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### **UHEF FALL 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Dec. 04-08 Dec. 15 Jim Nakabara Basketball Classic Last day of the Fall Semester South Gym Campus

### NOT LIKE THE OLD DAYS: UNI'S ATTENDANCE DECLINE

▶ As noted in our <u>November 15</u> issue, Uni is working toward a new status as a community charter high school (more details <u>here</u>) in significant part because of declining enrollment.

The draft outline of the proposed Affiliated Charter program notes in part, "[D]espite its academic, community partnership, and facility revitalization achievements, University High has experienced decreasing enrollment: as an increasing number of community families elect to send their high-school age students to nearby affiliated charter and independent charter high schools." In fact, the downturn has been dramatic:

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<u>Year</u> • 2012-13:	<u>Students</u> 1,897	<u>Socioeconomically</u> <u>Disadvantaged</u>	<u>Graduation Rate</u>
<ul> <li>2013-14:</li> <li>2014-15:</li> <li>2015-16:</li> </ul>	1,804 1,763 1,671	73%	87.8%

Uni is not alone in this situation, for example when compared with its Western League (past and present) brethren for the 2016-17 school year:

•	Palisades Charter:	2,970	31%	95.1%
•	Hamilton:	2,879	65%	83.2%
٠	Fairfax:	2,047	79%	81.9%
•	Venice:	2,005	72%	78.8%
٠	Los Angeles CES:	1,648	55%	96.9%
٠	Los Angeles:	1,380	89%	67.0%
٠	Westchester Health &			
	Sports Science Magnet:	1,121	57%	78.7%

(Westchester's second magnet is not tracked by the <u>*California School Dashboard*</u> statistics service, so its enrollment is understated above.)

It's a long way from Uni's historical enrollment, which peaked at nearly 4,000 in 1960-61 (prior to the opening of Palisades in the fall of 1961) and was typically around 3,000 for grades 10-12 in the 1970s. Over the *past 30 years*:

•	1988:	2,401	• 2004:	2,446	•	2011:	2,233
٠	1992:	2,051	• 2005:	2,419	•	2012:	1,897
٠	1996:	2,356	• 2006:	2,508	•	2013:	1,804
٠	2000:	2,411	• 2007:	2,384	•	2014:	1,763
٠	2001:	2,579	• 2008:	2,297	•	2015:	$1,\!671$
٠	2002:	2,462	• 2009:	2,364			
٠	2003:	2,462	• 2010:	2,226			

Uni expanded to four grades -9 to 12 - in 1995-96 after decades of hosting grades 10-12 since 1938-39, so the decrease is even more noticeable.

The school's Web site has a page dedicated to the Affiliated Charter application process <u>here</u>.

### READY FOR "GREASE"? COMING TO UNI THIS APRIL 18-20!

▶ After the success of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" last month, Uni's Director of Theatre Arts, *Ronnie Sperling* '76 has a special treat coming in April: *Grease*!

The shows are scheduled from 18-21 April at Stivelman Theater on campus. The details:

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### HELP UNI FOR THE HOLIDAYS: DONATE A BOOK TO THE UNI LIBRARY!

▶ Over the past year, some 290 new books have been donated to the Uni library by generous alumni ... and you can join in!

We're up to 24 donors who have self-identified and there are more who wish to remain anonymous. We now have donors from the 1940s, '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s ( $\bigstar$  = new donors):

Michael Alcalay '80 Kay Mader '59 Geraldine Armstrong '59 Bill Parten '41 Connor Gilmore 2022 Dr. Dawn (Harris) River '89 Jeff Deckman '76 Ruth Albert Roberts '64 Ivan Finkle '50 Roger Schrag '83 **Barbara Wong Franklin** '68 Lori and Richard Schwartz, MD  $\star$ Sukey (Roth) Garcetti '57 John Statham W '68 Tracy Thayer Ireland '70 \star Kelly Gilmore '86 Carl Hagge '53 Larry '59 and Jean Tistaert Natalie Hatch '59 Judy Wolfenstein ★ Judy Kleinberg '65 Kevin Young '75 Erik Levin '77 Joseph Zucken, Jr. '43 ★

How important are these new books? Here's Uni librarian (and alumna) Tascha Folsoi '86:

"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 <u>tascha.folsoi@gmail.com</u>, 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."

Want to donate? 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) <u>do not</u> have to be an Amazon Prime member to buy any of the books!

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: <u>@Utownsports</u>

• Boys/Football:

Uni bowed out of the City Division II playoffs with a 47-27 loss to Cleveland on November 17, but the game was not without highlights for the Wildcats. Senior receiver *Kareem Miles* completed his Uni career with three touchdowns, including a 99-yard kickoff return and five receptions for 197 yards and two scores. Junior quarterback *Alex Atmadjian* completed 13-17 passes for 298 yards and two touchdowns and added 59 yards rushing with one score ... but also suffered three interceptions. Junior linebacker *Carlos Lucas* added 10 tackles on defense and Miles had an interception.

