct. 30-Nov. 3	Spirit Week	Campus
Nov. 01-02	The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	Stivelman Theater
Nov. 03	Homecoming: Uni vs. Palisades football game	Kampmann Stadium
Nov. 08-09	The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	Stivelman Theater
Dec. 04-09	Jim Nakabara Basketball Classic	South Gym
Dec. 15	Last day of the Fall Semester	Campus

ALUMNI ASKED TO SUPPORT UNI'S ANNUAL CAREER DAY ON OCT. 26

- ▣ "As part of our efforts to increase career readiness, University Senior High will host our third annual Career Day on October 26, 2017 from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. It is with great enthusiasm that we ask you to support our students and school by volunteering your time to present to students that day."

- Rona Lisa Peretti /Olive’s Mom: Jasmine Mentzer
- Donna Panch /Vice Principal: Rose Upton
- Mitch Mahoney/Olive’s Dad: Vic Brown
- Olive Ostrovsky: Maribel Solis
- William Morris Barfée: Kevin Flores-Luna
- Logainne SchwartzandGrubenierre/Leaf’s Mom: Akira Shelton

University High School &

Proudly Present



Wednesday, Nov. 1st - 3:30 p.m. - Student Preview Performance

Special Ticket Price All Seats \$5

Seats are only \$3 if purchased by Friday, Oct. 20th

Thursday, Nov. 2nd - 7 p.m. - Opening Night

Wednesday, Nov. 8th - 7 p.m. • Thursday, Nov. 9th - 7 p.m.

Ticket Prices - V.I.P. Seating \$15 • General Seating \$10 • Student Tickets \$5

Tickets are available NOW @ www.brownpapertickets.com. or at the Campus Student Store and Stivelman Theatre Box Office before each performance.

Stivelman Theatre • 11800 Texas Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Ample street parking plus the Barrington or Westgate lots are available.

Music and Lyrics by
WILLIAM FINN

Additional Material by
Jay Reiss

Book by
RACHEL SHEINKIN

Conceived by
REBECCA FELDMAN

Originally Directed on Broadway by
James Lapine

Originally produced on Broadway by David Stone, James L. Nederlander, Barbara Whitman, Patrick Catullo
Barrington Stage Company, Second Stage Theatre

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.



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| • Marcy Park: | Lucie Hafteck |
| • Leaf Coneybear /Carl Grubenierre: | Allen Tehrani |
| • Charlito “Chip” Tolentino: | Justin Javedanfar |
| • Dan Schwartz/Leaf’s Dad/Jesus Christ: | Giovanni Molinaro |
| • Hall Monitors Daisy and Maisy Fishmire: | Nuhamin Fekade and Akila McKenzie |

COMBO REUNION FOR THE CLASSES OF 1958-1962 COMING NEXT MARCH 12

- ▣ Class reunions are usually just that: reunions of one class. But not for the classes of 1958 through 1962, which will have the opportunity to come together as a group next March 12.

How did this get started? We got the story from **Yosh Kawahara** S '59 (kawahar@uclabruins.com) and **Howard Uller** S '59 (uller@ca.rr.com), and Uller provided these details:

- *“The first reunion was of the 1959 varsity basketball team. This team won the Western League with an undefeated record; and, to wit, won the consolation/third place trophy in the City basketball tournament by beating Jefferson in that game. I must add that no Western League team beat Jefferson in those days.*
- *“The second reunion — held two years later — included the wives or significant others of our team.*

*The untimely death of our teammate **Scott Rathsom** was the stimulus for the reunions. Four of us were at his memorial service and agreed to pool our efforts to build a reunion. The hope was that we could gather as a team to celebrate our accomplishments before any other teammate died.*

“We so enjoyed the first gathering that the subsequent gatherings were well received.

