



## Warriors & Wildcats Report

## From the Uni Hi Education Foundation

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## **UHEF SPRING 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Jun. 07 Last day of the Spring Semester

Campus

## LAST CALL: JOIN THE UHEF LEADERSHIP TODAY!

# WE WANT YOUANT YOU







Thank you to everyone who has raised their hand and volunteered to help the Uni Hi Education Foundation move with Uni into the future. Your contributions will make the Foundation stronger and Uni an even better school for its current and future students.

It's not too late if you'd still like to get involved! We need you!

The UHEF needs more leaders to shape its future, expand our fund-raising efforts and outreach structure as Uni changes its status to become an <u>Affiliated Charter school</u> within the Los Angeles Unified School District.

What can you do to help? The UHEF is looking for more help with:

• Corporate Secretary: This includes taking minutes at quarterly meetings and the

UHEF annual meeting.

• Corporate Treasurer: The UHEF will welcome a pro bono CPA or accounting firm to

handle the Foundation's financial matters, especially the annual

tax return and State corporate filings.

Fund-raising • Public relations • Special events

The Foundation has raised more than \$1.1 million over its lifetime and has helped create the College and Counseling Center, introduced computer-aided classrooms at Uni, distributed tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships and supported extra-curricular programs in the arts, sports and theater.

Alumni, parents, teachers (and former teachers!) and friends of Uni are all welcome!

Ready to get started? It's easy: call UHEF co-President *Ivan Finkle* at (310) 556-1415 or let us know you want to join in with a message at *Connect@UHEF.org*. It's that simple!

Uni's students – and future students – say "thank you."

## SENSATIONAL, NEAR-CAPACITY RUN FOR "GREASE!" AT STIVELMAN

Four shows and four near-capacity crowds filled Stivelman Theater last week for the thirdever Uni production of *Grease!* 

"This last week record-breaking audiences and an extremely high energy cast made this production of Grease! a truly memorable experience for all," said **Ronnie Sperling** '76, Uni's Theatre Arts director.

"The icing on the cake was when original Broadway Frenchy, **Mews Small**, paid us a visit. I think we brought her to tears and she brought us to tears.

"Thanks to UHEF and our incredible teen cast, crew, and live band.

"Every Director should be so lucky to have this talented Theatre Family by your side: Lindsey Lorenz, Kahlil Sabbagh, Suzanne Wakefield, Glen Alexander Howes, John Ong, Joshua Meltzer, Tim J. Borquez, Michael B Kamenir, and Sandee Yamamoto."



This 2018 edition was the 25-year anniversary of the first campus production – back in 1993 – and again in 2009. The show was supported by a grant from the Uni Hi Education Foundation and UCLA's Beyond the Bell program.

## THE RECORD TOTAL GROWS: 519 BOOKS DONATED TO THE UNI LIBRARY!

The amazing donations to the Uni library continue without end, as some 519 new books have now been provided to the library by generous alumni and friends since the program began in December 2016.

**Tascha Folsoi** '86 is the Uni librarian – and a donor herself – says, "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 <a href="mailto:tascha.folsoi@gmail.com">tascha.folsoi@gmail.com</a>, 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."

These gifts have been made by a total of 40 donors who have self-identified and many more who wish to remain anonymous. Special thanks to *Ruth Roberts*, who has personally donated more than 200 books! We now have donors from the 1940s, '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s ( $\star$  = new donor):

Steven Adams '60 Michael Alcalay '80 Geraldine Armstrong '59 Diane Roseman Cherniss '63 Robert Collins '63 Alvaro Cortes '70 Jeff Deckman '76 Ivan Finkle '50 Barbara Wong Franklin '68 Sukey (Roth) Garcetti '57 Connor Gilmore 2022 Kelly Gilmore '86 Carl Hagge '53 Natalie Hatch '59 Penny Hutchinson '57 Jean Kent '62 Jay Kholos '58 Judy Kleinberg '65 Erik Levin '77 Kay Mader '59

Harold Martin Bill Parten '41 Rich Perelman '74 Dr. Dawn River Harris '89 Ruth Albert Roberts '64 Roger Schrag '83 Lori and Richard Schwartz, MD Vivienne Sinclair '50 Alex Solodovkinov '58 John Statham W '68 Tracy Thayer Ireland '70 Larry '59 and Jean Tistaert Dale Tyerman '68 Susan (Holyoke) Webb W '58 Les Whittaker W '56 Judy Wolfenstein Barry K. Woods '67 Josh Woods '89 Kevin Young '75 Joseph Zukin, Jr. '43

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



Did you know that the UHEF is on Facebook?

