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Alumni Newsletter

Adam Larson leaving his mark on the Jazz World

By Dave Martin



Larson entertaining the crowd at the jazz showcase.

Don't tell 2008 graduate Adam Larson that you can't make a living doing what you love. Larson has gone from being a Marching Pioneer to a touring jazz professional who has played venues around the world. "The tenor saxophonist Adam Larson is the sort of jazz musician who gets flagged early on as a promising talent and then hustles to meet every requirement for success."—Nate Chinen, *The New York Times*.

"U-High was a great place to spend my formative educational years," Larson said. "Most of the students were motivated and focused toward something." While at U-High, Larson was chosen to perform in many honor ensembles around the country, including: The Grammy Band, Next Generation Jazz Orchestra, Betty Carter Jazz Ahead, YoungArts Jazz Fellows, and Telluride Student All-Stars. Larson felt fortunate U-High allowed him to miss school to participate in these ensembles.

Larson recalls many influential U-High experiences. "Jason Landes (U-High band director) let me develop as a musician in a way that I firmly believe no other director in the area would have," Larson said.

He is grateful to Chris Corpus in the choir department. "The Madrigal Singers group was the most fun I ever had singing," Larson said. "Chris taught me a lot about how to interact with others."

He added that rapping Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice, Baby" for the entire school was fun.

To further his study in jazz, Larson was drawn to New York City. He chose to attend his dream school, Manhattan School of Music, on full scholarship. He earned B.M. (2012) and M.M. (2014) degrees in jazz performance.

New York City is home for the Larson clan, which includes his wife Tierney and son Jack. This home base allows him to perform at some of the most famous jazz clubs including Birdland and the Village Vanguard. He stays busy touring around the country with his band. Some of his international stops include: Poland, India, Taiwan, and Germany. He never forgets his roots here in Central Illinois, as he comes back for concerts at the Normal Theater. He also leads improvisation workshops for students here in Bloomington-Normal.

Larson has four albums to his credit.

His latest recording "Second City" received a four-star rating and was listed as one of the best releases of 2017 in *Downbeat Magazine*.

Larson is impacting future musicians around the country as a jazz educator. He has led master classes at the University of Illinois, ISU, and many other universities. Larson is a teaching artist for jazz at Lincoln Center's Jazz For Young People, The New York Pops Ed education programs.

"I hope that in future years Adam will consider utilizing his uncanny teaching ability on a more full-time basis. Jazz education and music education need Adam Larson."—Doug Stone, Rochester School of the Arts.

Larson has been surprised by his success as he keeps looking forward.

"I never thought when I left for New York City as an 18-year-old that I would be able to support a wife and child playing music, let alone living in New York City," Larson said. "I developed a network of peers who have become invaluable colleagues over the years. Eventually, I began playing at clubs in New York City and across the states as a band leader, something I had only dreamed about as a teenager at U-High.

"I still have many things to do, but the list continues to motivate me, pushing me forward."

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Save the Date!

HOMECOMING Social

2018

FRIDAY

-September 28-

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, F82 off Adelaide by Tri-Towers

Disability parking at F82 adjacent to Horton Field House

Open to ALL U-High alumni and their families!

Varsity Football Kickoff against Springfield SE at 7 p.m.

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



Welcome to the Central State Eight Conference

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2018 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: Gordon Schroeder at (309) 452-2875

Class of 1968

50-YEAR REUNION

Homecoming weekend (September 28–30, 2018), Normal
We need your emails! Please share information with others. Pre-game festivities at Homecoming Friday night, post-game get together. Saturday touring local points of interest, Saturday evening reception with heavy appetizers and cash bar. Sunday morning brunch.

Watch the "We are One: U-High Pioneers" Facebook page for details. Check out the new Facebook page "U-High, Normal, IL Class of 1968."
Contact: Julie (Steele) Anderson email omajulia@gmail.com
Jill (Denniwitz) Keller email jilldkeller@msn.com
Debi (Woodring) Grossman email dwgross1@hotmail.com

Class of 1974

45TH REUNION PLANNED FOR HOMECOMING 2019

Efforts are underway to find our classmates and get everyone's input via a survey which will be sent out this fall. Initial feedback has been very positive, and we are excited to make this reunion happen in 2019!

We will continue to search for our missing classmates (83 found out of 114), but if you have not yet been contacted, please reach out to Kris Miller (Kristine Fulton) at kmcfulton87@gmail.com with questions and/or contact information.

