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Alumni Newsletter

Alumni play a large role in the success of University High School

By Lisa Kowalski



Many schools have school pride. You walk through the doors of any typical school and you see the mascot, the crest, the awards, and anything else to show off what the students have accomplished over the years. It gives the building they go to every day a feeling of school spirit rather than just a place of work all of the time. Students wear the same logo that represents the school because they want to feel part of the community and the crowd. This helps students feel more motivated to be among their peers rather than apart from them. The students have a vested interest in their school, and they're not just mere observers. This is a natural part of being a student at a school. And, as all of you know, University High School has a ton of school spirit and pride!

But what happens after you graduate? Most students move on to a four-year college, a community college, a trade school, join the military, or perhaps they find jobs right away. Regardless of what direction they go, they move on. They have new places and clubs and groups to be committed to. Some might join a union for their jobs, some might join a fraternity or sorority. Wherever they go, they find a new place to invest their time and energy.

High school graduates still go back for reunions here and there. Usually by the

five-year reunion most are wondering what happened to old friends and are anxious to catch up. By the 10-year, the numbers increase as to how many will attend the reunion. It's been a long time, and the alumni are now established in their careers and starting to get married or have children. They have lost touch with a number of classmates, and they are very curious, and maybe want to show off what they've accomplished to date. But, as the years go on, the interest usually wanes.

As the interest wanes, so do the contributions to their alma mater. The Council for Aid to Education found that the number of alumni who give to an alma mater has slipped from 13 percent in 2003 to less than 9 percent in 2013. A large reason for this decrease is that young alumni donors today are inclined to focus on a cause, not an institution.

What makes University High School so different from other institutions? Why are our alumni so committed to contributing time, energy, and money to a school that they attended five, 10, 20, or 50 years ago?

It's not the school, it's the people. It is what they were able to experience and achieve while they attended University High School. It is the good memories, the academic learning, and the opportunities that they were presented all wrapped into

one big package. University High School alumni know what they had and how lucky they were to have it. To find a place that continually grows and changes, while at the same time provides the avenues you need to find yourself is rare. University High School is a laboratory school, and with that comes constant progression. Our alumni want that to continue and be available for the community and perhaps one day for their children or grandchildren.

If you weren't aware, University High School has an alumni board made up of all U-High alum through the years. They work hard with the school administration to continually contribute to the school and keep in touch with every single U-High alum through *The Pioneer*. They want everyone to come out and celebrate the experiences they had at U-High at Homecoming in September. And they want everyone to know how much ALL OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS that each and every alumni make DO make a difference. Every time you post something on the *We Are One: U-High Pioneers* Facebook page, you are connecting and making a difference. Every time we receive a postcard with an update about what you are doing, you are connecting and making a difference. Every time you see the opportunity to give back to your alma mater and you reach out to us, you are connecting and making a difference.

University High School alumni are like no other alumni. Their spirit and their pride surpass all other schools. University High School alumni are PIONEERS.



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Put it on your Calendar now! HOMECOMING Social

2017

FRIDAY

-September 29-

at Horton Field House from 4:30-7 p.m.

• FREE LIGHT DINNER

• FREE FOOTBALL
TICKETS

• FREE PARKING

Use lot G83 at Main and
Willow Or lots G82, M82,
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adjacent to Horton Field
House

Open to ALL U-High alumni and their families!

Varsity Football
Kickoff against
Jacksonville
at 7 p.m.



Opportunity to
purchase U-High
spirit wear from
the UHS Booster Club.



