



# Warriors & Wildcats Report

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HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Uni Hi Education Foundation, the official alumni support organization for University High School. Your comments and contributions make this report better, so send us a note at [Connect@UHEF.org](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org) or at <https://www.facebook.com/UHEFLA/>

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## UHEF 2017-18 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 08	<i>First day of Spring Semester</i>	Campus
Mar. 26-30	<i>Spring Break</i>	Off-campus
Apr. 18-21	<i>"Grease!"</i>	Stivelman Theater
Jun. 07	<i>Last day of the Spring Semester</i>	Campus

## WILL YOU HONOR YOUR CLASS WITH A "GRAD-YEAR" DONATION?

▣ What's a "grad-year" donation?

It's a modest [donation](#) in the amount of the year of your graduation from Uni. If you graduated in 1950, it would be \$19.50. If you're a new graduate, \$20.17.

That's all it takes to make a **major difference** in the education and opportunities offered to Uni students as the second semester gets ready to start next Monday.

Earlier this year, Uni principal **Eric Davidson** [\*wrote\*](#) about the challenge of educating young people in today's uncertain environment. He noted, in part:

*“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 aid. Public education is free – great public education costs a little more. The three resources schools use are human, financial, and time.”*

The Uni Hi Education Foundation has raised a little more than \$1.1 million since its formation in 1985, an average of a little less than \$35,000 a year. That's not that much, folks. But we keep trying.

There are approximately **16,906 people on the UHEF mailing list**, of which **87% have NEVER donated**. This **Warriors & Wildcats Report** is circulated to **6,230 subscribers**, of which **98% have NEVER given**.

We need your help. The UHEF has done well with the money we have received; you can see our list of projects and scholarships [\*here\*](#). We make the most of every dollar.

Please [\*click here\*](#) to go to the **Donate Now** page of the UHEF Web site, and help with a “grad-year” donation – or more if you wish – that will help give today's students the same benefit we received by attending University High School. Thank you.

## **WHAT SHOULD BE OUR NEXT STEP TO BRING ALUMNI BACK TO CAMPUS?**

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- ▣ The UHEF has staged various events over the years to bring alumni back to campus. The All-Classes Picnic and Car Show was held for several years, but was on hiatus until 2016 because of construction on campus. Re-introduced in 2016, the event attracted some attention from alumni owners of vintage cars, but not much from other alumni.

A new program, showcasing student films and then a fund-raising showing of the movie *Grease* was staged last year to benefit the Theatre Arts program. The student event was excellent and the *Grease* showing was great fun and raised some money, but the attendance was modest.

So we're asking YOU for suggestions of what the UHEF should consider for the future as ways to (1) bring alumni back to campus, (2) promote the UHEF and its work to support Uni and (3) raise more funds to accelerate the work of the Foundation.

Ideas? Let us know straight away at [\*Connect@UHEF.org\*](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org)!

