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UHEF 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Jun. | 07 | Last day of the Spring Semester & Graduation | Campus |
|------|-------|--|--------|
| Aug. | 08-09 | Registration | Campus |
| Aug. | 14 | First Day of the Fall Semester | Campus |

SENIOR AWARDS DAY: UNI RECOGNIZES SENIORS & UHEF AWARDS 4 SCHOLARSHIPS

▶ Uni's annual evening of senior honors took place on May 23, with awards distributed by 25 departments and scholarships and special-recognition awards made to multiple outstanding students.

Included in this program were four awards provided by, or coordinated through, the Uni Hi Education Foundation. These included:

- UHEF COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD, to a senior who has shown exceptional dedication to community service during their tenure at Uni, awarded this year to *Chris Park*. He wrote movingly about his experiences at the South L.A. Animal Shelter and informing the Student Advocacy Club on campus. He will be attending UC San Diego in the fall.
- SHARON MEDNICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, created by a bequest from the late Uni counselor and awarded to a senior interested in a career in education. *Alexa Pascual* is this year's recipient; she overcame a traumatic bullying incident to later become Student Body President, and attending Western Justice Invitationals to help bring attention to the problem of bullying. She will also attend UC San Diego.
- JACK MOSKOWITZ PRINCIPAL AWARD, created in honor of the Uni principal who helped found the UHEF, and selected by current Uni principal *Eric Davidson*, honoring exceptional achievement and service to the school. This year's recipients are *Cameron Rogers* and *Kingsley Onwudiwe*.

For 2018, the **COACH RICHARD KAMPMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** was presented for the first time, in honor of Uni's greatest coach, who passed away last year. Nominated by Uni's head cross country and track & field coach *Kelly Aguda* and presented by Coach Kampmann's son, *Bill Stimming*, the first recipient is *Jack Koscheka*.

Noted Aguda, "He ran track and cross country for four years. He was captain of Cross Country in his senior year. He never missed a day of practice, and was always the first guy there. Always encourages others, never a derogatory word. He moved to varsity for Cross Country his freshman year for City Finals. He had over a 4.0 grade-point average."

The full list of awards presented to Uni's seniors:

Scholarships:

| • | Thelma Culverson Scholarship: | Vineeta Singh |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| • | Violeta Ponce Memorial Scholarship: | Deborah Archila Espinoza |
| • | Philip Wong Memorial Scholarship: | Cameron Breakfield |
| • | California Credit Union | |
| | 2018 Scholarship: | Stacy Aka |
| • | Blaze Pernstein Memorial | |
| | Scholarships: | Vineeta Singh ~ Chris Park ~ Cynthia Jacinto |
| • | United Talent Agency | |
| | Literary Scholarship: | Ruby Won ~ Cynthia Jacinot ~ Mae Wang |
| • | LAUSD Employee-Sponsored | |
| | 2018 Scholarship: | Nancy Rivas |
| | | |
| | Special Recognition Awards: | |
| • | Council of Black Administrators | |
| | (COBA) Scholarship: | Stacy Aka |
| • | Dr. Lawrence H. Moore Human | |
| | Relations Scholarship: | Elijah Amirianfar |

National Merit Scholarship • Commendation:

- National Hispanic Recognition • Program:
- U.S. Figure Skating Recognition:
- Posse Scholarship:
- 2018 PGA Scholarship:

Department

- Academic Achievement:
- Animation:
- Art: Three Dimensional:
- Art: Two Dimensional:
- Attendance (4 years):

Lawrence Kim

Robert Sandoval Hannah Schoenberg Sankofa Brown ~ Gomez Sandoval Kara Temena

Plaque Certificate Mikai Mitchell **Krystal Gonzalez** Rose Upton Yesenia Rosario Morales Yessica Hernandez Lopez Claire Hafteck Mae Wang

Yesenia Rosario Morales Lenny Fabian-Lopez

Jessie Hernandez-Luis

Yareli Garcia ~ Manuel Diaz ~ Abrham Eshetu ~ Irwin Morales ~ Kingsley Onwudiwe Arash Barmaan ~ Annelise Robles Lucero ~ Isaac Shin ~ Joshua Shin