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2017 U-High Reunions

Class of 1946

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Second Wednesday of the month at noon, Jim's Steakhouse in Bloomington

Class of 1947

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m., Westminster Village in Bloomington

Class of 1950

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

First Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m., CJ's Restaurant in Bloomington

Contact: Donna Mae Geske Jordan at (309) 662-9345

Gordon Schroeder at (309) 452-2875

Class of 1957

60-YEAR REUNION

Homecoming weekend (September 29-30) with planned gatherings both Friday and Saturday evening in addition to the function at Horton. Friday 4-7 p.m. at Horton or gathering at Schooners in Bloomington; Saturday, cocktail hour and dinner at the Double Tree in Bloomington. Special rate on rooms both Friday and Saturday for "U-High Class of 57." For more details on hotel and other reservations contact: Norm Hensley at nhensley@sprintmail.com or Ted Funk at thf1331@gmail.com

Class of 1967

50-YEAR REUNION

September 29-October 1 | Dinner at Medici at 6 p.m. on September 30. Breakfast at Shannon's at 8 a.m. on October 1.

Contact: Margaret Theis Bratcher at margaretbratcher8849@gmail.com or (309) 828-1637

Class of 1968

50-YEAR REUNION

Homecoming weekend (September 2018)

We will post more information on Facebook: We Are One: U-High Pioneers.

Contact: Julie (Steele) Anderson email omajuliea@gmail.com

Jane Templeton email salidajane722@gmail.com

Class of 1972

45-YEAR REUNION

Homecoming weekend (September 29-30) with catered dinner at the ISU Alumni Center on 1101 N. Main Street, Normal.

Contact: Dave Mizer at (309) 838-3759 (cell) or

(309) 808-2303 (office) or email mizspoon@aol.com

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's School (ISSCS)

Everyone is welcome

Annual REUNION

Contact: Bernie Latta '60 at (309) 829-1991 or (309) 261-4297 or bern.latta@comcast.net

Debbie Burt Macchiaroli '73 at (773) 775-4272

or debbiemacchiaroli@hotmail.com

Facebook group: UHIGH AND ISSCS MEMBERS GROUP

If you want to get more involved, please contact the Alumni Board at uhighalumni@IllinoisState.edu. If you are planning a reunion this year, contact your appropriate coordinator listed. The Alumni Board always wants to help alumni.

Your U-High Alumni Relations Committee coordinators are, by decade of graduation:

'40s and '50s	Tricia Braid	(309) 275-0064	tricia.j.braid@gmail.com
'60s and '70s	Pete Pontius	(309) 261-3331	pete.pontius@gmail.com
'80s and '90s	Eric Schlipf	(309) 310-5269	eric.schlipf@gmail.com
'00s and '10s	Anne Fairbairn-Gullixon	(309) 664-1737	gullixon@gmail.com



If interested in serving your alma mater, please contact any board member or email us at uhighalumni@IllinoisState.edu.

- Awards Committee Members
- Newsletter Editor
- Website Coordinator
- At-Large Board Members



Make your class reunion a reality by stepping up to get the ball rolling for your class reunion by contacting one of the Alumni Relations Coordinators. Gatherings can range from simple to elaborate! Customize your celebration! And remember that reunions don't have to be on milestone years or limited to one class. Be creative and imaginative to organize a reunion of Pioneers who were sports teammates or cast members and crew of a play or an alliance that published the Clarion together. Let the UHS Alumni Association assist in the process to locate classmates. Email the UHSAA at uhighalumni@ilstu.edu or call (309) 438-8542.

President's letter



When you think of the word “Homecoming,” what comes to mind? For me, I think of cool, crisp autumn weather, sometimes cold rain, sometimes unseasonably warm days. Boys and girls finding dates. Football. Homecoming court. Parade. Getting dressed up. Going to dinner at a nice restaurant. Alumni of all ages coming to the pre-game dinner and game. Big hair and mullets. OK, that last one is meant for those of us who attended high school in the mid- to late-'80s, but I think you get the point.

As I watched my oldest son and his friends participate in their first Homecoming last fall, I was reminded that for the most part, many of these Homecoming traditions still hold true. For us U-High alumni, coming to the pre-game dinner is always an autumn highlight. Like many of us who attend every year, I love catching up with friends from my U-High years. One of my favorite aspects of Homecoming is seeing how many of the same faces I see year after year that represent such a wide range of graduation years. While large alumni gatherings at Homecoming are not unique to U-High, I feel that the many generations of U-High alumni and legacy families who return to Homecoming year after year are very unique to U-High. As a society, it seems every year we are more and more pressed for time with all sorts of obligations, however so many of our loyal and supportive alumni of our great school always make time for Homecoming. This is one of the many things that makes me proud to be a U-High alum.

