



# Warriors & Wildcats Report

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Fall is well underway, and before you ask, "Where are the songs of spring? Ay? Where are they?" read a bit about what is happening at Uni 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 <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> or <u>https://www.facebook.com/UHEFLA/</u>

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## **UHEF 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Nov. 10	Uni Alumni Basketball Tournaments 5:30pm - Girls Varsity vs. Alumnae	South Gym
	7:00pm - Boys Varsity vs. Alumni	
Nov. 14	Once On This Island -3:30 p.m. (Student Preview)	Stivelman Theater
Nov. 15	Once On This Island -7:00 p.m.	Stivelman Theater
Nov. 16	Once On This Island -7:00 p.m.	Stivelman Theater
Nov. 17	Once On This Island -2:00 p.m.	Stivelman Theater

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

University High School Education Foundation Members,

### UHEF Warriors & Wildcats Report

As we start the 13th week of school, I am very excited to announce that our Uni team has been working diligently since July in cultivating a stronger partnership with the staff at the YMCA. The monthly meetings with the Y staff have resulted in additional benefits for our students. Thus far, our physical education teachers have been able to conduct various units in badminton, basketball and pre-testing for the fitness gram using the YMCA facility during the school day. In addition, our swim team continues to practice at the Y every Monday during 6th period.

Uni students will also have an opportunity to join the YMCA Teen Council which focuses on service learning and leadership development. Our students will have an opportunity to advise the YMCA staff on how they can best meet their community's needs, including the University High School community. Additionally, two of our Uni students are currently volunteering with the Healthy Living staff at the Y.

Although, this is definitely a closer step towards stronger partnership, the Uni team will continue seeking greater opportunities for our students, both from usage of the facility and with access to the various programs and services available at the Y.

Sincerely, Claudia Middleton Proud principal of University High School Charter

## WARRIORS AND WILDCATS IN ACTION

On October 23<sup>rd,</sup> some eighteen students and six parents came to help beautify the campus. They cleaned the campus. The next clean-up will be November 17<sup>th</sup> when volunteers will clean the campus and work to make space for office furniture that is being donated to Uni by Rapid 7. Both the clean-up events and the coordination of this wonderful donation was planned and overseen by Ms. Kerri Eich, our food science teacher who oversees our weekend campus clean-up, our garden, and so much more. As mentioned, the next campus clean-up is November 17<sup>th</sup>, and we are always looking for young people looking to do community service or for anyone who wants to lend a hand.

## **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND**

Directed by Ronnie Sperling, with music direction by David Kamenir and Choreography by Lindsey Lorenz, student performances of *Once Once On This Island* can be seen Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. *Once on this Island* is a one act play set in the French Antilles. The book and lyrics are by Lynn Ahrens with music by *Stephen Flaherty*. It is based on the 1985 novel, *My Love, My Love* by Rosa Guy. Tickets are available at <u>https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3595900</u>.

## WILDCATS PARTICIPATE IN FACE-TO-FACE AND ONLINE DISCUSSIONS

Ms. Vollmer is not a teacher who necessarily expected to be on the forefront of using technology

in the classroom, but that is where she has found herself this year. This summer she pursued her longtime interest in psychology by taking a course at UCLA. In the class, students were asked to engage in online discussions using a forum similar to Facebook, wherein students posted short, informal essays and then responded to one another's posts. Ms. Vollmer enjoyed this very much.

This year Uni's Instructional Leadership Team started off our staff development with a spotlight on the functionality of Schoology, the distict's online learning management system. During the course of the staff's technology training, Ms. Vollmer realized that the Schoology platform also provides a forum for student interaction similar to the one she enjoyed using over the summer.

To do this, Ms. Vollmer integrated both psychology content and an online discussion tool in her AP English Language and Composition class. She asked all students to apply Freud's tripartite personality theory to the classic novel, The Scarlet Letter. In measuring Hester Prynne's strength against the guilt-ridden Dimmesdale and the vengeful Chillingworth, students analyzed characters' manifestations of the Freudian id, ego, and superego. As many of the students in her class have taken or are currently enrolled in A.P. Psychology with Ms. Mitchell, they were able to integrate the learning from these two rigorous A.P. classes in one assignment. Students were required to post their own analyses and then post at least two substantive comments in response to their classmates. Like social media, Schoology allows students to "like" each other's comments. A high point for Ms. Vollmer was when the students gave her comments a thumbs-up. Even better, was seeing students who normally stay silent in class discussion take a very active role. Students are getting the benefit of face-to-face interactions along with guided written interaction and debate on a closed online forum.