Visit us at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/UHEFLA/">https://www.facebook.com/UHEFLA/</a>



## **▶** Uni sports report:

Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: @Utownsports

### • Boys/Baseball:

These are tough times for the Uni baseball program. Despite the massive upgrades to the school's athletic facilities in recent years, the renovation of what is now Kampmann Stadium eliminated the Uni baseball field and all Wildcat games are played on the road.

Thus far, Uni is 0-14 this season and 0-8 in Western League games. See Uni's scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* <u>here</u>.

### • Boys/Golf:

Coach *Eric Temena's* squad is now 6-1, with recent wins over RFK, 248-289, with *Vishal Vinodh* the low scorer at 46 (+9), and against Carson, 237-247, with Vindh leading the Wildcats again at 43 (+7).

## • Boys/Swimming:

Uni won its opener, 82-59 at Crossroads and no results have been posted for the scheduled meets against Hamilton (4/11), L.A. CES (4/18) or Venice (4.25). You can check for updates on Uni's scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* by clicking *here*.

### • Boys/Volleyball:

Uni's strong squad is 19-9 overall this season and 7-3 in the Western League, with a couple of regular-season matches remaining before the City playoffs start. See Uni's scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* <u>here</u>.

#### • Girls/Softball:

The Wildcats are 7-11 so far this season, starting 5-3 in non-league play, but 2-8 so far in the Western League. Uni's scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* are *here*.

#### • Girls/Swimming:

Uni dropped its opener at Crossroads, 105-53 and there are no reports since. Check for Uni's scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com*, by clicking *here*.

#### Track & Field:

Uni results are posted on Athletic.net <u>here</u>, Marks have been posted for the dual meets with Hamilton (April 5), Venice (April 11) and Palisades and Fairfax (April 19), but no team scores were available. The top marks by event:

100 m:	11.24	Jaelon Crutcher	12.44	Olivia Adams
200 m:	22.84	Noah Nathan	25.64	Olivia Adams

400 m:	54.84	Noah Nathan	65.54	Ce-arion Turner
800 m:	2:10.2	Aaron Fuentes	2:32.8	Stephanie Cruz Beltran
1,600 m:	4:53.6	Ciro Benitez	6:29.0	Ashley Ortiz
3,200 m:	11:32.6	Jack Koschecka	14:45.0	Kimberly Aquiano
100 m H:			20.64	Taniya Simmons
110 m H:	15.24	Hassan Harris		
300 m H:	44.64	Hassan Harris	59.54	Taniya Simmons
4x100 m:	44.80	(at L.A. City Relays)	50.44	(vs. Palisades & Fairfax)
4x400 m:	3:34.56	(at L.A. City Relays)	4:28.59	(at L.A. City Relays)
Shot Put:	34-0	Taishawn Foster	(none)	

No results were reported for the high jump, pole vault, long jump or triple jump.

Next on the schedule is the Western League Prelims on May 3.

## **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:

## $\star$ 1954 •W '56 •1968 • 1973 •1978 $\star$

• Jun. 30, 2018: CLASS OF WINTER 1956: 80-YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY!

El Caballero Country Club, Tarzana

Information: Ron Cooper (ricdds22@aol.com) or (323) 798-5454.

• Aug. 25, 2018: CLASS OF 1973: 45-YEAR REUNION

Del Rey Yacht Club, Marina del Rey

Information: Rick Grunauer (rickgrunauer@gmail.com) or visit

https://www.facebook.com/events/919928974823540/

• 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 <u>www.reunioncommittee.com</u>.