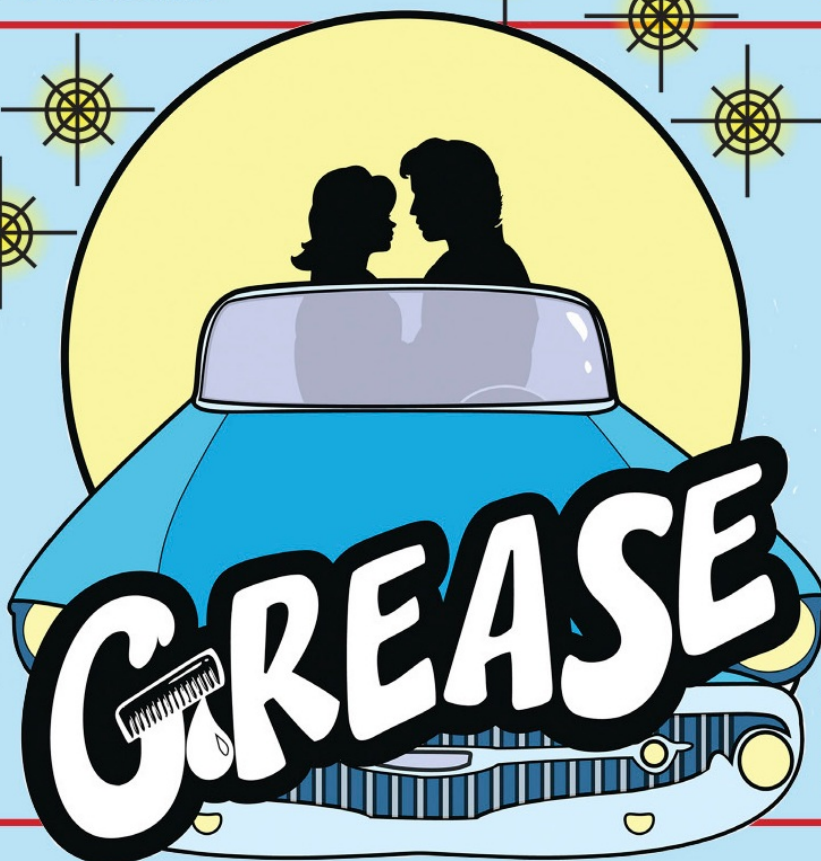


# University High School &

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UCLA



A 50's  
ROCK 'N ROLL  
MUSICAL

"Grease: School Version" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.  
Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

**Wednesday, Apr. 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Student Preview Performance**

**Special Ticket Price All Seats \$5**

**Seats are only \$3 if purchased by Friday, Apr. 5th**

**Thursday, April 19th. - 7 p.m. - Opening Night**

**Friday, April 20th - 7 p.m. • Saturday, April 21st - 2 p.m.**

## **Ticket Prices**

**V.I.P. Seating \$15 • General Seating \$10 • Student Tickets \$5**

Tickets are available NOW @ [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://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.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: "GREASE" OPENS ON APRIL 18

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- ▣ Uni's upcoming production of *Grease* is being widely anticipated on campus, in the 40th anniversary year of the iconic film.

There's good reason why the student body is excited about it: the show is one of the most popular musicals in production across the country. Although originally written in Chicago in 1971, with specific ethnic references to that city, it is best known from Paramount's [1978 film](#) that starred **John Travolta** and **Olivia Newton-John** as Danny Zuko and Sandy Olsson (Sandy Dumbrowski in the musical) in their senior years at fictional Rydell High School.

Uni's Director of Theatre Arts, **Ronnie Sperling** '76 notes that the upcoming production will reflect the [original, edgy musical](#) by **Jim Jacobs** and **Warren Casey**, with a special nod to the film at the end. Sperling himself has a special connection to the show: he played Eugene Florczyk – the class nerd – in a national touring company version during the early 1980s.

The film version of *Grease* has special relevance for Los Angeles audience, since it was filmed locally. The exterior school scenes were shot at Venice High, the interior scenes mostly at Huntington Park High and the carnival at Marshall High.

While it's Sperling's first version of *Grease* at Uni, it's the third time the show has been produced on campus: first in Spring 1993 – making April the 25-year anniversary of the first campus production – and again in 2009. The 2018 shows are scheduled from 18-21 April at Stivelman Theater on campus. Tickets are now on sale online [here](#)

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## THANK YOU, ALUMNI: 300+ BOOKS DONATED TO THE UNI LIBRARY!

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- ▣ Through the marvelous generosity of Uni alumni, more than 300 new books have been provided to the Uni library ... and you can join in!