## CHECK US OUT AT THE LIBRARY

This month Ruth Roberts, Loretta Gaffney, Tascha Folsoi, and Judy Wolfenstein have all donated books to the Uni Library. Ruth purchased 36 books this month! More teachers are bringing students to the library to check out books for book reports and other projects because our selection is so wonderful. We just don't hear students saying that they can't find a book they are interested in anymore. In addition, we are now able to waive fines for students who are checking out books for assigned reading, as these projects typically are assigned over a period of weeks that is longer than the checkout period. Prior to the generosity of alumni, the only non-grant budget we had for books was generated by collecting fines. There were students who would say, "My mom told me I can't check out any more books because I always forget to bring them back on time." For struggling families, these fines were adding up. Now that is no longer a consideration. Thank you for all you do! Please see the list of donors on the next page. You can donate using this link: <a href="https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2907IIPM85SPOW/ref=cm.sw.su.we">https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2907IIPM85SPOW/ref=cm.sw.su.we</a>

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 <u>tascha.folsoi@gmail.com</u>, so I can celebrate your contribution here and in the book plates we affix to the books as well as enter your donation in our records.

Stephen Adams '60
Michael Alcalay '80
Geraldine Armstrong '59
Marilyn Bendik Sachs W '69
Monyca Brown '88
Diane Roseman Cherniss '63
Family of Jaeu Choi 2021
Robert Collins '63
Alvaro Cortes '70
Jeff Deckman '76
Ann Farrell '68
Ivan Finkle '50
Barbara Wong Franklin '68
Loretta Gaffney 2022
Sukey (Roth) Garcetti '57
Connor Gilmore 2022
Kelly Gilmore '86
Carl Hagge '53
Natalie Hatch '59
Penny Hussey Hutchinson '57
David Hurwitz '58
Jean Kent '62
Jay Kholos '58
Judy Kleinberg '65

Erik Levin '77 Kay Mader '59 Harold Martin Marvina (Stephens) Miller '87 Bill Parten '41 Rich Perelman '74 Dr. Dawn Harris River '89 Ruth Albert Roberts '64 Roger Schrag '83 Lori and Richard Schwartz, MD Vivienne Sinclair '50 Alex Solodovkinov '58 John Statham W '68 Tracie Thaver Ireland '70 Larry '59 and Jean Tistaert Dale Tverman '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 '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) <u>**do not**</u> have to be an Amazon Prime member to buy any of the books!

Your book is a charitable donation. If you want to be assured of receiving a thank you letter for your donation, please email me, Ms. Folsoi. I enjoy writing the letters as it makes me proud each time I have a chance to acknowledge our wonderful alumni! Also please let me know if I have misspelled your name or have recorded any other information incorrectly." 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

Uni sports report:	Follow the Wildcats on Twitter:	<u>@Utownsports</u>
	on Instagram:	<u>@Utownsports</u>
	on Facebook:	<u>@Utownsports</u>

• Boys/Football:

Uni's Varsity football season has opened to a rocky start. You can see scores <u>here</u>. The first three games are listed below.

Aug.	17	Manual Arts	7 p.m.	(L) 13-6
Aug.	24	@Franklin	7 p.m.	(L) 49-13
Aug.	31	Locke	7 p.m.	(L) 55-13
Sep.	07	@Newport Harbor	7 p.m.	(L) 35-13
Sep.	14	@Rancho Dominguez	7 p.m.	(W)53-13
Sep.	28	Westchester*	7 p.m.	(L) 48-14
Oct.	05	Venice*	7 p.m.	(L) 42-0
Oct.	12	Hamilton*	7 p.m.	CANCELLED
Oct.	19	@Palisades*	7 p.m.	(L) 35-0
Oct.	26	@Fairfax*	7 p.m.	(L) 35-0
Nov.	2	@Arleta	2:15 p.m.	(L) 38-25

• Girls/Volleyball:

Aug.	23	West Adams	4 p.m.	(W) 3-0
Aug.	27	Crossroads	4 p.m.	(L) 3-1
Sep.	05	Venice	4 p.m.	(L) 3-1
Sep.	06	Palisades	4 p.m.	(L) 3-0
Sep.	12	@Hamilton	4 p.m.	(W) 3-2
Sep.	14	LACES	4 p.m.	(W) 3-0
Sep.	20	Fairfax	4 p.m.	(W) 3-0
Sep.	24	Westchester	4 p.m.	(W) 3-1
Sep.	27	@Venice	4 p.m.	(L) 3-0
Oct.	1	@Palisades	4 p.m.	(L) 3-0
Oct.	3	Hamilton	4 p.m.	(L) 3-2
Oct.	<b>5</b>	@LACES	4 p.m.	(W) 3-1
Oct.	10	St. Monica	5 p.m.	(W) 3-1
Oct.	11	@Fairfax	4 p.m.	(W) 3-2
Oct.	15	@Westchester	4 p.m.	(W) 3-0
Oct.	23	South East (Playoffs)	4 p.m.	(W) 3-0
Oct.	25	Legacy (Playoffs)	4 p.m.	(W) 3-0
Oct.	30	Elizabeth (Playoffs)	4 p.m.	(L) 3-2

• Boys/Basketball:

Redondo U	nion Tournament	
Nov. 11	Morningside	3 p.m.
Nov. 13	Wiseburn-Da Vinci	4 p.m.
Nov. 14	Centennial	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Price	5:30 p.m.
El Monte T	ournament	
Nov. 19	@St. Paul	6 p.m.
Nov. 21	@St John Bosco	6 p.m.
Nov. 23		
INUV. 20	@TBA	3:20 p.m.

## 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:

# \*1960 · 1979 \*

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 1960 ~ ELYSIANS ◦

The Class of 1960 – the Elysians – will be 60 years "old" in 2020 and *Gail Grant Day* (<u>daysies1@hotmail.com</u>) 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>."

## ം CLASS OF 1979 ം

> The Class of 1979 has had its first meeting to plan its reunion. They are hoping to have a

picnic on campus, and are still developing what will no doubt be a great event for all. If you have any questions or thoughts, you can contact <u>mailto:sylviaweisenberg@yahoo.com</u>.

#### > Is your class planning a reunion in 2018 or 2019?

 Ruth Woldom has asked on behalf of her mother, Lupe (Monjaraz) Woldom, class of '61, to be notified of any reunion plans for that year. You can reach her at <u>mailto:ruthwoldom@aol.com</u>.

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!

### 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

- http://uni65.com or https://unihi65.wordpress.com
- 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

• <u>http://www.unihi61.com</u>

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

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

# UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

➤ | The Uni Hi Education Foundation exists to raise money to support the instructional programming at University High School. A new LAUSD policy allows on-campus signage to be available to recognize donations which assist the educational program.

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 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</u> <u>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 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 <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

 $\succ$ Erin Garcia, Class of '88, is the managing curator of exhibitions for the California Historical Society, located in San Francisco. During the time that Erin was a student at Uni, she took photography with Arnie Rubinoff all three years. This passion for photography sparked here at Uni continued as she majored in art history at Berkeley and earned a Master's degree in art history from The University in New Mexico with an emphasis on photography. She has recently an amazing exhibit called *Boomtowns: How* Photography Shaped Los Angeles and San Francisco on view at the California Historical Society, San Francisco October 12, 2018 through March 10, 2019. If you are planning to go to the Bay Area between now and March 11th, you may want to visit a fellow Warrior and look at these beautiful photos. The press release reads, "Boomtowns looks at some of the earliest views of these places, who these cities were for, what forces shaped them, and how photography promoted and contributed to their growth. The exhibition invites visitors to look critically at photographs made for a broad range of purposes, from civic boosterism to real estate development, industry, and art. It also examines places where the competing interests of different groups led to layers of development and redevelopment—sites such as Union Station in Los Angeles, which was once Chinatown, or Washerwoman's Lagoon in San Francisco, which became the Panama-Pacific International Exposition site and later the Marina District. The exhibition features important photographic work from the

California Historical Society's permanent collection by both anonymous photographers and well-known artists such as Ansel Adams, Laura Adams Armer, Arnold Genthe, Eadweard Muybridge, Carleton Watkins, and Minor White." If you don't have the opportunity to visit the Bay Area between now and the end of the exhibit, you can see a few of the images here: <u>https://www.kqed.org/arts/13843021/boomtowns-san-francisco-losangeles-california-historical-society</u>. If you do have the chance, the California Historical Society and Erin are located at 678 Mission Street in San Francisco!