Thus, Uni ended the year at 3-9 overall, but on an upbeat note with a playoff win under trying circumstances at Bell and a strong performance against Cleveland. The schedule (\* = Western League game):

Aug.	25	Manual Arts		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*	Lost	0-36	
Oct.	27	@ Hamilton*	Lost	6-14	
Nov.	03	Palisades* /Homecoming/	Lost	8-36	Kampmann Stadium
		(Los Angeles City Division II Playoffs)			
Nov.	09	at Bell	Won	35-21	
Nov.	17	at Cleveland	Lost	27-47	

For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on MaxPreps.com, <u>click here</u>.

• Boys/Basketball:

*Steve Ackerman's* Wildcats are off to a strong start, with a 4-0 record and the championship of the season-opening Whittier Tournament:

Nov.	21	Pioneer	Won	75-73	Whittier Tournament
Nov.	22	Hacienda Heights Wilson	Won	73-40	Whittier Tournament

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Nov. 24 Corona	Won 86-65	Whittier Tournament
Nov. 25 Centennial	Won 73-59	Whittier Tournament

The Wildcats are being led in scoring by soph 6-3 forward *David Cheatom*, averaging 21.5 points per game (and 7.5 rebounds per), followed by 6-0 senior guard *Daisone Hughes* at 20.5 and 6-2 senior guard *Richard Wilson Jr.* at 18.8 and a team-high 8.5 rebounds per game.

Uni has its home opener against Price on December 1 at 6 p.m. in the South Gym and then hosts the *Jim Nakabara Classic* from December 4-8, with the Wildcats to play Los Angeles on December 4; Marshall on December 6 and Cleveland on December 7, all at 7 p.m. The championship game will be played on December 8 ... will Uni be in it?

You can see Uni's upcoming schedule, scores and statistics on MaxPreps.com here.

Ackerman is asking for alumni financial support for the team through a <u>GoFundMe</u> campaign. He notes that "Due to tremendous budget cuts to education in the State of California and within our school district, and further suffocating restrictions for how some funds are spent, the budget for prep athletics has been decimated.

"We need to fund-raise annually for our program just to maintain its infrastructure. Whether it is for the purchase of new uniforms, or replacement of damaged ones, new or replacement sports equipment (basketballs, athletic tape, first aid supplies, etc.), maintenance of the basketball facilities (courts, backboards, rims, nets), or entry fees for seasonal tournaments, it is an annual struggle to fund the necessities for our three teams (Varsity, J.V. & Frosh/Soph). Your help is greatly appreciated!"

• Boys/Soccer:

Uni has started 3-1, losing to San Pedro (2-1), but defeating Van Nuys 1-0), Los Angeles (forfeit) and Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences (6-1). Western League play starts Dec. 6 vs. Venice at Kampmann Stadium. See Uni's upcoming schedule, scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com <u>here</u>*.

• Cross Country:

Uni qualified three teams into the City Finals on November 18, with modest results:

- Uni's boys Varsity finished 10th (out of 11 teams) in the Division II finals with 243 points. The top Uni finisher was senior *Nathan Lam* in 23rd at 17:39.84 for the three-mile course at Pierce College. Bravo Medical Magnet won the division title with 40 points and *Daniel Morales* of Bravo won the race in 15:43.98.
- In the girls Division II Varsity final, Uni finished seventh (out of 11) with 174 points, led by seniors *Stephanie Cruz Beltran* (10th, 20:56.62) and *Claire Hafteck* (27th, 22:05.56), also on the three-mile course. *Valerie Zavala* of Granada Hills won the individual title (19:14.55) and Canoga Park won the division team title with 70 points.

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- Uni finished ninth in the girls Junior Varsity final with 245 points, led by senior Dejah Johnson, who finished 30th in 24:13.83.
- In the Frosh/Soph finals, Uni had individual qualifiers in each race. Sophomore Aaron Fuentes finished 45h in 18:58.08 in the boys race and soph Ce'Arion Turner was 60th in 25:46.90.

For the City Varsity results, click <u>here</u>; for the results of all City Finals races, click <u>here</u>. For Uni's seasonal results, please <u>click here</u>.

• *Girls/Basketball*:

Second-year coach *Karlia Batalla* has the Wildcats off to a 4-1 start, including a drowning of Palisades, 50-42, in the Culver City Tip-off Classic:

Nov.	21	Beverly Hills	Lost	45-60	Culver City Tip-off Class.
Nov.	22	Middle College	Won	54-22	Culver City Tip-off Class.
Nov.	24	Central City Value	Won	61-23	Culver City Tip-off Class.
Nov.	25	Palisades	Won	50-42	Culver City Tip-off Class.
Nov.	29	St. Bernard	Won	51-40	

Uni will play in the St. Monica's Tournament from December 2-7 in its last games of 2017. For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on *MaxPreps.com*, <u>click here</u>.

• *Girls/Soccer:* 

Uni opened the season with a loss at Van Nuys, 2-0, on November 27, but has two more non-conference games before starting Western League play vs. Venice on December 6. For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on *MaxPreps.com*, *click here*.

### A LOOK BACK AT LOS ANGELES OF THE 1940s-50s-60s IN "WESTSIDE STORIES"

▶ The Helms Bakery trucks. Drive-in theaters and Drive-in restaurants. S&H Green Stamps.