Another thing that makes me proud of U-High is the alumni board, which I am honored to be a part of. As I wrap up my time as alumni board president, I want to take a few moments to thank the many fine people with whom I have had the pleasure of serving on this board. Two of the most important things we do as a board is host the pre-game Homecoming dinner and nominate the alumni awards (Distinguished Alumni, Pioneer Hall of Fame, Alumni Service and Friends of U-High awards). The committees that do this work are truly dedicated to U-High, and the amount of time it takes to see the many necessary tasks through is significant. However, these are individuals who have great passion and dedication to our great school. Their efforts do not go unnoticed by myself or the administration. I cannot thank them enough for their service.

Lastly, I would like to personally invite each of you to Homecoming this year. No doubt that a good time will be had, and it's very possible that a fellow alum might be looking to reconnect with you.

As always, many thanks for your support of U-High. Thank you for upholding her through the years.

*Go Pioneers!
Erik Anderson '89
Alumni Board President*



Letter from the Interim Superintendent

I'm very excited for the 2017-2018 school year! The quality and level of excitement for student learning, parent support and alumni tradition in the Illinois State University Laboratory Schools are the best! After meeting many parents, faculty, staff, and alumni, I've come to learn about many of the great traditions at UHigh. I've also learned about the loyalty, commitment, and connection to the school that are so apparent. It is your continued involvement that helps produce the best and the brightest graduates. I look forward to a great year. I'm particularly excited about Homecoming this month, as I hear it is quite an experience. I hope to see all of you at our tailgating event September 29. Go Pioneers!

*Sincerely,
Ty Wolf, Ed.D.
Laboratory Schools Interim Superintendent*

Alumni through the decades



U-High hosted an alumni players and coaches night at the last Varsity U-High baseball game in May. U-High baseball alumni who attended were: **Bill William Kauth '84, Derek Sieg '85, Craig Bowers '92, Cory Roop '92, Brad Meier '05, Nick Mosele '15, and Jay Burton '16.**

Sheila Povall Kimmey '54 recently reached out to us with hopes of getting a note into *The Pioneer*. This is what Sheila wanted us to relay to you: "I had been in America for about two weeks (coming from Manchester, England). The second semester was starting, and my first class was English with Miss Hayman. Everyone was so nice to me. If there is anyone around who remembers me—thank you for making me feel welcome."



Geoff Roehm, U-High class of '65, started playing at the Gallery when it was a pizza place and bar. Geoff then began making guitars and dulcimers in the 1970s in the basement of the old Edwards school in Bloomington on

Market Street. Geoff is still pickin' and crafting instruments, now atop a mountain in Tennessee.

Hal Chiodo '73 was inducted in to the Illinois High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame.



In April, **Christie Hobbs Davis '75, Vernee Peters '76, Neal Patterson '75 and Chris Adelman '75** were among U-High alumni who gathered in Springfield to surprise, Don Udey, former band director at U-High. Udey plays in a Dixieland band.



Mike Pohlmann '02 created Palace Events in Bloomington more than five years ago. He has an event-coordinating and rental business that helps with the planning of weddings, graduation parties, and other big occasions. He recently helped another U-High alum, **Holly Hedges '01,** plan her dream wedding.



Lee Tewell, '03, received an Illinois Job Honor Award in 2016. America's Job Honor Awards celebrates people who overcome barriers to employment and the employers who hire them. Congratulations, Lee!



Mary Spaulding and her friends, recent class of **2016** grads, were out at brunch catching up when they were asked by a group sitting nearby to take their picture. Upon talking more, they learned that they were U-High grads from the class of **1967** who were together catching up as well.