- *“The third gathering started as another of the 1959 team reunions. But about a month before the reunion, **Jane Schwab (Mintz)** emailed asking if she could come. The team unanimously voted yes and decided to make it a Uni High sports/sports fans reunion. 95 people came to that event and it was so much fun that a two-hour session felt like 20 minutes.*
- *“So another reunion is set for March 2018. The steering committee behind this is **Mike Levitt** (who has endless drive and energy), **Yosh Kawahara**, **Jane Schwab (Mintz)**, **Sally Martin (Garcia)**, and myself.*

“117 people have sent emails with their intent to be there. Several of them are coming from some distance. We enjoy the gathering and ‘hanging’ and dining with the best.

- *“Final note: To a person we feel privileged and blessed to be alumni of Uni High – that school that opened our eyes to embracing diversity, giving life our best shot, etc.”*

The program is slated to be held at the Marina City Tennis Club in Marina del Rey. For more information, please contact **Mike Levitt**, W '60 at unihighreunion2018@gmail.com. Should be quite a party!

THANKS TO YOU, THERE ARE 240 NEW BOOKS IN THE UNI LIBRARY

- ▣ Thanks to the generosity of Uni alumni, there are now 240 additions to the Uni library, with more being added weekly.

Our thanks to all of our donors – 19 who self-identified and some others who wish to remain anonymous – and new donors **Kay Mader** '59, **Dr. Dawn (Harris) River** '89 and **John Statham** W '68. We have donors from the 1950s, '60s, '70s and '80s:

Michael Alcalay '80
Geraldine Armstrong '59
Connor Gilmore 2022
Jeff Deckman '76
Ivan Finkle '50
Barbara Wong Franklin '68
Sukey (Roth) Garcetti '57
Kelly Gilmore '86
Carl Hagge '53
Judy Kleinberg '65

Erik Levin '77
Kay Mader '59
Dr. Dawn (Harris) River '89
Ruth Albert Roberts '64
Roger Schrag '83
John Statham W '68
Larry '59 and **Jean Tistaert**
Judy Wolfenstein
Kevin Young '75

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.

“When I attended Uni, I really loved it, but my Uni pride has grown so much as I see what a generous and committed group we are.

“It is my personal opinion that the many alumni who have helped to keep the library going with their generous donations are playing their own role in making Uni a successful school. If you do not see your name mentioned here, please email me at tascha.folsoi@gmail.com, so I can celebrate your contribution here and in the book plates we affix to the books as well as enter your donation in our records.”

You can join the donor 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



Did you know that the UHEF is on Facebook?

Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/UHEFLA/>



ON CAMPUS

▣ Uni sports report:

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

- *Boys/Football:*

Uni is 2-5 after tough losses to Culver City, Fairfax and Westchester. 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	Lost	3-35	Kampmann Stadium
Sep. 15	Lincoln	Won	31-9	Kampmann Stadium
Sep. 21	@ Culver City	Lost	0-59	
Oct. 06	Fairfax*	Lost	0-41	Kampmann Stadium
Oct. 13	@ Westchester*	Lost	7-58	
Oct. 20	@ Venice*		7 p.m.	
Oct. 27	@ Hamilton*		3 p.m.	
Nov. 03	Palisades* /Homecoming/		7 p.m.	Kampmann Stadium

For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on MaxPreps.com, [click here](#).

- Girls/Golf:

Coach **Eric Temena's** squad is 7-3 on the season, winning its last Western League match over Westchester and LACES, at Penmar Golf Course in Venice. Returning All-City star **Kara Temena** – Eric's daughter – has shot par (34), 36, 36 and par in her four outings this season to lead the Wildcats. Uni shot its low team score of the season – 261 (+91) on October 6 and again on October 14.

- Girls/Tennis:

Uni won its first match of the season, a 4-3 victory over Hamilton on September 18 and then skipped by Fairfax, 7-0, but has had a difficult time since. The Wildcats are now 2-10 on the season and 2-8 in Western League play. For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on *MaxPreps.com*, [click here](#).