Class of 1978

40-YEAR REUNION

Can you believe we graduated from U-High 40 years ago? Are you ready to celebrate this milestone? Do you have an interest in helping plan the event? If so, please contact Deb (Davis) Clement at (309) 262-7972 or Susan (Howard) Schwaebler at (469) 387-4185. You are welcome to text these numbers with your name, interest in attending, and if you can help plan the event. You may also respond to the post placed on the "We Are One: U-High Pioneers" Facebook page. We plan to use this page and also set up a special invitation to the event. Stay tuned for further details, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Contact: Deb Clement 356 Denman Road Carlock, IL 61725
phone: (309) 376-7971 cell: (309) 262-7972

Class of 1988

30-YEAR REUNION

Saturday, September 29th, 2018 6-9 p.m., Medici in Normal
Contact: Therese (Ryan) Pickett (Teri) at theresepickett112@gmail.com, (810) 531-8122 or Pete Pontius at pete.pontius@gmail.com or Keven Kiesewetter at klkiese@hotmail.com

Class of 1998

20-YEAR REUNION

Reunion will be Homecoming weekend. Details to follow.
Contact: Lacey (Shirk) Glandon at (309) 807-0563
or email laceyglandon@gmail.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 interested in serving your alma mater, please contact any board member or email us at UHighAlumni@IllinoisState.edu.

- Awards Committee Members
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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@illinoisstate.edu or call (309) 438-8542.

President's letter



Hello, Pioneers!

And just like that, fall is upon us. Here in Bloomington-Normal, nights get cooler, leaves start to change, and school is back in session in the hallowed halls of U-High. For the U-High Alumni Board, things kick in to high gear as planning preparations for the Homecoming night alumni pre-game festivities are in the final stages. Mark your calendar for Friday, September 28. Festivities kick off at 4:30 p.m. and continue throughout the night. It is always fun to attend this event and watch people come into Horton Field House for the pre-game dinner (free for alumni), share hugs and handshakes, and make it a time to catch up. Many people travel to this event, and there's always a big turnout. Save the date, and try to stop in for a visit.

The Alumni Board will also recognize all newly chosen Alumni Award recipients on Homecoming day. There is a special awards assembly in Stroud Auditorium for the entire student body to honor the selected alumni and award winners nominated by their fellow Pioneers for making significant contributions to his/her profession, community, state, or nation. We have an amazing awards committee that works year-round on the selection process. It's such a great day meeting fellow Pioneers who are honored at this event and hearing them speak to students about how their time at U-High affected their path in life. If you would like to nominate an alum for an award, please go to the U-High website (UHigh.IllinoisState.edu), and click on Alumni for the Alumni Association Award nomination form. We truly have some amazing alumni in the world and here at home doing wonderful things. The Alumni Board always enjoys receiving more nominations so keep them coming! If you can't find the form, just email me, and I will get it to you. You can also see past award winners and their bios on the Alumni portion of the U-High website.

As you can see, the Alumni Board has been busy throughout the year as we continue to do our best to serve U-High and you. If you are interested in helping out at a Homecoming event or stopping by one of our monthly Alumni Board meetings, we would love to have you. It is an honor to serve on this board with fellow Pioneers who continue to remain passionate about U-High.

Hope to see you on September 28! Go U!

*Dana Baker Klauss '91
Board President*

Welcome to Dana Kinley



We are pleased to announce that Dana Kinley, Ed.D. has been selected as the University Lab School superintendent and assistant dean of the College of Education beginning July 1.

Kinley brings valuable knowledge and experience to this position and has been the assistant superintendent for the Jacksonville School District in Jacksonville for the past six years. She received her Doctorate of Education in School Executive Leadership from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In addition to her roles as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal, Kinley has also worked in a variety of capacities for the Illinois State Board of Education. She has proved herself to be a strong leader and advocate for her students, teachers, and staff.