STATE your Passion. STATE your Pride.

Please share news about yourself, your family who attended U-High, or a classmate so that it can be published in the next issue of *The Pioneer*. This publication relies on the efforts of all alums to alert the editing staff of newsworthy tidbits. Please send information and photos to UHighAlumni@IllinoisState.edu or mail to University High School Alumni Association, Campus Box 7100, Normal, IL 61790-7100.

Alumni through the decades (continued)



Bob Kiser '89 recently published his first book titled *Create the Life of Your Dreams—(A “do-it-yourself” coaching book)*. “The book empowers readers to discover their authentic

selves and to start living their best possible life. Kiser graduated in 1993 from ISU in musical theater. Since then, he has toured with Broadway musicals including *Singin’ in the Rain*, *Evita*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Forever Plaid*, *Sheer Madness*, and he toured with Kenny Rogers. He left acting to pursue a career as a leadership coach and mediator and founded Bob Kiser Coaching in 2009. He has spoken for a variety of national and international audiences and also conducts workshops for smaller groups including topics such as motivation, fear-busting, and conflict resolution. In addition to his private practice, Kiser also serves as the associate director of the Graham Clinical Performance Center in the Department of Medical Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Additionally, he is a mediator for UIC through the

Office of Access and Equity. Since his bachelor’s at ISU, Kiser has also earned his certification from the Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching (iPEC) and received mediation certificates from the Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR) and Northwestern University. He currently lives in Chicago.



Richard Wachter '51 went to the University of Iowa after leaving U-High after spending two years in the U.S. Navy. He served two years as a

quartermaster signalman on the destroyer, USS Agerholm DD 826. He completed his college education in the fall of 1958 and became a science teacher in Dubuque, Iowa, at Washington Junior High School. In 1960, he married his wife Janaan and had three children: Nancy, Robert and Jeffrey. He received his master’s degree at Northern Illinois University in 1971. He retired from teaching in 1991, and about a year ago moved to Asbury, Iowa. He now lives there with his wife at the Village Coop.



Linda (Wilson) Thomas
U High '70
Isu '73
She really didn't
tear this up - she was
such a good girl then
and now.

This picture of Linda Wilson Thomas '70 was submitted by a fellow U-High alum. The fellow alum wanted to make sure everyone knew that Linda didn't really tear up the parking ticket.



Farewell to Jeff Hill

By Lisa Kowalski

In February, Jeff Hill, Illinois State University Laboratory School superintendent, announced that he was taking a position in the Morton School District effective July 1 and was leaving the Laboratory Schools. After serving University High School for seven years as principal, and then the last five years as superintendent of the Laboratory Schools, Jeff Hill will be missed. Over the years, under his leadership, the Laboratory Schools have implemented one-to-one learning, standards-based grading, and have had multiple national rankings in various publications. Also under his administration, both schools have expanded their clinical studies, initiated increased security measures through resources such as Raptor and CrisisGo, and continued to recruit the most qualified and experienced faculty associates to teach our Laboratory School students. We are truly appreciative of the work he has done over the years, and we wish him the best of luck.

In the halls of U-High



After 32 years at the Laboratory Schools, **Mike Sondgeroth** retired at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Sondgeroth was the

geometry teacher at U-High. He was also the announcer for U-High football games.

Mandarin classes will begin at U-High. **Lin Lin** has been teaching Mandarin classes at Thomas Metcalf School for the last three years. Lin Lin has a Bachelor of Arts from South China Normal University and a Ph.D. from Sun Yet-Sen University. She had previously worked as a language teacher at the University of Pittsburgh. Due to students' interest, we are now offering Mandarin classes at U-High for the **2017-2018 school year**.

Music students selected to participate in the 2017 Illinois Music Educators Festival, include Honors Choir: **Josh Kuhn, Catie Mussey, Catherine Winger** and **Lianna Pfister**; Vocal Jazz Ensemble: **Leah Taylor**; All-State Band: **Rosa Rolon**; Honors Band: **Jenny Park**; Jazz Band: **Stephanie Chow**; All-State Orchestra: **Anastasia Ervin**; Honors Orchestra: **Sam Fansler** and **Matthew Suh**.