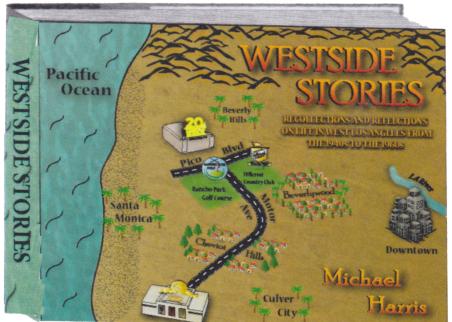
These were all part of Los Angeles life in the middle of the 20th century, when the area expanded from the home of Hollywood to being the capital of America's West Coast in the aftermath of World War II.

This period, so fondly remembered by so many, is captured in a unique book, *Westside Stories*, by *Michael Harris*, which profiles the area and connects the decades that made Los Angeles the world leader it is today: the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

While Harris himself went to Hamilton, the book concentrates on the Westside as it changed, grew and prospered. People and places we remember are there: the Pan Pacific Auditorium, Gilmore Field, the Ambassador Hotel, and many more. Even a one-time Uni student named *Norma Baker*, who became better known as *Marilyn Monroe*.

A special offer is available to *Warriors & Wildcats Report* readers: \$20.00, including tax and shipping for this hard-bound, richly-illustrated, 150-page stroll down memory lane. Details:





# Jonathan Kirsch reviewed Westside Stories in the Jewish Journal of July 12, 2017



"Westside Stories offers a lively and lavishly illustrated scrapbook of memories . . . Harris enables us to understand how the Westside

evolved into a distinct and crucial center of grav-

ity in the politics and culture of Los Angeles. the



maps, photos, illustrations and other artifacts . . . make *Westside Stories* such a pleasure to read."



"WESTSIDE STORIES provides a delightful account and warm memories of our side of town in the 1940s, 50s and 60s."

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### 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:

## ★ 1958-62 • 1968 • 1978 • 1997 ★

•	Dec. 09, 2017:	<b>CLASS OF 1997: 20-YEAR "CASUAL" REUNION</b> Cabo Cantina, West Los Angeles Information: <b>Annie Tilles Soleymani</b> ( <u>annietilles@gmail.com</u> )
•	Mar. 12, 2018:	<b>CLASSES OF 1958 THRU 1962</b> Marina City Tennis Club, Marina del Rey Information: <b>Mike Levitt</b> , W'60 ( <u>unihighreunion2018@gmail.com</u> )
•	Sep. 15, 2018:	<b>CLASS OF 1978: 40-YEAR REUNION</b> Hollywood & Highland Center, Los Angeles <i>Reservations and tickets</i> : Please contact The Reunion Committee at (661) 259-5999 or visit <u>www.reunioncommittee.com</u> .
•	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 <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> 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 <u>wong.barbara16@gmail.com</u>, or try <u>Unihi.W68.Reunion@gmail.com</u>, or go to <u>http://www.unihi1968.rocks/</u>!!

#### ▶ Is your class planning a reunion in 2018?

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 <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> right away!

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If your class maintains a Web site or Facebook page, please send the address to <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> and we'll add it to this list!

#### <u>Class of 1987</u>:

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

#### <u>Class of 1981</u>:

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

#### <u>Class of 1977:</u>

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

#### Class of Winter 1968: Salesians

• <u>http://www.unihi1968.rocks/</u>

#### Classes of 1966: Valcisians & Delphians

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

#### Classes of 1965: Artesians & Peleans

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

#### Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

• <u>http://www.unihiw61.com</u>

#### Class of Summer 1961: Islanders

• <u>http://www.unihi61.com</u>

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

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

### **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.

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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 "<u>Donate</u> <u>Now</u>" 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 <u>Community Contribution page</u> and either **register** or **sign in** (Questions answered <u>here</u>); Uni's code for the Ralphs program is **93275**.

For those using the Ralphs program, <u>you have to sign up for this program each year</u>, so be sure to <u>renew your membership</u> in January!

▶ 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 <u>clicking here</u>!

### 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 <u>Donate Now</u> 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 1958-62-1968-1978 -1997: Check the <u>Reunions</u> section above!

- ▶ 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: <u>http://achieve.lausd.net/transcripts</u>. Please read the requirements carefully!

### **SIXTH PERIOD BELL**

▶ How's Uni's first NBA player, *David Nwaba* '11 doing with the Chicago Bulls?

Not so hot, unfortunately. The Bulls are the worst team in the NBA, with a 3-15 record. Nwaba played in eight games – starting three – before <u>spraining his right ankle</u> on November 4, an injury which has kept him out of action up until now. He hopes to start practicing again soon, as he is near the end of the healing process.

For the season, Nwaba, now 24, is averaging 6.9 points per game, 5.5 rebounds a game and shooting 52.6% from the floor and 72.2% from the free-throw line. He had his season highs of 16 points on November 3 at Orlando and 11 rebounds against Atlanta at home on October 26.

Good luck, David, and get well soon!

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