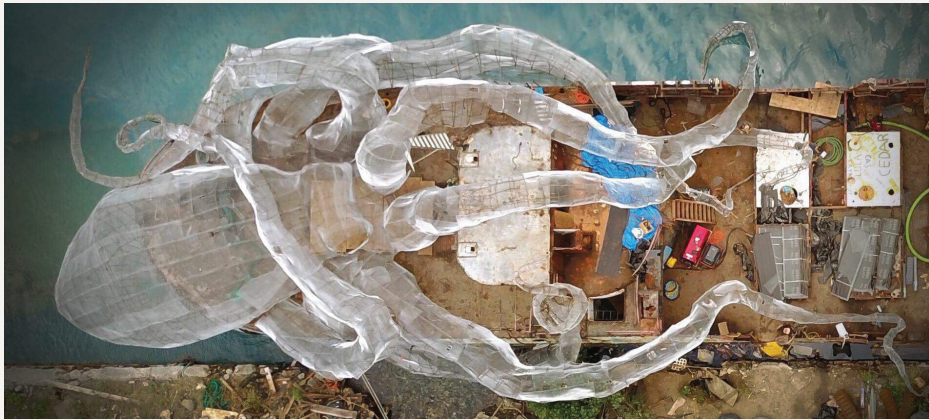
Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Dana Kinley to the Lab Schools.



Welcome to Stacey Meyer

Stacey Meyer, business associate and assistant to the superintendent, also joined the Laboratory Schools family in July. She earned a M.S. in education from Illinois State University (ISU) and has been serving as coordinator of academic advisement in the College of Business at ISU for the past eight years. Stacey will assist the Lab Schools in coordinating special events as well as offer support to Thomas Metcalf School and University High School. Please join us in welcoming Stacey!

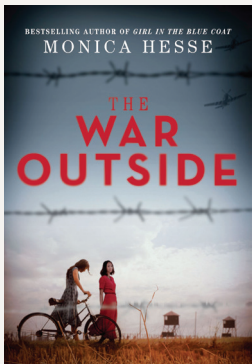
Alumni through the decades



Josh Wilson, '92. Working as a sculptor for years, Wilson's unique perspective and creative focus on larger than life elements were a perfect fit to work other artists and fabricators to help make this idea a reality. The BVI Art Reef project started from a conversation friends were having on Necker Island with Richard Branson. With a strong philanthropic focus on ecology, especially the ocean, artificial coral reefs have been happening for a while, and every one wanted to support such a project, so a group of friends volunteered to spearhead the project. Meeting in Tortola, working 13-plus days in the searing Caribbean sun for six weeks, they finished the project. They were chasing a window for calm seas to tow this sculpture to the sink spot. Once sunk it became a new anchor for a Coral reef to grow from and provide habitats for the local marine life. Definitely one of the top three experiences of Wilson's life.



Monica Hesse '99 will have a book launch for her new book, *The War Outside*, on September 29 at 2 p.m. at the Bloomington Barnes & Noble Bookstore.



Monica is the bestselling author of *Girl in the Blue Coat* and *American Fire*, as well as a journalist with *The Washington Post*. She currently resides just outside of Washington, D.C.

Monica will be in town for Homecoming weekend to receive a Hall of Fame Alumni Award during the Alumni Awards ceremony held at Stroud on Friday, September 28. Congratulations, Monica, and thank you for choosing Bloomington-Normal to launch your next book!



A member of the U-High swim team all four years, **Clayton Hamilton '12** went on to graduate from Purdue in 2016 with a B.S. in health and kinesiology.

While he was used to using the block in swimming at U-High, Clayton's professional journey has taken him to experience "blocks" in another sport. Clayton was drafted by the Indiana Pacers in 2016 as a group events specialist. Always looking for new adventures, in the summer of 2018, Clayton traveled through Asia and spent time feeding/bathing elephants.

Elizabeth (Liz) Fansler '12 chose to educate and help others after graduating from ISU in 2016. Liz volunteered with AmeriCorps as a teacher and was assigned to assist and educate elderly residents of the Boston Housing Authority on how to navigate the intricate system of obtaining health care benefits. Liz is now back in the Midwest as a philosophy doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.



After U-High **Kyle Morris '12** attended the University of Missouri, graduating in 2017 with a civil engineering degree

and a minor in Spanish. At U-High, Kyle was a three-sport athlete (football, basketball, and track), and he put his basketball skills to work by being a member of the Mizzou practice basketball team for three years. Kyle will put his love of the Spanish language to the test by living in South America for three months, and immersing himself in the culture, while working and traveling. Ever the competitor, Kyle celebrated winning a Segway race recently in Toronto, with his brother Alex Morris '16 and fellow U-High alum Tony Vivirito '16.



On June 21 **Keita Bates-Diop '14** was drafted by the Minnesota Timberwolves as the 48th pick in the NBA draft. Bates-Diop also

earned numerous accolades during his tenure at the Ohio State University, including being named the Big Ten Player of the Year in February. The 2017 graduate of Ohio State will use his economics degree as he learns the business and player sides of the NBA.