Brisa Cruz

Yareli Garcia

Ilva Nedelko

Akila McKenzie

Steven Pineda

Jack Koscheka

Jasmine Mentzer

Xiaodong Xhou

Claire Hafteck

Anna Mendoza

Krystal Gonzalez

Ellen Lhee

Sarai Benitez

Julie (Yoo Bin) Lee

Deb. Archila Espinoza

Valeria Armijo Carias

Alexandria Parker

- Advancement via Individual • **Determination (AVID):**
- **Communication Arts:** •
- **Educational Achievement:**
- English: ٠
- **English Language Development:** •
- Graphic Arts: •
- Journalism:
- Leadership: ٠
- Magnet School Leadership Award:
- Mathematics: •
- Most Outstanding Female Athlete: •
- Most Outstanding Male Athlete: •
- Peer Mediation: ٠
- Performing Arts/Instrumental Music: Sarai Benitez
- Performing Arts/Vocal Music: •
- Science: •
- Social Studies:
- Theater Arts:
- World Languages:
- Yearbook: •
- Valedictorian:
- Salutatorian:

Vineeta Singh Mae Wang

Congratulations to all of these outstanding seniors!

UNI THEATRE PROGRAM DISTRIBUTES FIRST "THESPIAN AWARDS"

Brisa Cruz Rhani Kahn **Robert Gomez Sandoval** Unduwap Kandage Don Nicolette Greif Monica Solano Cameron Rogers Cache Cummings

Noemi Sanchez

Jasmine Hernandez

Brennan Malespin

Jonathan Becerra

Allan Tehrani

Yatzeen Arias

Vineeta Singh Allan Tehrani Deborah Archila Julian Velasco

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▶ It's the high school awards season, so why not have an awards program for Uni Theatre?

Uni's Director of Theatre Arts, *Ronnie Sperling* '76, made that a reality in 2018, with the first-ever Uni High Thespian Awards. Awarded on May 22, the actors and technical staff voted for male and female awardees in 23 categories, which ranged from the serious to the quite silly, such as "Best Hugger," Biggest Slob" and "Best Shoulder to Cry on."

In the more traditional categories, the winners included:

| • | Best All Around: | Claire Hafteck and Kevin Flores-Luna |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| • | Best Actors: | Akira Shelton and Colton Kelley |
| • | Best Dancers: | Claire Hafteck and Colton Kelley |
| • | Best Singers: | Jasmine Mentzer and Kevin Flores-Luna |
| • | Best Tech: | Trinity Erazo and Brandon Diakis |
| • | Most Likely to be on Broadway: | Akira Shelton, Maribel Solis and Colton Kelley |
| | | |

In addition, Uni scored a second nomination for the JERRY HERMAN AWARDS, the top honor for high school theater in California. Uni's Shelton was already nominated in the category of Lead Actress for her performance as Logainne Swartzandgrubenierre in "*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.*"

In the category of Best Supporting Actress, *Roscoe Upton* was nominated for her performance as Donna Panch in "*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*" as well.

The 2018 JERRY HERMAN AWARDS will be distributed at The Ricardo Montalban Theatre in Hollywood and hosted by KABC-7 reporter *George Pennacchio* on June 3.

Sperling shared that this is Uni's second entry in the seven years of these awards. At the very first ceremony in 2012, Uni's *Evyn Mirasol* won for Best Leading Actress. She then went to New York to compete in the National High School Awards – The Jimmy Awards – where she won second prize.

DON'T STOP! LET'S ADD TO THE 564 BOOKS DONATED TO THE UNI LIBRARY!

▶ There were no great expectations, but the hope that some new books would be provided to the Uni library when the UHEF first posted an appeal for donations back in December of 2016.

Over the last year and a half, a stunning 564 new books have been sent in by generous alumni and friends.

Uni librarian **Tascha Folsoi** '86 – and a donor herself – writes, "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 UHEF Warriors & Wildcats ReportPage 5June 1, 2018

contribution here and in the book plates we affix to the books as well as enter your donation in our records."