- Last month, James Kurtz alerted us to the passing of David Arthur Freeman on September 13, 2018. Dave graduated from Uni in 1955. I apologize for having omitted this sad news in the last issue. What follows is the beginning of his obituary, which is also available online: David died peacefully surrounded by his children on September 13, 2018 and was buried in a private ceremony attended by his family. Dave was born in Los Angeles, California in 1937 and made a mark on the tennis courts when L.A. was THE tennis capital of the country. He graduated from University High School in 1955 before heading to U.C. Berkeley where he met his wife, Andra Francisco, studied business and continued his father's legacy in Sigma Alpha Mu. You may read the rest of his obituary here: <u>https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=davidfreeman&pid=190276633</u>
- Victor "Bud" Cain, Class of 1942, was born on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29, 1923, to James  $\geq$ and Hazel Cain in Burlingame, KS. At the age of 5, they moved to Los Angeles, CA where he graduated from University High School. His Dad was a butcher, which is probably why Bud enjoyed a good steak and BBQing so much. Bud served honorably in the Army during WWII as a paratrooper. Dropping the bomb on Japan kept him from parachuting into Tokyo. After the war, he became an auto mechanic, eventually settling in San Jose, CA. He married the love of his life, Peggy Ruth Arnold on September 12, 1948. They enjoyed 58 years of marriage together. Bud retired from Chevrolet as a mechanic on Nov. 1, 1985, but that was just the beginning of an active life. He loved woodworking, photography, coin collecting and had a large shot glass collection of 500 plus. He and Peggy were devoted members of the Mt. Hamilton Grange and traveled a lot with and without their granddaughter, Amanda (Alldrin) Stephens. Bud was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, and his wife Peggy Cain. He is survived by his daughter Vickie (Galen) Alldrin, his granddaughter Amanda (Cody) Stephens, and his great- granddaughter Lunden. Bud crossed over into eternity on Oct. 23, 2018, just shy of his 95th birthday.
- We have received a number of inquiries about how one can obtain a copy of an old diploma or a proof of graduation. We have the answers (we think):
- If you graduated within the past 10 years, call the Registrar's Office at Uni directly, and they can help you. Uni's telephone number is (310) 914-3500.
- If you graduated before 2006, here's the link to the LAUSD Web page which includes instructions on how to obtain your records: <u>http://achieve.lausd.net/transcripts</u>. Please read the requirements carefully!

## SIXTH PERIOD BELL

#### Equity in Action Students Get Opportunities to Take College Classes After the Bell

Throughout the nation, there has been a long, unfortunate history of tracking children of color into lower level classes and discouraging them from taking advanced, collegeprepatory coursework. For this reason, Uni now admits any student into honors and A.P. courses willing to commit to doing the summer assignment and keeping up with the workload.

There are students who may not be at the top level due to English not being their first language, the neighborhood schools they attended prior to coming to Uni, or other factors including poverty, homelessness and foster care placements. However, these students still get a chance to take the advanced coursework that will prepare them for college. The more students wishing to take those classes, the more sections we open. The classes move at the same fast pace, and students who are willing to work hard have the opportunity to push themselves to the next level in order to realize their dreams.

In addition to the many Advanced Placement courses that are available to all students, we have several career pathways students can explore after school through West Los Angeles City College classes available on campus after school. Thanks, to Ms. França, the magnet coordinator, all students can pursue four career pathways to explore areas of interest in order to determine if that is an area they want to major in in college. We offer a series of courses in the following pathways: psychology, business, engineering/computer science, and cinema. Recent graduate Rhani Kahn, class of 2018, took Robotics, Intro to Engineering and Computer Science, and Digital media after school at Uni. She was accepted into CSUN as an engineering major with the confidence that she had both the interest and talent to pursue this field.

Current senior Jyanni Thomas, who has been taking college classes here after school for a couple of years, states, "I liked that I was able to gain college and high school credit because you actually get a hands-on experience of what college is like from an actual college professor rather than a high school teacher just telling you what it was going to be like. It allowed me to explore what I wanted to do in college. I took General Psychology and Developmental Psychology, and I am currently taking Intro to Business. I plan to major in psychology and possibly pursue psychiatric nursing. My family is really supportive of me exploring my options and making my own decisions."

This semester students are enrolled in Introduction to Robotics, Introduction to Business, and Introduction to Motion Pictures. They can also take a health class through WLA College, enabling them to pursue an additional college prep course during the day. We have many students who are making themselves and Uni proud.

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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