



# Warriors & Wildcats Report

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## UHEF 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 08-09	<i>Registration</i>	Campus
Aug. 14	<i>First Day of the Fall Semester</i>	Campus

**★ This is our last issue for the 2017-18 academic year ★**  
*Look for our next issue during Uni's fall semester. Happy summer!*

## MAJOR GIFT FROM LANCE & STEPHEN ROBBINS TO CREATE NEW WARRIORS & WILDCATS STRENGTH & CONDITIONING CENTER

- ▣ The purpose of the Uni Hi Education Foundation is to raise funds to support University High School beyond what is provided by the Los Angeles Unified School District. The newest example is the creation of the **WARRIORS AND WILDCATS STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING CENTER**, made possible by *The Lance Robbins Family*, including Uni alumni *Lance Robbins '65* and brother *Stephen Robbins '62*.

The new facility will replace and expand the current weight-training room in the South Gym with world-class equipment from top-flight manufacturers including Life Fitness, Hammer, Rogue and ViPR Pro.

Each item will be specially identified and painted in Uni's royal blue and persimmon colors and the weight-training area will be expanded into an indoor/outdoor complex with video instruction capabilities. Veteran Uni coach **Ryan Ritcheske** will supervise instruction and use of the Center, with an emphasis on promoting safe strength and conditioning through state-of-the-art resiliency and performance training techniques. In addition, a new Sports Medicine program is being planned to begin in the fall semester.

Lance Robbins explained his family's gift as a legacy of his Uni experience. *"My time at Uni shaped my view of the world and set me on my life's path, and my football coach, **Duane LaRue** was a big part of that.*

*"I learned a lot about diversity and how to interact with my peers. I learned to work hard, to deal with pain and never quit. To this day those lessons give me strength during trying times, both physically and mentally. I have lifted weights since I was 13 years old and have continued it all the way through to today. I credit it for a great many things, but I also suffered injury from the exercises I was taught because we didn't know any better then. We do now. I owe a lot to the community of University High School and I want to pass that forward to today's families."*

Lance was honored as a member of the All-City football team as a strong and undersized lineman, and then played at UCLA, from which he graduated in 1969. After graduating, he earned a Juris Doctor degree at the University of California's Boalt Hall, practiced real estate law and then started what is now a nationally-recognized real estate development company specializing in recycling inner-city historic buildings into art, music and residential centers nationwide.

His belief in mentorship and life transformation led to volunteer addiction counseling for 13 years, endowing the first academic chair at Berkeley's Law School addressing destructive drug policies and supporting social and medical research in the potential of cannabis treatment. The strength, determination and inclusiveness learned at Uni drives him to this day. He continues to welcome inquiries and opportunities to mentor at his Web site [Urbansmartgrowthllc.com](http://Urbansmartgrowthllc.com) for those seeking a way forward.

The Robbins Family's major gift was added to by the UHEF to complete the indoor/outdoor aspects of the facility. The total cost of the new equipment, installation and complementary technology infrastructure will surpass \$80,000.

The installation is already underway and will continue through the summer. The new WARRIORS AND WILDCATS STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING CENTER will be in use by Uni's sports teams this fall.

**Alumni:** you too can help create new vibrancy at Uni through your gifts, working in coordination with the Uni Hi Education Foundation. Interested? Contact UHEF Vice

President **Randy Awni** ([randyawni@minermason.com](mailto:randyawni@minermason.com)) at (310) 995-9274 to find out how!

## **UNI HONORED AS A NATIONAL SILVER MEDALIST HIGH SCHOOL**

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- ▣ The high-profile “Best High Schools” list compiled annually by *U.S. News & World Report* for 2018 identifies about 6,000 schools from among 20,000 surveyed nationally as “Gold,” “Silver” or “Bronze” medal winners.

