

*Alumni Service Award*

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***Diane (Davis)  
Black***

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The University High School Alumni Association honors Diane (Davis) Black, class of 1979, as the 2016 Alumni Service Award Recipient for her contributions to University High School.

Black graduated from U-High in 1979, where she has fond memories of participating on the Speech Team, and received two awards for a speech presented during her sophomore year.

Several teachers made quite an impact on Black as she attended U-High. Mr. Parmantie, who taught English, was one of her favorites. His unique teaching style instilled in her a greater appreciation for the English language. Black says that his light-hearted and fun spirit made learning enjoyable, and as someone whose current profession revolves around words, she is grateful for his influence.

After high school, Black earned an Associate's Degree in Applied Science – Court Reporting from Illinois Central College. Utilizing her educational experience, she has enjoyed a very long and successful career (31 years) as an Official Court Reporter with the 11th Judicial Circuit in the State of Illinois. She is also currently licensed by the State of Illinois as a Certified Shorthand Reporter, and is a member of both the Illinois Court Reporter's Association and the National Court Reporter's Association.

Over the years, Black has volunteered many hours back to her alma mater. She is an active member of the University High School Alumni Association Board, and has donated a lot of time serving as the Board Secretary and helping with the organization of the monthly Board Meetings.

In addition to her contributions to U-High, Black has also given back to her community by volunteering and serving in the following capacities: Vacation Bible School Team Leader and Committee Member on the Assimilation & Nominating Committee for Trinity Lutheran Church, Meal Preparation and Service Efforts at Salvation Army, and Volunteer Efforts for the Back to School Block Party.

Black is married to her husband, Scott, and they have two daughters, Lauren and Megan.

Black has proudly served U-High as a longtime volunteer. Her hard work and dedication to the school and its Alumni Committee is forever appreciated.

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