• Sep. 29, 2018: CLASS OF 1954: 64-YEAR REUNION

The Culver Hotel, Culver City

Information: Erin Boomer (boomererin@gmail.com).

• Oct. 13, 2018: CLASS OF SPRING 1968: 50-YEAR REUNION

Hollywood & Highland Center, Los Angeles

Information: Kathie Brown Marion (marionmoses@me.com) or

Susan Holoff (suzieq6817@aol.com) or Craig Dick

(craigdick 1@gmail.com).

Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at

(661) 259-5999 or visit <u>www.reunioncommittee.com</u>.

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

## • Class of 1958 ~ Vagabonds

Inquiries have been received from Stewart Spivak (<u>stewart.spivak@gmail.com</u>) and Dave Hurwitz (<u>david.hurwitz@gmail.com</u>), who wrote that "There seem to be no plans for a 60th reunion."

**Nooooo!** The class with the most famous grad night in Uni history and no 60th reunion? If you're a Class of '58 Vagabond, perhaps you can contact Stewart and Dave and help get the party started! **Jeanie Price Jacques** (jean@jljesq.com) is also asking ...

## • Class of Winter 1968 ~ Salisians

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 *Unihi.W68.Reunion@gmail.com*, 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 *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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/129073165787/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/129073165787/</a>

## Class of 1981:

• On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/UNI1981Centurians/

#### *Class of 1977:*

• On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/UniHigh77/

### Class of 1975:

• On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1451301021777342/

### 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

- <u>http://uni65.com</u> or <u>https://unihi65.wordpress.com</u>
- 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

• <a href="http://www.unihi61.com">http://www.unihi61.com</a>

### 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"

<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 **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 <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**

▶ Congratulations to *Sarah Kowaney* '06, whose promotion from Coordinator to Agent at United Talent Agency was announced in *Variety*:

"Kowaney is the first individual to come up through the ranks to agent through UTA's University High Mentorship Program which provides arts grants, college scholarships, and internship opportunities for under-represented students in Los Angeles each year. Her introduction to the agency began as a high school student at University High in 2006 when she was paired with a mentor at UTA. Building on that relationship, she was offered a pre-college internship with the agency, which landed her a coveted spot in the agency's mailroom after she graduated from college.

"She went on to work as an assistant in the licensing, branding, and endorsements division and after several years, was promoted to be the agency's first-ever voiceover coordinator, managing the growing roster of clients in the animation, voiceover, and commercial fields. Kowaney continues to pay her success forward and is now a mentor in the UTA University High Mentoring Program."

Reunion information and updates for the Classes of 1954-W '56-1968-1973-1978:
Check the Reunions 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: <a href="http://achieve.lausd.net/transcripts">http://achieve.lausd.net/transcripts</a> . Please read the requirements carefully!

## **SIXTH PERIOD BELL**

Believe it or not, we're running toward the end of the 2017-18 school year, coming in just more than a month. Along with the students from the Class of 2018, this will also mark the end of some outstanding careers at Uni for eight teachers and administrators who are retiring:

• Karen Crowley-Marks Dean of Students

• Eric Davidson Principal

• Ali Galedary Former Assistant Principal; Operations Coordinator

• Cleo Ingram Teacher, Community-Based Instruction

• Maria Morales Food Service

Martha Morinaka
 Dr. Deborah Robbins
 School Administrative Assistant
 Teacher, History and AVID

• Art Shane Teacher, Music

Many of these individuals have given long service to Uni, especially Ingram, who has been part of Uni's campus life for 38 years. Crowley came to Uni in 1994 as a mathematics teacher and began the school's Peer Mediation Program in 2007. Morales has been a key member of the food service staff for 26 years. Robbins came to Uni after teaching architectural history at USC and has been part of the Uni faculty for 19 years.

Shane's efforts left a physical legacy at Uni. He wrote the initial grant application in 2005 that was eventually matched by the District, resulting in \$3 million that transformed the old auto body and printing shop into a multi-functional, top-of-the-line digital recording studio.

Congratulations to all of these men and women, who have contributed so much to Uni and its students during their tenure.

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

Send a note to <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u>!

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

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