In the halls of U-High

Members of the U-High **Concert Choir** were invited to perform with Kenny Rogers during his visit to Bloomington as part of his “The Gambler’s Last Deal: Christmas & Hits Tour” in December.

U-High senior **Jordyn Blythe** was honored with a Martin Luther King Jr. Award. Award winners were honored at the annual MLK luncheon at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Normal. Jordyn served as student body president at U-High and is also involved in numerous school activities, as well as a number of community organizations.

The following U-High musicians were chosen to participate in the ILMEA State Music Festival. All State Chorus: **Izzie Jacobsen, Gabriel Pfister**; All State Honors Chorus: **Josh Kuhn, Stephanie Soukup, Catherine Winger**; All State Honors Band: **Jonathan Boudreaux, Veronica Ervin, Jenny Park**; All State Orchestra: **Kirsten Koehler, James Han, Matthew Suh**; All State Honors Orchestra: **Anastasia Ervin**; All State Vocal Jazz Ensemble: **Abby Naden**; and All State Honors Jazz Band: **Stephanie Soukup**.

The **U-High Chess Team** had a 5-2 record at the IHSA State Tournament. The team finished 25th out of 161 teams in the state. Freshman **Joseph Suh** went undefeated with 5.5 points on Board 3 at the tournament. The team also finished third in the Central Illinois Chess League—Central Division with seniors **Tanner Gillam** and **Vishvarath Balasubramanian-Karthikeyan** finishing third and fourth respectively.

The **U-High boys swim and dive team** finished in 17th place in team standings with 17 points at this year’s state swim meet in Evanston. **Colton Stogner** placed sixth in the 50 freestyle and ninth in the 100 freestyle. The 200 medley relay team of **Andy Ritsema, Harrison Fudge, Colton Stogner** and **Anthony Williamson** finished in ninth place.

Olivia Bolles and **Matthew Suh** placed first and second in the **Peoria Symphony Concerto Competition** in February. This competition draws young competitors from throughout the region. Olivia went on to perform the first movement of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto as soloist, accompanied by the Peoria Symphony. The performances were held in April in the Peoria Civic Center auditorium as part of

the symphony’s annual children’s concert.

The **Pioneer Debate Team** had a strong finish at the Illinois Debate Community Novice/Junior Varsity State Debate Tournament. **James Han** and **Shaun Taxali** finished 10th in the Junior Varsity Division of Public Forum Debate. In the Novice Division of Public Forum, **Tyler Livingston** and **Shaurya Taxali** advanced to quarterfinals, where they won their debate in a 3-0 decision. Tyler and Shaurya lost their semifinal debate on a 2-1 decision. They tied for third as a team in the 39-team field.

The **Pioneer Debate Team** wrapped up its season at the IHSA State Debate Tournament held at the University of Illinois at Springfield. The team of **James Han** and **Caroline Pickering** took the sixth seed out of preliminary rounds to qualify for the Octa-Final Round. They won a 3-0 decision to advance to the quarterfinal round before falling in a 2-1 decision. James and Caroline were in the top 8 teams of the 65-team field. James and Caroline also placed in the top 20 speakers in the state.

The **U-High Speech and Debate Teams** advanced 11 students to the National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament. Competing at the largest academic contest in the world this summer in Fort Lauderdale, Florida: **Travis Baird** and **Shaun Taxali** in Public Forum Debate, **Caroline Pickering** and **Lauren Dubravec** in Informative Speaking, **Allie Beam** and **Riley Gilibrand** in Congressional Debate, **Natalie Thomison** in Original Oratory, **Jordyn Blythe** in Dramatic Interpretation, **James Han** in International Extemporaneous Speaking, **Catherine Winger** in Program Oral Interpretation, and **Emma Noraian** in World Schools Debate. **Emma Noraian** was also honored as the Student of the Year for the Greater District of Illinois.

This year’s **Prom Court** included: **Ben Bazan, Chris Cuppini, Caleb Diffor, Alex Keene, Mark Widdel, Jordyn Blythe, Abbey Collins, Ella Gordon, Stephanie Soukup**, and **Cassie Trosino**. The king and queen were Alex Keene and Stephanie Soukup.

Stephanie Chow was selected to participate in the **Electronic Music Production** track in this year’s 2018 Grammy Camp to be held at the Thornton

School of Music (University of Southern California) this summer. Selection was based on auditions by applicants nationwide. Students receive instruction by Grammy-winning and -nominated professionals in an immersive, creative environment with cutting-edge technology in professional facilities.