So far, donations have been made by a total of 41 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, and even one from a future graduate! (\star = new donor):

Steven Adams '60 Michael Alcalay '80 Geraldine Armstrong '59 Marilyn Bendik Sachs W '69 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 Jav 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

Folsoi adds that in the latest donations, "We were able to add to our outdated poetry section with poets relevant to today's students. In addition, these donations add books on filmmaking to support our students in digital media classes.

"Also included in the donations were books written by and about people with autism, who, according to recent statistics cited in a CBS online article, are now being born at a rate of 1 in 47. Building a collection that is inclusive and addresses the experiences of the segment of our society is very important. I appreciate all the donations that help us reflect the interests and realities of our many students.

"We also received a grant from United Talent Agency, which enabled us to update areas of our collection like the geography section, which had decades-old books on countries, some of which have long since changed names and borders. They also supported our book club by purchasing multiple copies of books for next year's reads."

Want to donate? It's easy! The program uses Amazon's "Wish List" function. Anyone can go to

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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 <u>tascha.folsoi@gmail.com</u>. 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 <u>https://www.facebook.com/UHEFLA/</u>



ON CAMPUS

▶ As technology progresses, so does its spread through schools. Starting in the fall, every Uni student will be issued a laptop computer – either a standard-style laptop or a Chromebook!

Distribution will be made at registration on August 8-9, and – of course – it comes with plenty of strings attached, including an <u>agreement</u> for use. Users have to keep track of the device, acknowledge that it will be monitored, "not mark, draw, write or place unapproved stickers" on it or attempt to repair it. There is also an express prohibition on using the device "in any harassment or acts of intimidation (cyber-bullying) in an attempt to harm other people" using the device.

Technology marches on; it's going to be a wild two days in August with more than 1,600 computers being distributed!

▶ Uni sports report:

Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: <u>@Utownsports</u>

• Boys/Baseball:

Uni finished 1-17 during the regular season and 1-11 in the Western League. Since everyone gets into City playoffs now, Uni was seeded 16th in Division I and lost to no. 1 Carson, 16-0, on May 22.

This is a difficult time for the Uni baseball program, because the massive upgrades to the

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school's athletic facilities – especially the renovation of what is now Kampmann Stadium eliminated the Uni baseball field – and all Wildcat games are played on the road.

Congratulations to the players and coaches who kept competing. See Uni's scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com <u>here</u>*.

• Boys/Swimming:

Uni finished fourth in the Western League finals with 42 points and finished 10th in the City Finals with 56 points. Uni's results:

| 0 | 9. | 200-yard Medley Relay | | 1:54.95 |
|---|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 0 | 9. | 400-yard Freestyle Relay | | 3:46.16 |
| 0 | 10. | 200-yard Freestyle Relay | | 1:41.21 |
| 0 | 13. | Johnathan Hernandez | 200-yard Indiv. Medley: | 2:15.15 |
| 0 | 15. | Cullen Morris | 100-yard Backstroke | 1:02.59 |

The complete City Finals results are <u>here</u>. You can check on Uni's scores and statistics on MaxPreps.com by clicking <u>here</u>.

• *Girls/Swimming*:

Coach *Ariana Silva's* team finished fifth in the Western League Finals with 22 points and 18th in the City Finals, scoring 20 points. The scorers:

| 0 | 6. | Thalie Moore | Diving 1 m | 345.80 points |
|---|-----|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| 0 | 10. | Gisello Galindo | Diving 1 m | 268.00 points |

The complete City Finals results are <u>here</u>. Uni's scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* are <u>here</u>.

