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Alumni Newsletter

2017 Homecoming was a huge success at University High School

By Lisa Kowalski



From left: Andrew Thomas Golomb '97, Lynn Thomsen '83, Erin McCarney Lunceford '79, Jim Scott, Audrey Brust Naffziger '45

The halls of U-High were decorated, everyone in the school was in green and gold, and University High School's 2017 Homecoming had one of the largest turnouts in the school's history. In addition to many other alumni, the classes of 1957, 1967, and 1972 all gathered that weekend and made this one a Homecoming to remember.

The tailgating Friday afternoon at Horton attracted hundreds of U-High Alumni and friends. That evening, U-High's football team took on the Jacksonvile Crimson, and the Pioneers came out with a victory with a final score of 38-20. Even the Saturday morning tour of University High School, given by Interim Superintendent Ty Wolf and Athletic Director Wendy Smith, attracted around 60 alumni. Our alumni participated in every aspect of Homecoming this year. Thank you all for coming out and celebrating with us!

Additionally, this year's Alumni Awards went to some very prestigious alumni. Jim Scott received the Friends of U-High Award, while Audrey Brust Naffziger '45 received the Alumni Service Award. There were three recipients of the Pioneer Hall

of Fame Award: Andrew Thomas Golomb '97, Erin McCarney Lunceford '79, and Lynn Thomsen '83. This year's Distinguished Alumni Award went to Bardwell F. White '60. Mr. White currently resides in Florida and was unable to attend due to the hurricane that hit Florida at the time of Homecoming. Congratulations to all our 2017 Alumni Award winners. The award recipient biographies are as follows.

Alumni Award Recipients 2017:

Bardwell F. White, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award, graduated from University High School in 1960 and went on to obtain his Bachelor of Arts degree from Parsons College in 1964. White later earned his master's degree in computer science from Southern Illinois University, where he was the first graduate of the computer science program in 1967. He has enjoyed a very successful 50-plus year career in the information technology arena and is currently president (founder) of the Whitecrest IT Consulting Group. Prior to his current role, White was also the chief information officer (CIO) for several worldwide manufacturing companies including Spalding Sports Worldwide,

Pioneer Valley Transit, and Rexam Graphics. In 1995, he was named worldwide CIO of the Year by Bull Inc. To help out in the community, White volunteers his time teaching weekends at a supermax prison and weeknights in four other area prisons. In addition, White also enjoys being a Holocaust researcher and is currently writing a book on some of the unique acts of individual bravery in World War II concentration camps and federal prisons.

Andrew Thomas Golomb, recipient of the Pioneer Hall of Fame Award, graduated in 1997 from University High School and went on to obtain his Bachelor of Science degree in 2001 from Butler University. He later went on to earn his Master of Business Administration from the prestigious University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, where he was named to the Dean's List (Top 15 percent of class). Golomb has advanced quickly in the investments field and is currently a director for Bank of America Merrill Lynch in the Global Principal Investment Area. He also serves on 15 corporate boards including BIDS, Curve Global, TIM Group, Porter Group, Finacity, Business Lenders, and Resort Funding. Golomb impacted his community by founding the Merrill Lynch/Joseph Stockton Chicago Public School Mentoring Program for mentoring third-graders at an inner-city Chicago public school. His efforts led to Merrill Lynch being recognized as an official partner of the Chicago Public School System.

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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.



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.

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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

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 a coordinator listed. The Alumni Board always wants to help alumni. Your U-High Alumni Relations Committee coordinators are:

Tricia Braid	(309) 275-0064	tricia.j.braid@gmail.com
Pete Pontius	(309) 261-3331	pete.pontius@gmail.com
Eric Schlipf	(309) 310-5269	eric.schlipf@gmail.com

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 @ 309.262.7972 or Susan (Howard) Schwaebler @ 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

Contact: Pete Pontius at (309) 261-3331

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

President's letter



Hello! My name is Dana Baker Klauss, class of '91, and I'm honored to be the current president of the University High School Alumni Association Board. After serving on this board for a few years now, I am humbled by all the support and passion the alumni continue to display on many levels. The pride in our school continues to be a common thread for many alumni, as well as for current students.

As a parent now with my own children attending, it's great to see the many traditions being respected and honored and new ones being created. Each student has always had the opportunity to make their time at U-High as original as they are. Of course, these current students stand on the backs of all those who walked the hallowed halls of U-High before them. We are very thankful as an alumni board to have such continuous support and input from our U-High alumni.