Uni joined the list of medal winners this year, as noted by the Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA) [newsletter for June 18, 2018](#):

*“Congratulations to the LAUSD schools included in U.S. News and World Report’s 2018 Best High Schools. The periodical reviewed data from more than 20,000 high schools across the country and ranked nearly 6,000 as gold, silver, or bronze. Out of the 247 high schools in the District, 108 (includes affiliated and nonaffiliated charters) received gold, silver, or bronze medals. Listed on the next two pages are the 64 regular and affiliated charter high schools that received this recognition. The selection was based on each school’s reading and math scores overall; the reading and math scores of disadvantaged students; graduation rates; and students’ preparation for college-level coursework as shown by participation in AP or [International Baccalaureate] programs.”*

Uni was one of those schools, receiving silver-medal recognition and ranked by USN&WR as no. 328 in California and a national ranking of 1,730.

The honor is especially remarkable given Uni’s student make-up and funding available from the District. Congratulations to the administration, faculty, staff and – of course – Uni’s students.

## **THANKS AND FAREWELL FROM RETIRING UNI PRINCIPAL ERIC DAVIDSON**

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- ▣ Uni’s 16th principal, **Eric Davidson**, retired at the end of the school year, completing a remarkable 10-year run at Uni that began in the Fall of 2008.

To say his tenure has been one of achievement would be an understatement. Consider the academic standing at Uni at the end of the 2007-08 school year prior to his arrival and the situation at the end of the 2015-16 school year, the last for which LAUSD School Report Cards are available:

	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>Change</u>
• Enrollment:	2,320	1,671	Down 28%
• Economically disadvantaged:	67%	71%	Up 6%
• Students graduating:	45%	89%	Up 98%
• Student college/career readiness:	27%	53%	Up 96%

• Students with 96%+ attendance rates:	55%	75%	Up	36%
• State test scores on proficiency:				
= 11th graders/English:	38%	59%	Up	55%
= 11th graders/Mathematics:	14%	31%	Up	121%

Davidson also supervised rejuvenation of the Uni campus, including extensive use of classroom computers, construction of the South Gym after the second gym on Westgate Avenue was condemned, renovation of Stivelman Theater, installation of the new Astro turf field and running track now called Kampmann Stadium and Patton Track and the construction of the Collins & Katz Family YMCA on Uni grounds at the corner of Ohio and Westgate Avenues.

Moreover, Davidson saw the danger of falling enrollment at Uni – caused by the lack of attendance from school-age children from the local area – and helped to create the new Affiliated Charter at Uni which was approved on June 5, will become effective in July and be implemented in the new school year.

We asked him for some parting comments to the Uni community and he responded thus:

*“After spending 10 years leading University High School, I have determined the ‘why’ of my career path. From classroom teacher, to program coordinator, to District management, to school administrator, there has been no experience that I hold in my heart and memory more tightly than the one I had being the Principal of our wonderful school. I have been inspired by students, parents, teachers and community members. I have come to know people who share the memories of our school with fondness and love. The alumni have connected the past to the future by sharing the values of our history that remains constant to this day - Community, Diversity and Excellence. Whether Warriors or Wildcats, we will always be Unified by our common experience rather than our uncommon backgrounds. **Len Hill**, class of 1965, exemplifies this connection.*

*“In the Spring of 2013, Len visited the school in preparation for his class reunion. We walked the campus together and came across a young man named David. David is an exceptional person and had been accepted into Harvard, Yale, and Washington University, St. Louis. He wanted to go to Yale but the financial conditions were less than satisfactory. Len would have nothing to do with that, considering he graduated a Warrior and Eli, and set forth on a crusade. Needless to say, David recently completed a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering at Yale University, and is a researcher and engineer focused on sustainably designed mechanical and infrastructural systems. He understands that nothing is designed in a vacuum, even for space.*

*“Len capably articulated his vision and support of public education. It is because of Len, **Kathleen Cohen, Scott Kivel, Steven Sills**, and so many other amazing alumni, I am able to say, with great certainty, that alumni make the difference. I will not be Principal, but will continue to support Uni because that is what Warriors and Wildcats do.*

*“I appreciate your years of support and thank **Rich Perelman**, as the writer and editor of this publication, for doing his part in support of this worthy and just cause.*

*“Lastly, I want to thank **Judy Wolfenstein, Ivan Finkle, Jeff Deckman, Randy Awni, Janet Hirsch, Mike Cockinos, Mike Johnson, Joan Kline Redlich**, and all the other University Education Foundation Board members for their spirited advocacy of the school.*

*“I am retiring, but am not yet retired. Like many of you, I will keep on doing because I can and hopefully one day soon, we will see one another again.*

*“Sincerely,*

*“Pappa D.”*

On behalf of Uni’s alumni and friends, thank you for your leadership and achievement in your 10 years on campus!