• Track & Field:

Uni results are posted on Athletic.net <u>here</u>, Uni finished 22nd in the Boys City Finals with three points; the girls did not score. Uni's City finalists:

| | | <u>Boys</u> : | | |
|---|----|-----------------------|---------------|---------|
| 0 | 5. | Hassan Harris | 110 m Hurdles | 15.83 |
| 0 | 6. | 4x100 m | | 44.07 |
| 0 | 5. | 4x200 m (non-scoring) | | 1:37.09 |
| 0 | 4. | 4x800 m (non-scoring) | | 8:48.96 |
| | | | | |
| | | <u>Girls</u> : | | |
| 0 | 8. | Olivia Adams | 100 m | 12.87 |
| 0 | 8. | Olivia Adams | 200 m | 26.64 |
| 0 | 9. | 4x100 m | | 50.97 |
| 0 | 2. | 4x200 m (non-scoring) | | 1:51.53 |

\circ 10. 4x800 m (non-scoring)

11:58.59

The complete City Finals results are <u>here</u>. The top marks by event for the 2018 season:

| | | Boys: | | Girls: |
|----------|----------|---------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 100 m: | 11.24 | Jaelon Crutcher | 12.44 | Olivia Adams |
| 200 m: | 22.84 | Noah Nathan | 25.64 | Olivia Adams |
| 400 m: | 53.82 | Noah Nathan | 65.22 | Ce-arion Turner |
| 800 m: | 2:04.13 | Roger Torres | 2:32.8 | Stephanie Cruz Beltran |
| 1,600 m: | 4:40.36 | Roger Torres | 6:07.46 | Kimberly Aquiano |
| 3,200 m: | 11:32.6 | Jack Koschecka | 14:04.44 | Noemi Sanchez-Pablo |
| 100 m H: | | | 18.75 | Taniya Simmons |
| 110 m H: | 15.24 | Hassan Harris | | |
| 300 m H: | 44.64 | Hassan Harris | 51.31 | Claire Hafteck |
| 4x100 m: | 43.92 | (L.A. City Prelims) | 50.44 | (vs. Palisades & Fairfax) |
| 4x200 m: | 1:37.09 | (L.A. City Finals) | 1:51.33 | (L.A. City Finals) |
| 4x400 m: | 3:34.56 | (L.A. City Relays) | 4:27.69 | (L.A. City Prelims) |
| 4x800 m: | 8:48.96 | (L.A. City Finals) | 11:58.59 | (L.A. City Finals) |
| HJ: | 4-8 | Nate Davis | 4-4 | Nakia Phillips |
| LJ: | 19-7 | Nate Davis | 15 - 10 | Cach'e Cummings |
| TJ: | 38-4 3/4 | Nate Davis | 26-0 | Nakia Phillips |
| Shot: | 40-8 | Taishawn Foster | 30-1 | Mikayla Cummings |

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 •W '56 •1968 • 1973 •1978 ★

| • | Jun. 30, 2018: | CLASS OF WINTER 1956: 80-YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY! El Caballero Country Club, Tarzana Information: Ron Cooper (<u>rjcdds22@aol.com</u>) or (323) 798-5454. |
|---|----------------|--|
| • | Aug. 25, 2018: | CLASS OF 1973: 45-YEAR REUNION Del Rey Yacht Club, Marina del Rey Information: Rick Grunauer (<u>rickgrunauer@gmail.com</u>) or visit <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/919928974823540/</u> |

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| • | Sep. 15, 2018: | CLASS OF 1978: 40-YEAR REUNION 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> . |
|---|----------------|---|
| • | Sep. 29, 2018: | CLASS OF 1954: 64-YEAR REUNION |
| | | The Culver Hotel, Culver City |
| | | Information: Erin Boomer (<u>boomererin@gmail.com</u>). |
| • | 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 |
| | | (craigdick1@gmail.com). |
| | | Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at |
| | | (661) 259-5999 or visit <i>www.reunioncommittee.com</i> . |

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 1958 ~ VAGABONDS ★

 Inquiries have been received from Stewart Spivak (<u>stewart.spivak@gmail.com</u>), Dave Hurwitz (<u>david.hurwitz@gmail.com</u>), Jeanie Price Jacques (<u>jean@jljesq.com</u>) and now Sue Eppers (<u>sueeppers@yahoo.com</u>) who wrote:

"I was so looking for a 60th reunion this year. Why didn't anyone plan one? Class of '58: shame on you \circledast "

Reunions don't happen by accident; they are a lot of work. If anyone wants to pick up the ball, check with the folks above and also with UHEF co-President *Ivan Finkle* via <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> right away to obtain contact names in the UHEF database to get started!