For the second year in a row, U-High's literary magazine *Brome and Beyond* has won the highest award that the National Council of English Teachers bestows for its 2015 issue "Spiraling Out of Control." The magazine which contains creative writing in a variety of genres, as well as visual art, is evaluated by a panel of judges on a variety of merits, including, but not limited to, quality of content and quality of design.

Stephanie Chow was honored at the ILMEA All-State Composition Contest with a first place finish in the Commercial/Pop category and second place finish in Jazz Improvisation. She and fellow U-High student **Ryann Piker** performed her first-place composition "Closer" for all of the All-State students at the Student Composition Concert in January. In April, Stephanie was the winner of the **National 2017 American Composers Forum/NextNotes Composition Contest** for her original "Closer." Stephanie received scholarship funds to study composition and promote her music.

Stephanie went on to win second place in the NAFME Electronic Music Composition Contest (High School Division) for her original composition "Closer".

In February, **Packard Otto** and **Dylan Carey** represented U-High at the **state wrestling meet**. Packard finished in the Top 8 Class A heavyweights, just one match away from medaling. Dylan Carey placed fifth at 126 in one of the toughest weight classes in the state.

U-High's **Colton Stogner** led area participants at this year's state swim meet at New Trier High School in February. He finished in fifth place in 20.9 seconds in the 50 free and in sixth place in 45.77 seconds in the 100 free.

Senior **Raven Hughes** was named this year's **Pantagraph Area Player of the Year in girls' basketball**. She averaged 15.5 points and carried the Pioneers basketball team to a 28-5 record and as high as No. 4 in the state poll. Her contributions helped the team win Intercity, the Corn Belt Conference title, and the Class 3A Regional title. She finished the season with 1,279 career points.

The U-High WYSE team earned second place at the state tournament at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in April. Students earning individual medals were: **Simon Heinrich**, fifth in biology; **Alena Culbertson**, first in chemistry and fourth in math; **Rohan Kamatar**, first in chemistry and fourth in math; **Alok Kamatar**, second in computer science and fourth in math; **Jared Schuckman**, fifth in engineering graphics; **Advika Kamatar**, third in English; and **Stephanie Soukup**, second in English.

The annual Bloomington-Normal Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) Competition, the youth initiative of the NAACP, was held in April. **U-High students Jordyn Blythe, Boston Cooper, and Elijah King '17** were award winners at the event. **Jordyn** was selected as the **Gold Medal Winner** in the **Music Instrumental-Classical and Oratory** contest. **Boston** was the **Gold Medal Winner** in **Entrepreneurship**. **Elijah** was the **Gold Medal Winner** in **Architecture**. These three students were eligible to attend the National NAACP ACT-SO Competition held in Baltimore in July. About 700 teens attended the national competition, competing in 36

categories under the themes of humanities, business, arts and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). Blythe brought home a gold in oratory speaking and Cooper competed in entrepreneurship.

U-High was proud to congratulate **Lauren Seaver** and **Katie Reeves** of the U-High track and field team on their performances at this year's state track and field meet. Lauren finished in third place, and Katie finished in fourth place in the pole vault event.

Graduation was held in May in Braden Auditorium for seniors and their families. These students were offered over **\$12,000,000 in scholarships** to continue their educations at colleges and universities around the country. The hard work and accomplishments of these graduates are evidence of the academic excellence here at U-High.

The **U-High boys track and field team tied for first place** at this year's state meet at Charleston. The team finished with 37 points, tying with Freeport for the Class 2A title. **Myles Aldridge** led the Pioneers with two state championships. He finished in first place in the long jump and the triple jump. The 3,200 meter relay team of **Jared Schuckman, Zach Wolford, Harris Porter** and **Jack Martin** also ran to a first-place finish. Finally, **Jared Schuckman** contributed to the team score with a third-place finish in the 1,600.