Jade Fung and **Ressa Crubaugh** finished in second-place at the IHSA Journalism state finals in Yearbook Theme Development.

James Han represented U-High at the **Tournament of Champions in Extemporaneous Speaking** at Northwestern University. James placed second in Impromptu Speaking and advanced to the semifinal round of Extemporaneous Speaking. He placed 10th as a team on his own. James’ performance also qualified him for next year’s Tournament of Champions.

The **girls track and field team** had a successful weekend at the IHSA State meet. Senior **Lauren Seaver** placed ninth in the pole vault and the 4x2 of **Jessica McDowell, Rachel Kullman, Brooklyn Mosley**, and **Carrington Walker** placed ninth; the group also combined to run 4:00.17 in the 4x4 prelim, which broke the school record they set at sectionals. The 4x4 placed fifth in the state finals. U-High had 22 qualifiers—tied for the second most in class 2A.

Graduation was held in May in Braden Auditorium for the class of 2018 and their families. These students were offered over \$16,000,000 in scholarships to continue their education 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** finished in third place at this year’s Class 2A state meet in Evanston. The boys earned the third place trophy with a total of 36 points. **Jared Schuckman** led the Pioneers with victories in the 800 and 1600 meter events. **Matt Zacharias** placed fourth in the 1600. The 3200 relay team of **Zach Wolford, Jackson McClure, Nathan Clay**, and **Harris Porter** earned a first-place finish for the Pioneers.

For the first time in school history, U-High is home to state tennis champions. The **U-High boys tennis team** won not

only the doubles title but also claimed a share of the Class 1A state title, sharing the crown with Chicago University. No. 1 seeds **Josh Friesen** and **Carter Burk** won the doubles title. The team won with a total of 28 points, thanks to all the members who participated in the state tournament. The doubles team of **Thomas Moh** and **Mason Runkel** went 3-2 and made it to the fifth round of consolation play. In singles, **Dorath Chamarthi** went 4-2 reaching the consolation semifinals while **Vishnu Anagani** won his first round match before losing twice.

The **girls softball team** advanced to the Super Sectional for the first time in 14 years.

Thank you for giving!

On Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2017, The Lab Schools were once again pacesetters for the one-day, campus-wide initiative of Giving Tuesday. U- High and Metcalf alumni, friends, and families gave a total of over \$41,000 through 141 gifts. We thank you all for your support, generosity, and commitment to the Lab Schools.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Roy Carlton Breedlove II '88
died 7/3/18

Edwin A. Doran '62
died 4/24/2018

Joanne E. Etherton '55
died 6/25/18

David L. Fuller '56
died 1/24/18

Nancy Sue (Ensign) Gillett '63
died 3/6/2018

Robert D. Goben '49
died 2/5/2018

Peggy J. (Theivagt) Grove '48
died 10/19/2017

Elizabeth Jeanne (Phillips) Halsey '52
ISNU class of '56—BSE English
died 4/25/2018

Maureen (Jones) Harris '47
died 3/2/2018

Patricia (Childers) Kazmier, '60,
ISU class of '64 B.S.
Elementary Education, '69 M.S., Reading
died 7/18/18

Joe Kroll '48
died 8/6/18

Susan C. (Joliff) Leonard '60
ISU class of '64 – B.S. English
died 5/6/2018

Margaret E. Melick '44
died 6/16/18

Marjorie M. (Deak) Moran '53
died 3/15/2018

John R. Newby '69
died 6/14/18

Madeleine Margaret (Lowell) Porter '38
died 3/5/2018

W. Loren Thomson '49
died 4/13/2018

F. Mark Wade '60
died 7/2/18

Susan Dianne (Myers) Wagner '61
died 7/24/2018

Virginia (Bolin) Brintlinger Willey '55
died 5/28/15

Betty Jo (Lawrence) Wilson '44
died 5/5/18

A friend who makes a difference

By Hannah Robertson, junior publicist at JKS Communications



Connie de Veer, '05, is a professor of acting at Illinois State University, where she regularly directs and serves as the voice, text, and dialect coach for School of Theatre and Dance productions. de Veer has developed a unique and varied skill set, driven by her love of people and their growth. She is certified as a teacher of the Alexander Technique, and is a certified professional co-active coach. She received a Robert R. McCormick Foundation award to integrate civic engagement into theatre and theatre training, as well as a Coleman Foundation Faculty Entrepreneurship Fellowship. Her mission is to empower others to create opportunities to share their voices with the world.