Some 312 books have now been received by the library, from 27 donors who have self-identified and many more who wish to remain anonymous. We now have donors from the 1940s, '50s, '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  
**Natalie Hatch** '59  
**Jean Kent** '62  
**Judy Kleinberg** '65  
**Erik Levin** '77  
**Kay Mader** '59  
**Bill Parten** '41  
**Dr. Dawn (Harris) River** '89

**Ruth Albert Roberts** '64  
**Roger Schrag** '83  
**Lori and Richard Schwartz, MD**  
**Vivienne Sinclair** '50  
**John Statham W** '68  
**Tracy Thayer Ireland** '70

**Larry** '59 and **Jean Tistaert**  
**Les Whittaker W** '56  
**Judy Wolfenstein**  
**Kevin Young** '75  
**Joseph Zukin, 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 [tascha.folsoi@gmail.com](mailto: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."*

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) **do not** 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](mailto: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](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/Basketball:*

Still undefeated, **Steve Ackerman**'s Wildcats have had the holidays off and will re-start their season at the Kennedy Tournament on January 2 and begin Western League play at

no. 2 Fairfax on January 8. So, Uni is 7-0 and ranked no. 9 in the SoCal Prep Insider City Section top 10! Scores:

Nov. 21	Pioneer	Won	75-73	Whittier Tournament
Nov. 22	Hacienda Heights Wilson	Won	73-40	Whittier Tournament
Nov. 24	Corona	Won	86-65	Whittier Tournament
Nov. 25	Centennial	Won	73-59	Whittier Tournament
Dec. 01	Price	Won	70-64	
Dec. 04	Los Angeles	Won	69-28	Jim Nakabara Classic
Dec. 14	South East	Won	56-46	

The Wildcats are being led in scoring by 6-0 senior guard **Daisone Hughes** at 20.3 points per game, followed by soph 6-3 forward **David Cheatom** – the Whittier Tournament’s Most Valuable Player – averaging 18.3 (and 6.5 rebounds per) and 6-2 senior guard **Richard Wilson Jr.** at 16.4 and a team-high 8.8 rebounds per game.

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 [GoFundMe](#) 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 a 3-2 mark, with wins over Van Nuys 1-0), Los Angeles (forfeit) and Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences (6-1). Western League play resumes on Jan. 10 vs. at Hamilton. See Uni’s upcoming schedule, scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* [here](#).

- *Girls/Basketball:*

Second-year coach **Karlia Batalla** – “Coach B” – has the Wildcats at 7-4 so far:

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	
Dec. 02	@ Santa Monica	Lost	31-34	Mustangs Showcase
Dec. 04	@ Venice	Lost	50-51	St. Monica’s Tourney



Dec. 16	@ St. Monica	Won 49-25	St. Monica's Tourney
Dec. 18	Bishop Conaty-Loretto	Won 62-13	St. Monica's Tourney
Dec. 20	Northridge Academy	Lost 32-36	Panorama Python Class.
Dec. 21	Canoga Park	Won 27-26	

Western League play resumes on January 8 against Fairfax. For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on *MaxPreps.com*, [click here](#).

- *Girls/Soccer:*

Uni is 2-3 with wins over Environmental Science & Technology High (ESAT) and Los Angeles. Next up is the start of Western League play vs. Hamilton on January 10. 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:

### ★ 1958-62 • 1968 • 1978 ★

- Mar. 12, 2018: **CLASSES OF 1958 THRU 1962**  
Marina City Tennis Club, Marina del Rey  
*Information: Mike Levitt, W '60* ([unihighreunion2018@gmail.com](mailto:unihighreunion2018@gmail.com))
- Sep. 15, 2018: **CLASS OF 1978: 40-YEAR REUNION**  
Hollywood & Highland Center, Los Angeles  
*Reservations and tickets:* Please contact The Reunion Committee at (661) 259-5999 or visit [www.reunioncommittee.com](http://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](mailto:marionmoses@me.com)).  
*Reservations and tickets:* Please contact The Reunion Committee at (661) 259-5999 or visit [www.reunioncommittee.com](http://www.reunioncommittee.com).

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

▣ ***Class of Winter 1968 (Salisians):***

Great news from **Barbara Wong** ([wong.barbara16@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wong.barbara16@gmail.com), or try [UniHi.W68.Reunion@gmail.com](mailto:UniHi.W68.Reunion@gmail.com), or go to <http://www.unihi1968.rocks/> !!