The **girls soccer team finished in second place at this year's state series** at North Central College in Naperville. In the semifinals, the team beat Johnsbury 3-2 and moved on to the finals against Quincy Notre Dame. The team lost to QND 4-2, bringing home a second-place trophy for the first time since 2002. **Sarah LaFayette** scored both goals for the Pioneers in the championship game.

Recent U-High graduate **Sarah LaFayette** has been named this year's *Pantagraph* Soccer Player of the Year! Sarah led the Pioneers to a second-place finish in the Class 1A state tournament this past season. She is also the third leading scorer in state history, scoring 178 career goals along with contributing 53 assists. Sarah plans to continue her soccer career at Illinois State University this fall.

The **U-High boys tennis team finished fourth at this year's state tournament** in Arlington Heights. **Josh Friesen** and

In the halls of U-High (continued)

Carter Burk finished in fifth place in the doubles bracket. **Dorath Chamarthi** placed seventh in the singles bracket. Overall, the Pioneers finished with 20 points.

U-High Cheer placed fourth at IHSA State Cheerleading Finals during the 2016-2017 year.

Dirk Smid was posthumously inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

U-High was well represented at this year's

National Speech and Debate Tournament in Alabama. **James Han brought home first place** in extemporaneous commentary at the event. **Caroline Pickering and Natalie Thomison finished in second and fourth place**, respectively, in expository speaking. U-High had an additional two students finish in the top 60 and four were semi-finalists. The Pioneers were represented by a record 16 students attending the tournament involving more than 1,100 schools.

The National Speech and Debate Association has named recent graduates—**Colin Hardman, Justin Maaks, Alex Plumadore and Austin Spaulding—Academic All Americans!** This coveted award recognizes academic rigor, competitive success, and personal excellence. Less than 500 out of 141,000 students earn this award each year. This accomplishment places these students among the top half of one-percent of all student-members across the country.

Joe Club Fund—a way to help current U-High students prepare for college

By Wilma Bates



Test-prep classes, college visits, college essay writing classes, summer college enrichment opportunities, college application fees, and summer school classes. These are just some of the activities associated with preparing for college. These and other activities can easily add up to thousands of dollars for U-High students and their families as they prepare to enter college. U-High is proud to say that we have multiple scholarships for graduating seniors, thanks to the generosity of U-High alums and friends of the school, but we are also extremely grateful for the existence of scholarship funds for students in their sophomore, junior, and senior years. These funds, through the “Joe Club Fund,” were made available by U-High alums who wish to remain anonymous.

Their motivation to help U-High students grew out of their acknowledge-

ment and gratitude of the education they received from U-High. They are committed to helping current U-High students by offering access to resources that will enhance their college entrance opportunities. The members of the “Joe Club Fund” observed the current landscape that high school students encounter as they prepare to apply for college and the high level of competitiveness that requires students to rigorously prepare to compete at the highest possible level for admission spots. For many students, having access to these resources, experiences, and opportunities is challenging due to financial constraints.

Since its inception in early 2015, “The Joe Club Fund” has helped over 20 U-High students by allowing them to take test-prep classes, enroll in summer school, attend college visits, participate in summer

enrichment activities, and take the ACT or SAT additional times if they did not score well on the first attempt. These opportunities have been extremely impactful and continue to make the members of the “Joe Club” proud to hail from U-High. These U-High alums have a deep appreciation for the impact college can have on one’s life and its influence on future success for an individual. They are motivated to assist U-High students in meeting their college goals. We salute the members of the “Joe Club Fund” and thank them for their commitment and generosity. If you are interested in donating to the “Joe Club Fund,” or any other U-High scholarships, or funding opportunities, please contact Associate Director of Development Wilma Bates at (309) 438-4304.

Keeping U cool!

By Lisa Kowalski



To all you Pioneers who ever participated in any activity in the gymnasiums, we ask you to consider contributing to this cause.