## **CLAUDIA MIDDLETON RETURNS TO UNI AS ITS 17th PRINCIPAL**

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- ▣ A familiar face will be in the Principal’s Office at Uni this fall to replace the retiring **Eric Davidson**. It’s **Claudia Middleton**, who was a teacher assistant at Uni in 1993 and was most recently the Principal for two years at Whitman Continuation High School on the Fairfax High campus.

The selection process was quite lengthy, with the Los Angeles Unified School District setting up a search committee that included four teachers, four parents, a non-teaching staff member and a student. Six candidates were interviewed and a recommendation was forwarded to LAUSD Local District West Superintendent **Cheryl Hildreth** for final selection. She agreed with the preference expressed by the committee and Middleton will become Uni’s 17th school chief.

After starting as Uni, Middleton obtained her teaching credential in Biology and taught at Los Angeles High School. She eventually became the English Learner Program Coordinator there and had an opportunity to return to Uni as Instructional Specialist for the 2015-16 school year. However, the District’s personnel rules made it advantageous for her to transfer to Hamilton High School to become Assistant Principal there for half a year, before taking charge at Whitman Continuation High School.

She’ll be the third female principal at Uni and third in the last four. All the best, Claudia, for a great tenure at Uni!

## **COMMENCEMENT 2018: UNI GRADUATES ITS 93rd CLASS**

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- ▣ Beginning with the Class of 1926, Uni has seen its graduates move on from the high school ranks with pride in their achievements, both at the school and in the future. So it was on

June 7, when the Class of 2018 was recognized at Kampmann Stadium and saluted by Uni principal **Eric Davidson**:

*“Class of 2018, Parents, friends, and my esteemed colleagues:*

*“Most of these speeches can go on longer than they should. Especially when there are 380 or so graduates waiting to walk this stage. That doesn't include the thousands of families and friends, alumni and faculty, and others, who have not come here to listen to me talk, but rather to celebrate the students who have earned the right to have their name announced in front of all of us here.*

*“But I ask for indulgence here. I will not presume to advise you on your life ahead. Nor will I suggest the "right" road for you to choose, whether the one less traveled or the one that suits your shoes. I can only share my personal narrative because that is the one I know best.*

*“It starts with Mark Twain: The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.*

*“I was born long enough ago to be considered old now. I ended up in Los Angeles the summer of 1974 and graduated a year later from Westchester High School. I had been born but hadn't found out why.*

*“I went to Loyola Marymount University out of convenience to my parents. My father was the Dean of Fine and Communication Arts and he didn't have to pay tuition. I lived at home. I worked lots of jobs while going to LMU. I was a chef, mechanic, machinist, Men's furnishing's manager, and sold linens. I was a bouncer, a bar back, and a bartender. In every job, I ended up in management because I was willing to do the hard work and because people didn't mind working for me. But I was just breathing in the air. I spent ten years trying to find my why without success. I just kept looking.*

*“I found myself in a classroom as a substitute teacher. I was doing something I swore I would never do ... be an educator like my dad. I also found something that made me curious. I started to like getting up in the morning. I liked getting ready to go and change the smallest part of the world - my classroom. It was fun, and I was still curious. I wondered how I might increase the size of my classroom. I left the classroom and became a coordinator. Then moved to a District office. But my classroom wasn't in a school anymore. I needed to get back to school.*

*“I lived in Westchester. My kids were going to Westchester. I had graduated from Westchester. I became an Assistant Principal at Westchester High School. I thought it was perfect and for four years it was. I thought I had found my why, then I applied for this job, not because I wanted it, but because I wanted the experience. Guess what?*