▣ ***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 [Connect@UHEF.org](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org) right away!

*If your class maintains a [Web site](#) or [Facebook](#) page,  
please send the address to [Connect@UHEF.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**.

***For those using the Ralphs program, you have to sign up for this program each year, so be sure to renew your membership 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 [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 1958-62-1968-1978:  
Check the [Reunions](#) section above!*

- ▣ In addition to being a donor of new books to the Uni Library, **Vivienne Sinclair** '50 also sent an update:

*"From Uni I went on to UCLA on scholarship, graduating with a B.A. in 1954 and an M.A. in 1956 – both in Spanish. In 1957 I joined the U.S. Air Force as a second lieutenant. I retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1978 – after serving in more than eleven different places – including twice in California, Colorado, Texas and Germany .*

*"I had several unique assignments: In 1971 I joined the then-all-military and all-male faculty of the U.S. Air Force Academy as an assistant professor of Spanish. I was the first woman officer selected to teach there, 1971-1974, two years before female cadets entered the Academy in 1976. On my last assignment – 1976-1978 – I served in the Pentagon as Special Assistant to the Chief of A.F. Personnel for Women in the Air Force. After retiring I returned to teaching Spanish.*

*"My husband Leo Vuosalo and I retired to Finland in 1992 where he was doing research in his specialty, Political Science. Although I am over 80, I still volunteer to teach two language classes at Helsinki's largest Senior Center: one in English, the other in Spanish."*

Wow! Congratulations on your success and thank you for your service to our nation.

- ▣ The Uni family lost **J. Paul Bowinkel** '60 on December 8, at age 75, in Corona del Mar. He attended St. Paul the Apostle School in Westwood, then went to Uni and UCLA. While a Bruin, he served as a tutor in the athletic department and graduated with honors in Political Science in 1965. He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach in Italy and he did so for four years before returning to the U.S. to begin a career in financial services.

He started his career at Kidder, Peabody and finished with UBS – the same firm although after multiple mergers – after 30 years of service, in 2009. He and his wife Vicki had two children of their own and helped to raise Vicki's daughter, Jennifer and niece Amelia. He was fluent in French and Italian and was learning German at the time of his passing. His love of travel and fine arts – his parents owned Bowinkel's Galleries – continues with his family.

*Thanks to **Howard Fine** '74 for noting his passing. Our condolences to the family and friends of all of our departed Warriors (we hope its too early for departed Wildcats!).*

- ▣ Thanks to **Jon Ades** '78 for his donation to the UHEF during 2017. His name was unlisted by error in the UHEF's 2017 Annual Newsletter, but let's acknowledge his contribution here. Thank you!
- ▣ 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!

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## **SIXTH PERIOD BELL**

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- ▣ With the opening of the Collins & Katz Family YMCA on December 9, the question has been asked: Who are Collins and Katz? We can tell you!

The "Collins" is **Jim Collins**, who graduated from UCLA in 1950 and enjoyed a long career in the restaurant business as a franchisee for Kentucky Fried Chicken beginning in 1960 and as the owner (and expander) of the Sizzler Family Steak House chain from 1967. Now 91 and (mostly) retired, he and his wife Carol have been generous donors to a variety of causes, especially at UCLA (where he ran track for coach Ducky Drake) and the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles.

The “Katz” is the Katz Family Foundation, founded by [Ronald Katz](#), the creator of the Telecredit check-reference service that was ubiquitous in the 1960s and 1970s, and then Ronald A. Katz Technology Licensing (RAKTL). Katz later concentrated on call-processing services and accumulated more than 50 patents in automated call-center technology, licensed by his RAKTL firm. He also graduated from UCLA has also been deeply involved with the UCLA Medical Center and both the Metropolitan YMCA organization and the Westside Y.

Now you know!

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

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*Be sure to give your full name and Uni graduating class!*

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