Our alumni board remains actively connected to U-High, the Laboratory Schools, and even Illinois State University. The alumni board meets in the newly renovated U-High library each month to hear updates from Principal Markert and the superintendent of the Lab Schools on the status of U-High and the Laboratory Schools. At these monthly meetings, we also receive updates from Wilma Bates, associate director of development at Illinois State University. We discuss Homecoming year-round, including reunions, the pre-game social, and half-time recognitions. The entire board's efforts are apparent when each year our Homecoming is so successful!

We have an amazing awards committee that puts in many hours to review recommendations for the Distinguished Alumni, Hall of Fame, Friends of U-High, and Alumni Service Awards. These awards are presented to recipients on the morning of Homecoming at a ceremony in Stroud Auditorium in front of the entire student body. It's a tough task to select the recipients, considering the number of nominations we receive. The awards committee has difficulty selecting just a few recipients when we have so many talented alumni out in the world doing amazing things.

I want to make sure you stay connected, and if you have an interest, that you know how to get involved. If you have not yet connected with us online, there are updates on the U-High school page (UHigh.IllinoisState.edu) and on the alumni Facebook page (We Are One: U-High Pioneers).

Please let us know how we, as an alumni board, can serve you. Go U!

*Sincerely,
Dana Baker Klauss '91*



Letter from the Interim Superintendent

Wow! What an amazing 2017 U-High Homecoming experience! Alumni turnout was outstanding. I want to thank our Alumni Board, faculty, administration, and everyone who worked so hard to make this a special event. I enjoyed talking with many of you and hearing your favorite stories and learning about the Pioneer lore. Jim Scott's stories from his 40-plus years of teaching/coaching experiences at U-High were remarkable. Alumni award winners, Andrew Thomas Golomb, Erin McCarney Lunceford, and Lynn Thomsen, gave incredibly thoughtful and inspiring addresses to our current U-High students. Touring the U-High building with members of the 1957 and 1967 reunion groups was also a blast. The friendships, camaraderie, and traditions that U-High alumni share are very special. The Pioneer alumni support and dedication to U-High are like no other. I hope you enjoy this edition of *The Pioneer*!

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

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!

Alumni through the decades



The class of 1957 held a 60th reunion over the 2017 Homecoming weekend. Thirty seven classmates were found and responded to the invitation. Eighteen from 8 states were able to attend at least one of the 4 events including a tour of the new U-High and the “Class of 1957” bench outside the east entrance. A new contribution of \$500 was made to the Stroud Auditorium. Those pictured in photo include: **Barbara Ackland Cade, Steve Cade, Donna Burton Bond, Donna Chism Mullenix, Ted Funk, Helen Greer Cox, Norman Hensley, Virginia Keysear Barlow, Gordon Kunz, Judd Lusher, Ted Meridith, Bill Schlosser, Carol Spence Oldowski, Harold Otto, Jack Stuber, David Tapley, Linda Tomlinson Hensley, and Frank Weiting.** Anyone wishing to contact or inquire about members of that class or reunion planning can contact Norm Hensley at nhensley@sprintmail.com.



Fred Knapp, Matt Engelhorn, Tom Engelhorn, and Carl Young—all U-High Class of '79 – celebrated 35 years of brotherhood in 2017. After graduating from U-High, all four went on to Illinois State University and were members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.



Juliet Pritner '81, appeared as a four-star general in the comic book series on Amazon entitled *The Tick*, which was released on August 25, 2017.



Terrence David (TD) Deuel '89 retired from the Army in 2014 and has since found a new passion. He is taking the skills he developed in the military,

his love of soldiers, and his enjoyment of photography to become a conflict photographer. Who better to tell a soldier's story than a former soldier? As his first step in attempting to become known as a photographer, he entered into the LensCulture Street Photography Awards 2017.



Derek Johnson '89 just finished his second season as the Milwaukee Brewers pitching coach, with the Brewers finishing in second place in the National League Central Division with a 86-76 record. Johnson took the time, while in the area visiting relatives over Thanksgiving, to join Jessica York's third-grade Metcalf class for a little reading.



NOAA Corps Capt **Nancy Hann '91** is now the commander of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Aircraft Operations

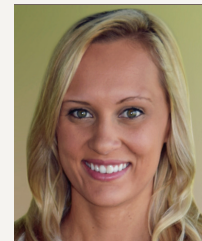
Center. Hann's education, after University High School, included a master's degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, a master's degree in aeronautical science and space studies from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and a bachelor's degree in marine science and biology from the University of San Diego. Additionally, she is a certified diver and has made numerous scientific dives. Previously, Hann has been executive officer at the NOAA Marine Operations Center-Atlantic, associate director at the Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory, and NOAA liaison to the U.S. Pacific Command. She has worked as a

pilot and flight meteorologist on NOAA aircraft, has been a project manager, and served aboard NOAA ships supporting fisheries surveys and oceanographic research.