This past summer, Connie released *Actor for Life: How to Have An Amazing Career Without All the Drama*. This new title offers fresh, accessible insights and exercises for actors to create lives that support their acting work and that can help sustain healthy and long-lasting careers in theatre, film, and television.

After seeing far too many actors burn out after only a few years of acting experience, de Veer realized the sheer exhaustion facing her former students was something that had to be addressed. Their talent and learned technique were not enough for the stage to be truly made theirs—they needed a new way of thinking that would allow them to handle the rejection, the grueling hours, and other aspects of acting outside of the pure craft.

Instead of providing lessons on acting technique or know-how on the business of “the biz,” *Actor for Life* spreads the positive philosophy that how we think is a powerful engine that either supports or undermines an actor’s success. Emphasizing the need to nourish the mental and emotional needs of actors, de Veer teaches readers how to develop resilience, motivation, and courage. In addition, you will

find inspiring interviews with these 10 award-winning professionals in the book:

- **Deborah Barylski**—casting director, *Arrested Development*
- **Duane Boutté**—*Brother to Brother*
- **Gary Cole**—*Veep*
- **Suzanne Douglas**—*The Parent Hood*
- **Sean Hayes**—*Will & Grace*
- **Judith Ivey**—*Devil’s Advocate*
- **Paul Kampf**—Paul Kampf Studios
- **Linda Lowy**—casting director, *Friday Night Lights, Grey’s Anatomy*
- **Julia Murney**—*Wicked*
- **Jeff Perry**—*Scandal*

“This is a welcomed addition to any bookshelf for a budding young professional in the creative arts.”—Scott Lafeber, professor, head of Musical Theatre, Emerson College

Working actors, acting teachers, students of acting, workshop leaders, and even non-actors can appreciate the clear tutelage and practical advice of this book. *All the world’s a stage, after all*. Visit conniedeveer.com for more information regarding Connie’s book.



**REDBIRDS
RISING**

THE CAMPAIGN FOR
ILLINOIS STATE

George S. Irwin and his family have made an indelible mark on U-High. Thanks to a generous planned gift in the form of a bequest, Irwin, '63, will continue to support excellence at U-High in perpetuity. Irwin was active in many sports at U-High, including golf and swimming. Steve and other family members appreciated and valued the education and opportunities that U-High offered and wanted to provide a lasting legacy that would impact future Pioneers. If you are interested in learning more about how you can support U-High, contact Wilma Bates, director of development for the Lab Schools at 309-438-4304.

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| 1. Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin | 2. Springfield Southeast |
| 3. Springfield | 4. Rochester |
| 5. Springfield Lanphier | 6. Jacksonville |
| 7. Chatham Glenwood | 8. Decatur MacArthur |
| 9. Decatur Eisenhower | 10. U-High |

Average enrollment: 1,096.

U High's first year in the league ended with it placing second in the Central State Eight's all-sports standings. Only Chatham Glenwood finished ahead of the Pioneers and by a slim margin, 157.8 to 155.8.

Points were awarded based on the order of finish in each of the league's 19 sports and the Scholastic Bowl.

"Going into it, I don't know if we knew for sure how we would end up," U High athletic director Wendy Smith said. "Being second in the Central State Eight is pretty impressive for it being the first year of totally new opponents and facilities and schedules and everything else."

Football finished sixth with a 4-5 record. "I felt like football did very well. They did better than a lot of people expected them to do," Smith said. "It (the all-sports standings) is definitely a motivational thing for us this next year."

Due to 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 available for purchase for \$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 over 2,200 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.

Thanks to Lab Schools Interim Superintendent Ty Wolf

On behalf of the U-High Alumni Board and Pioneers everywhere, we would like to thank Interim Superintendent Ty Wolf for his leadership and commitment to the Lab Schools over the past year. We are appreciative of Ty's enthusiasm, tireless work ethic, and dedication to the mission of the Lab Schools and wish him continued success in his next endeavor.

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 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!

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 syllabi, 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 to 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

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NOMINEE'S NAME

GRADUATION YEAR (OR YEARS ATTENDED)

PERSON MAKING THIS NOMINATION

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PHONE

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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
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Or email to
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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, funding priorities, or how your funds will be used, please contact Wilma Bates, director of development for the Lab Schools at (309)438-4304. Please send your donations to Illinois State University Foundation, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000.

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