We are installing air conditioning in University High School's gymnasiums. After 60 years, with thousands and thousands of students enduring the endless heat in the main gymnasium, we are prioritizing the installation of air conditioning in our gymnasiums to ensure the safety of our students. Various sports and activities are held in this gym including: basketball,

volleyball, wrestling, and cheerleading, as well as indoor practices for other sports when there is inclement weather. All of our physical education classes are also held in these gyms, along with community events, pep rallies, award ceremonies, parent meetings, Homecoming student activities and dances. In addition, these gymnasiums host all our band and athletic camps during the summer, which include current U-High Pioneers and Metcalf Wildcats, as well as friends of the Lab Schools.

On any given day, the gymnasiums are used from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. At times temperatures in the gymnasiums have reached as high as 100 degrees. With your support, we can provide a better, healthier environment for our students, our parents, and our community members. We currently have approximately 6,000 alumni and we have gathered enough information to have a rough estimate of the cost of new A/C. Based on that information, if each of our 6,000 alumni gave just \$40, University High School's gymnasiums would have air conditioning. Generations to come will benefit from your generous contributions.

To find out more information, or if you are interested in donating to the U-High A/C Fund, please visit our UHigh.Illinois-State.edu webpage and click on "Make a gift now" icon to make a gift online and in notes specify you want to donate to the U-High A/C fund. Or please feel free to contact Associate Director of Development Wilma Bates at (309) 438-4304.

Recently, Stacey Houston and her family generously contributed a leadership gift of \$30,000 to the U-High Air Conditioning Fund. This donation is greatly appreciated, and represents a huge leap forward in providing A/C in our gyms for our students, faculty and community members.

MAKE A GIFT NOW

John Maier brings new sound equipment to U-High

By Lisa Kowalski



In April, a few U-High Alums from the '80s era reunited their band, Mojo Stew, and performed at the Castle Theatre in Bloomington. **John Maier '82** is the drummer for the bluesy, ultra-funky, rock powerhouse band. They toured from 1986-1991 on major concert stages with International artists like Koko Taylor, Johnny

Winter, Mitch Ryder, Lonnie Brooks, Dave Mason, Uriah Heep, and more. Maier now serves as the chief executive officer and president of Blue Microphones in Westlake Village, California. He joined Blue Microphones in 2009. Recently Maier generously gave back to U-High by donating professional-grade microphones



John Maier

for Stroud Auditorium. Blue Microphones are used by professional artists like Bruce Springsteen, Sting, and Coldplay. This equipment is greatly appreciated and was used in our spring 2017 productions and performances including class night.

Due to our limited space in *The Pioneer*, and to keep costs of publishing to a minimum, we will now be providing our Donor Roll on our U-High Alumni webpage. Please go to UHigh.IllinoisState.edu/Blogs/Alumni for a complete listing of all donors.

Clarion yearbooks needed!

If you come across an extra *Clarion*, please pass it on to the UHSAA. There are many anxious alumni wanting to have a yearbook from their era. There are a limited number of *Clarion* yearbooks for purchase at \$10 each. To donate or purchase yearbooks, please contact the UHS Alumni Association at UHighAlumni@IllinoisState.edu or call (309) 438-8542. Donations can also be left at the school library.

We Are One: U-High Pioneers Facebook page

Anyone can start a group page, so please note that the group that the University High School Alumni Association endorses is "We Are One: U-High Pioneers." This is the group that the UHSAA will be posting information on throughout the year.

Currently we have 2,000+ members in our Facebook group "We Are One: U-High Pioneers." This is an open group, and all may join and post notifications of interest to fellow Pioneers.

Address updates

We need your help updating addresses. Please send Pioneer address updates to uhighalumni@IllinoisState.edu or use the mailing address and telephone listed on the upper left hand of Page 2 in this newsletter.