★ CLASS OF 1960 ~ ELYSIANS ★

▶ The Class of 1960 – the Elysians – will be 60 years "old" in 2020 and *Gail Grant Day* (*daysies1@hotmail.com*) is ready to get started on a reunion:

"Attention: Class of S'60, if anyone is interested in a 60th Reunion please let me know, (it has seemed in the past that not many of our class would attend).

"We would need a local chairman and a reunion company to organize the event. I'm in Colorado and it was difficult to chair the 50th reunion from afar. I would be glad to forward any of the info from the last reunion if there is enough interest. Let me know, I can be reached at <u>daysies1@hotmail.com</u>."

Please let Gail know if you're ready to pick up the ball!

▶ 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>

Class of 1981: Centurians

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

Class of 1977: Alohi Hoku

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

Class of 1975: Shangri-La

On Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1451301021777342/</u>

Class of 1974: Chenoa

• On Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/322360711223639/</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 https://unihi65.wordpress.com
- 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>

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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: <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u>.
- ▶ 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**.

▶ 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 scholarships were inaugurated in the 2017-18 academic year with your donations:

• Coach Richard M. Kampmann Scholarship Fund: Named for Uni's late, legendary

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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

▶ Sad news that *Linda Dora Slavin* passed away on May 19, 2018 at age 77. She attended Uni and UCLA, graduating with a degree in education. She married Richard Slavin shortly after college. She is survived by daughters Jennifer and Kathy, their husbands Michael and Marc, and grandchildren, Kayla, Justin, Zachary, Trevor, and Annie. Linda is also survived by her brother Roger Howard and his wife Linda.

Our condolences to the family and friends of all of the classmates we have lost. Special thanks to *Howard Fine* '74 for passing this on to us.

Reunion information and updates for the Classes of 1954-W '56-1968-1973-1978: 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!

The year of 1968 was one of massive changes and turbulence in America, with the Cold War and the Vietnam War both going strong, wild swings in politics, devastating violence in our cities and against civic and political figures like *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* and Sen. *Robert F. Kennedy*.

What was the environment at Uni 50 years ago this spring? From the 1968 *Chieftain*, this from Fall (1967) Student Body President *Dave Simmonds*:

"Uni is a fine school, but it is still far from perfect. The day that Uni becomes a perfect school, there will be no need to promote school spirit or to have clean campus drives. The biggest problem at Uni is apathy on the part of many students. To get something out of Uni, each student must put forth an effort."

Spring '68 semester Student Body President *Dan Hirsch* wrote that Simmonds's hope for more involvement actually came true:

"We especially stressed 'involvement,' and you responded by getting involved, some of you for the first time since you came to Uni. We asked for your increased participation in our school paper, and you responded by writing more letters-to-the-editor than ever before and helping considerably to make the <u>Warrior</u> into a true student paper.

"We asked for increased spirit, and you responded by, for example, packing the gym in record numbers for our gymnastics meet against Bell and by bringing two or three times more rooters than Pali had when we went to Pali for the track showdown.

"We asked for increased turnouts at our activities, and you responded by making our sports nights and special events like the Dating Game and the 'Heat of the Night' more successful than any activities we have ever had.

"We asked you to make this semester financially successful to make up for the losses of previous semesters, and you responded by beating Pali in WAC [Warrior Athletic Card] sales for the first time in our history and by making our magazine drive and our other money making activities extremely successful.

"We asked for your interest in our speakers and discussion programs, and you responded by showing up in large numbers to hear Allan Cranston and Dan Moore and Dr. Faber and to discuss the [military] draft and Mexican-American problems at Uni."

Was that really 50 years ago? Much has changed, but that was Uni in the late 1960s. You can check out the '68 *Chieftain* and Uni's yearbooks online for free on the UHEF's Web site <u>here</u>.

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