- Girls/Volleyball:

The Wildcats have been very competitive in the Western League, with an overall mark of 11-12 and 5-5 in Western League play. Uni has defeated Hamilton (twice), LACES, Westchester and Fairfax for its wins in league matches. 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:

★ 1957 • 1958-62 • 1968 • 1978 • 1997 ★

- Oct. 14, 2017: CLASS OF SPRING 1957: 60-YEAR REUNION
Mission Hills Country Club, Rancho Mirage
Information: **Patty (Kelly) Froehlich** (rmgrandy4@hotmail.com)
- Dec. 09, 2017: CLASS OF 1997: 20-YEAR "CASUAL" REUNION
Cabo Cantina, West Los Angeles
Information: **Annie Tilles Soleymani** (annietilles@gmail.com)

- Mar. 12, 2018: **CLASSES OF 1958 THRU 1962**
Marina City Tennis Club, Marina del Rey
Information: **Mike Levitt**, W'60 (unihighreunion2018@gmail.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 SPRING 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 Winter 1968 (Salisians):***

Great news from **Barbara Wong** (wong.barbara16@gmail.com):

"The Salisian class of Winter 1968 is in planning process for our 50th Reunion! We are seeking our fellow Salisians. If you are in contact with friends from our graduating class, please let us know! We are looking forward to a celebration September 2018 with more details to follow."

Lots of ways to get in touch: Send Barbara a note at wong.barbara16@gmail.com, or try Unihi.W68.Reunion@gmail.com, or go to <http://www.unihi1968.rocks/> !!

▣ ***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/>

Class of Winter 1968: Salesians

- <http://www.unihi1968.rocks/>

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 2017-18 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 1957-1958-62 -1967-1968-1978-1987-1997:
Check the [Reunions](#) section above!*

- ▣ In our last issue ([here](#)), we asked about a class photo that was purportedly the Class of 1951, sent along by **Susan Moore** (susanmoore2015@gmail.com), the widow of the late **Dr.**

Richard Moore, a member of that class.

Looks like it isn't. **Rodgers Dorr** S '51 (urirbd@aol.com) is quite sure: *"I was in that class and I don't know what that picture is but it's not our graduating class. The resolution was not good enough to identify specific individuals, however, the Summer of '51 graduating class was at least three times the size of the group in that picture."*

Thanks to everyone who replied; maybe we'll never know who was pictured, but it was not the Uni Class of 1951!

- ▣ 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

- ▣ Did you know that Uni was the first-ever Los Angeles-area school to participate in the Academic Decathlon?

It's true (details [here](#) – see p. 6)! The concept was originally developed by Orange County Superintendent of Schools **Robert Peterson**, with the first event held in 1968. Although a considerable local success, Peterson wanted to expand it well beyond Orange County and the next logical spot was just to the north:

*"In 1978, Dr. Peterson met with **Dr. William Johnston**, Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District, **Harry Handler**, Deputy, and **Dr. Paul Possemato**, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Instruction. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage LAUSD to field a team to compete in the first annual State of California academic competition. Dr. Peterson indicated that the Academic Decathlon was an Orange County success but Orange County, at the time, was predominately suburban, Anglo, and middle class. He wanted to prove its value in an urban setting. Los Angeles was the place for such a success. Dr. Johnston gave the job of fielding the school team to Dr. Possemato, stating that the best school to represent the district would be one that could provide a multi-ethnic team."*

*"Dr. Possemato met with **University High School principal Paul Godfrey**, who enthusiastically agreed to support the program. The two coaches were **George Bonorris** and*

Barbara Golding. Dr. Possemato collected all of the magazines, books and other research materials that the team needed. University High School competed in April 1979 at Chapman College in what was now called the California Academic Decathlon (CAD). Schools from 23 counties participated in the competition, and the following year participation increased to 43 counties. (*Emphasis added*)”

We'd be happy to have some memories from anyone on that 1979 team; let us know what that experience was like at Connect@UHEF.org!

*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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