Our goal is that every Pioneer gets their free copy of *The Pioneer* newsletter in their mailbox. But try as we might, there are many alumni who do not have a current address listed in our database. Ideally we like to have a mailing address, an email address, and a telephone number listed for each alumni in our database.

Our database is used for the newsletter mailings and to contact classmates who are planning a reunion. We understand and respect the sensitivity of such information.

So please help up by sending your own address or addresses of fellow Pioneers. Parents please update your children's current addresses. Remember, UHS has been at the same address for over 50 years while most of you have not!

IN REMEMBRANCE

William W. Babbs '50
died 3/31/17

LaVerne Schaab Bittner '45
died 7/11/17

Suellyn Beckman Brewster '64
died 3/30/17

Robert J. Carlyon '73
died 5/2/10

Scott Foster, attended '78-'79
died 1/18/17

Charlotte A. Goetz Gordonwood '51
died 5/5/10

Mark Eric Hammer '73
died 2/19/17

Madeleine Hoss
died 1/22/17, former head librarian at U-High

Barbara Bates Kidder '57
died 3/2/17

Donna Buford Klawitter Newland '52
died 3/9/17

JoAnn Ivens Laible '55
died 6/5/17

Judy Greeness Regnier '58
died 6/30/17

Judith Orendorff Stein '53
died 12/16/16

Florence Louise Bitting Sutton Turner '37
died 7/14/17

Need U-High Memorabilia

Don't shred old grade reports and student senate meeting minutes, please consider donating them to U-High to help preserve some of our history. Memorabilia may include prom tickets, student IDs, yearbooks, photos, parking tickets or placards, event programs, letterman U's or letter jackets, cheer pins and banners, class syllabuses, and just about anything you may have saved to remember your days at U-High. If you can include names, dates, or history of the items it would be greatly appreciated, but certainly not required with the contributions. Recently we received a number of items from a 1960 graduate, including a Pioneer Diary, pictures, programs, Illinois History books, a U-High letter, and even dance cards with a list of who she would be dancing with throughout the evening. Please feel free to drop off donations at the U-High office or library. The Illinois State University archivist will be documenting and storing submitted items.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR ALUMNI DONORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, CONTRIBUTIONS, DEDICATION, GENEROSITY, AND COMMITMENT TO U-HIGH AND ITS STUDENTS. WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS, PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES, SUPPORT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, UPGRADE EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS, FACILITIES, AND OFFER ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS IN NEED WITH FEES AND SCHOOL EXPENSES.

U-High Alumni Association Awards nomination form

Distinguished Alum • Pioneer Hall of Fame • Alumni Service • Friend of U-High

NOMINEE'S NAME

GRADUATION YEAR (OR YEARS ATTENDED)

PERSON MAKING THIS NOMINATION

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PHONE

EMAIL

All nominees will be contacted to **accept the nomination** and to send a detailed biography to aid the awards committee in the selection process. All completed nomination forms will be retained and re-evaluated each year. Selection of recipients is completed in the spring, and the awards presentation is held in the fall at Homecoming. Nominees are encouraged to update their information periodically.

A list of past recipients and award definitions is available at UHigh.IllinoisState.edu/Blogs/Alumni. You will also find an online nomination form.

RETURN ALL NOMINATIONS TO
Attention: Awards Chairperson
University High School Alumni Association
Campus Box 7100
Normal, IL 61790-7100

Or email to
UHighAlumni@IllinoisState.edu





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Special giving opportunities for alumni and friends

The University Laboratory Schools, U-High and Metcalf, are grateful to alumni and friends of the schools who make donations to support and enhance the educational experiences for our students. All gifts are welcome. Please use this form if you would like to make a gift at this time. Several priorities are listed. If you prefer, please specify your own amount.

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If you would like to speak to someone about making a gift, an estate gift, or funding priorities, please contact Wilma Bates, associate director of development for the Lab Schools at (309)438-4304 or Lauren Dodge, director of development for the Lab Schools at 309-438-2297. Please send your donations to Illinois State University Foundation, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000

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