*“I love this job. This is my why. This is what I was meant to do, and I only want to do this job the best I can. I love this job because of the ones sitting here, the ones sitting there, and the ones who couldn't get a seat in here. I also love the ones who aren't here, like **Olga [Kokino]**, **Violetta [Ponce]**, and **Gabriel [Orozco]**.*

*"I love this job because it gives me a chance to make better the lives of my students and to give hope: Hope to those who have experienced the trauma of life without asking, to those who have lost more than their fair share, and mostly to those who are unjustly held captive by a society that is as ruthless as it is kind. I love this job because we are responsible for sustaining a democracy whose rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness can fade out of existence, but whose dreams can never be restricted or legislated against. I love this job because regardless of right and wrong, good and bad, black and brown, rich and poor, we have the duty to love each other as Americans and not question the loyalty that is owed to each citizen. Finally, I love this job because my classroom is just the right size - to hold all of you and the 18,000 other Wildcats who have passed through our halls these past ten years.*

*"As I told you the other day, a laugh is a cure for most of the things that ail you and love is answer to most of life's riddles. Laugh hard and love long.*

*"Finally, I want to share the words of **Maya Angelou**:"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

*"I feel more than I can describe. Thank you and good luck."*

## **SUMMER VACATION: WE HAVE 566 BOOKS DONATED TO THE UNI LIBRARY!**

- ▣ School is out and Uni's book donation program is taking a short break for the summer!

Easily one of the best success stories for the Uni Hi Education Foundation over the past couple of years has been the library donation program which began in December of 2016.

No one expected that a stunning 566 new books have been sent in by generous alumni and friends. And a new list of books will be posted once school comes back into session in August.

Uni librarian **Tascha Folsoi** '86 – and a donor herself – notes, *"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."*

Through the end of the 2017-18 school year, 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:

**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  
*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

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 nominees **Akira Shelton** (lead actress) and **Roscoe Upton** (best supporting actress) both participated in the 2018 [JERRY HERMAN AWARDS](#) at The Ricardo Montalban Theatre in Hollywood. They didn't win, but performed impressively during the show on June 3.



▣ Uni sports report:

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

- *Boys/Football:*

Believe it or not, Uni's season opener in football is just two months away! The schedule (\*=Western League games):

Aug. 17	Manual Arts	7 p.m.	Kampmann Stadium
Aug. 24	@Franklin	7 p.m.	
Aug. 31	Locke	7 p.m.	Kampmann Stadium
Sep. 07	@Newport Harbor	7 p.m.	
Sep. 14	@Rancho Dominguez	7 p.m.	
Sep. 28	Westchester*	7 p.m.	Kampmann Stadium
Oct. 05	Venice*	7 p.m.	Kampmann Stadium
Oct. 12	Hamilton*	7 p.m.	Kampmann Stadium
Oct. 19	@Palisades*	7 p.m.	
Oct. 26	@Fairfax*	7 p.m.	

Uni was 3-9 last season and 0-5 in the Western League, and hopes for better in 2018. Look for Uni's scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* by clicking [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:

## ★ 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** ([rjcds22@aol.com](mailto:rjcds22@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](mailto: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 [www.reunioncommittee.com](http://www.reunioncommittee.com).

- Sep. 29, 2018: **CLASS OF 1954: 64-YEAR REUNION**  
The Culver Hotel, Culver City  
*Information:* **Erin Boomer** ([boomererin@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:marionmoses@me.com)) or **Susan Holoff** ([suzieq6817@aol.com](mailto:suzieq6817@aol.com)) or **Craig Dick** ([craigdick1@gmail.com](mailto:craigdick1@gmail.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 1960 ~ ELYSIANS ★

- ▣ The Class of 1960 – the Elysians – will be 60 years “old” in 2020 and **Gail Grant Day** ([daysies1@hotmail.com](mailto: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 [daysies1@hotmail.com](mailto:daysies1@hotmail.com).”*

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

### ★ CLASS OF 1969 ~ PHAETHIONS ★

- ▣ Hey, Class of '69: what about your reunion? **Suzanne Griffin-Otis** ([suzmusic1951@gmail.com](mailto:suzmusic1951@gmail.com)) wrote in from Oregon and wants to know:

*“I can hardly believe it but next year (2019) will be 50 years since I graduated from Uni High! I believe in getting an early start so I was wondering how I can register for this event next year?”*

*“Please email me or a phone call (541/214-8972) would be great!”*

The UHEF has no information on a Class of 1969 reunion as yet, so let us know so we can share it with everyone!

