

Alumni Service Award: Matt Hartman, class of 1982

Matt Hartman '82, is being presented with the 2010 Alumni Service Award due to his contributions to the University High School Alumni Association and the students of U-High. Hartman joined the University High School Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2006 as President-Elect, served as President in 2007 during U-High's 150th anniversary, and filled in as interim awards committee chair. This year, Hartman is co-chair of the Homecoming Committee.

After graduating from U-High, Hartman received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois. He completed his master's degree at Georgia Tech. After working in different positions, Hartman landed at Caterpillar, where he directs a group of thirty-six engineers in the hydraulic and electrical machine design center. Hartman is completing his fourteenth year with Caterpillar.

While a student at U-High, Hartman was active in Student Senate and was elected president of his junior class. He wrote for the Claironette and wrestled in the Corn Belt Conference. Hartman continues to support U-High athletics as a fan. He follows U-high baseball and he was present for the 56-54 come-from-behind victory over Aurora Christian at the 1995 state basketball championship.

Hartman's family has a long history at U-High. His three sisters and a brother graduated before him. Hartman married his high school sweetheart, Trish Wall '83 and their son Michael is a senior this year. He also has one nephew, John Muir, who is a recent graduate and another nephew, Andrew Arthur, who is a senior this year.

Hartman's message to current students:

"Being on the board and meeting the award recipients over the last few years has really brought home what a wonderful place U-High is. You may have a feeling for this now. If so, you're perceptive, and maybe a little lucky, because you're aware of this good thing you have. But I'm going to hazard a guess. You don't know the entirety of this wonderful place. So go forth, and do great things, but come back, and keep in touch with your classmates who do great things, and then you'll know."

Congratulations to Matt Hartman on being awarded the 2010 Alumni Service Award!