

Friend of U-High: Dr. Gail Lamb



Dr. Gail Lamb is the 2010 Friend of U-High recipient. Her involvement began in July 1999 when she became a Director of Development for Illinois State University. Her responsibilities revolve around donor relationships and fundraising for the College of Education, including University High School and Thomas Metcalf School. Prior to 1999, Lamb held several positions while on the faculty of Mennonite College of Nursing: Counselor, Director of Counseling Services, Director of Student Affairs, and Director of Student Affairs/Public Relations. She earned the rank of Associate Professor of Human Relations at Mennonite College of Nursing.

Lamb graduated from Bridgewater State University, Massachusetts, receiving The Hill-Ross Award for Outstanding Senior. She holds an M.A. in human relations from Ohio University, and an Ed.D. in higher education from Illinois State University. Lamb is married to Dr. Douglas Lamb, professor emeritus, Illinois State University. They have two adult children and two grandchildren who also reside in Bloomington.

For U-High, Lamb serves on the U-High Alumni Board and as consultant to the Alumni Awards committee. She finds great satisfaction in working closely with Dr. Robert Dean, Superintendent of the Laboratory Schools, to develop/implement fundraising strategies for the Lab Schools. Among these was the inclusion of the Laboratory Schools in the first-ever Campaign for Illinois State University, creating a Lab School Campaign Steering Committee, and creating the Lab School Ambassadors. She worked with Dr. Dean to establish The Legacy Society for the Laboratory Schools, and its inclusion with major donor recognition societies at Illinois State. Honor plaques recognizing the members of the Legacy Society hang at each Lab School. Lamb initiated the STROUD Seat Campaign: Seats That Recognize Our Unforgettable Donors, raising more than \$225,000 to date for the Stroud renovation. Lamb is grateful to work with donors to U-High to establish restricted and endowed scholarships. She also supported the naming/recognition event last spring for John L. Wroan, III in honor of his generous gift for the state-of-the-art Wroan Engineering and Technology Center.

Her special joy is meeting with alumni and friends of U-High. Through these individuals, she has learned so much about the experience and the heart of the unique and special place that is University High School. In acknowledgment of her efforts, University High School thanks Dr. Lamb and congratulates her for receiving the 2010 Friend of U-High Award.