▣ ***Is your class planning a reunion in 2018 or 2019?***

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: Centurians*

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

*Class of 1977: Alohi Hoku*

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

*Class of 1975: Shangri-La*

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

*Class of 1974: Chenoa*

- *On Facebook:* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/322360711223639/>

*Class of Winter 1968: Salesians*

- <http://www.unih1968.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://unih1965.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.unihw61.com>

*Class of Summer 1961: Islanders*

- <http://www.unih1961.com>

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

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

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## UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

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- ▶ 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**.
- ▶ 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!](#)

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## UHEF SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

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- ▶ 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 the Uni Principal 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 this 2017-18 academic year with your donations:

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

cross country and track & field coach, awarded by the Stimming Family in coordination with the UHEF.

- ***Violetta Ponce 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

- ▣ Sad news that ***Warren Palmer*** (believed to be W '44) [passed away](#) on May 14, 2018. Born in Westwood, he graduated from Uni in the midst of World War II, Palmer served in the Navy and then went on to UCLA for both a Bachelor and Masters degree. He had a distinguished career at IBM for more than 40 years and married ***Jan Kohl Hettick*** in 1992. He loved music and golf, as well as attending UCLA football and basketball games.

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.

- ▣ The UHEF was also recently made aware of the passing of ***Marilyn Gunther***, Class of 1952, last October.

Her memories of Uni were very precious to her, in fact, so important that she bequeathed a very generous gift to the Uni Hi Education Foundation in her will.

*The UHEF has received several bequests of this kind over the years; please be assured that these funds go directly to support Uni faculty and students. Thank you.*

*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 Cavanagh***, 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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▣ A fond farewell from *Warriors & Wildcats Report* editor **Rich Perelman** '74:

*"This is the last edition of the Warriors & Wildcats Report under my editorship, as I am retiring from the Uni Hi Education Foundation Board after four years of service.*

*"Having been deeply involved in activities of every kind at Uni during my three years in high school from 1971-74, it was a joy to return to assist the UHEF in trying to expand its reach through creating a Web site for the Foundation and this twice-monthly report on what was going on at Uni and with those who support it.*

*"The Warriors & Wildcats Report is now distributed to more than 6,000 subscribers and we have been able to share outstanding achievements at the school and at the UHEF. Because of the opportunity to become involved, it has been possible to contribute new projects at Uni:*

- *The naming of the new athletic facilities as Kampmann Stadium, Cavanagh Field and Patton Track;*
- *The UHEF yearbook project, where you can now visit each edition of the Uni yearbook – LA REVISTA, LA ESTELLA, CHIEFTAIN and PAW PRINTS – from 1924-2005;*
- *Promoting the amazingly-successful program of book donations to the Uni library;*
- *Supporting the Uni Theatre Arts program with the ability to sell advance tickets online, through BrownPaperTickets.com.*

*"This is a tumultuous time in public education, but the attachment of many alumni to Uni remains strong. In fact, my invitation to join the UHEF Board came after our Class of 1974 40-year Reunion collected \$1,074 to contribute to Uni's Theatre Arts program. I am indebted to UHEF co-President **Judy Wolfenstein** and **Ivan Finkle** for asking me to join the Board and to my fellow Board members for their contributions to this Report and to the UHEF as a whole.*

*"The most fun came in re-connecting with classmates and with alumni from other classes who share a love for Uni and our years there, and want to help today's students have the same experience. If you haven't done so, please donate today to help the UHEF continue its work.*

*"Please rest assured that the Warriors & Wildcats Report is not going away. Uni teacher and librarian **Tascha Folsoi** '86 will take over after the summer break and keep Uni's alumni and friends fully informed.*

*“My thanks to all of you who contributed, commented or simply enjoyed the UHEF site and the Warriors & Wildcats Report over its first 86 issues.”*

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

*Send a note to [Connect@UHEF.org](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org) !*

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

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