From left to right: Andrew Hartman, Robert Fitzgerald, Ross Kennedy, and Monica Noraian

Robert Fitzgerald '92 received the Frederick D. Drake History Teacher Alumni Award from Illinois State University at ISU's 2017 Homecoming and Alumni Day. As an Illinois State University Department of History graduate, Fitzgerald received this award for his auspicious academic and professional career. Fitzgerald was the guest on Alumni Day and attended a reception with other distinguished alumni hosted by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a luncheon honoring all university-wide alumni. Fitzgerald was then invited to do a presentation on his experiences as a Fulbright Scholar.



Annie Nord '09 purchased **Dan Milligan's '69** dental practice in September. Milligan opened his practice in 1976. Forty-one years later, the two Pioneers currently work together at the Nord-Milligan Dental Center on Eastland Drive. Nord first met Milligan while she was a student at Illinois Wesleyan job shadowing him as she was considering dentistry as a career. She went on to work for him as an assistant for a summer. “Dr. Milligan had been an invaluable mentor to me before and during my years at dental school. I continue to learn new things from him every day. We share the same ethics and values and for that I feel extremely lucky to have joined his team,” writes Nord. She graduated from Southern Illinois School of Dental Medicine in June, 2017.

In the halls of U-High

A U-High graduate **Sarah LaFayette** was named *The Pantagraph Soccer Player of the Year*. She led the Pioneers to a second-place finish in the Class 1A state tournament and was also the third leading scorer in state history, scoring 178 career goals along with contributing 53 assists.

U-High was well represented at this year's **National Speech and Debate Tournament** in Alabama. **James Han** brought home a **first-place finish 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 semifinalists. The Pioneers were represented by a record 16 students who attended the tournament, which involved more than 1,100 schools.

The **National Speech and Debate Association** 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 1 percent of all student-members across the country.

In July, students from U-High and the area competed in the **Annual National NAACP ACT-SO** Competition in Baltimore. They competed along with 700 talented youth from across the U.S. U-High senior **Jordyn Blythe** brought home a **gold medal in oratory speaking**.

Faculty Associate **Shannon Maney-Magnuson** was recognized by the Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a recipient of the **2017 Yale Educator Award**. The Yale Educator Recognition Program recognizes outstanding educators from around the world who support and inspire their students to perform at high levels and to achieve excellence. Of this year's 411 nominees, representing 42 U.S. states and 24 countries, 58 teachers and 30 counselors were selected to receive the award. Matriculating students are invited to nominate high school educators, and a committee of Yale admissions officers reviews each nomination individually and designates recipients.

Ten U-High students were named **Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program**.

These scholastically talented seniors are among about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The Commended Students were: **Vishvarath Balasubramanian-Karthikeyan, Lauren Dubravec, Joshua Friesen, Tanner Gillam, Rohan Kamatar, Alexander Keene, Joshua Lewis, Daniel Ray, Anna Tulley, and Montgomery Winslow**.

The following students were named to this year's Homecoming Court: **Jordyn Blythe, Molly Day, Elyse Schoenig, Kimmy Sendelbach, Lexus Tennison, Cassie Trosino, Chris Cuppini, Doug Holmes, Josh Kuhn, Kee Randolph, Mark Widdel, and Ty Ziebarth**. At Homecoming, Kuhn and Blythe were crowned King and Queen.

The **U-High boys golf team** finished in **third place at the Class 2A state golf tournament** held at Weibring Golf Club. The team was led by Dallas Koth who shot a 141 total and finished in second place individually. The other Pioneers on the course finished as follows: **Ethan Huynh (156); Brevin Knight (159); Alex Kullman (159); Tony Palumbo (164); and Ben Bazan (171)**.

The **U-High girls golf team** finished this year's **Class 2A girls state golf tournament in 10th place**. The tournament was held in Forsyth at Hickory Point Golf Course. **Maddison Murphy** led the Pioneers and posted a 7-over par 79 on the second day of the tournament. Overall scores were as follows: **Lexi Onsrud (166); Jady Spinks (166); Jaiden Mapugay (172); Olivia Graham (180); and Abby Klein (199)**.

Boys soccer coach **Jeremy Stanton** was selected to receive the **2016-2017 NFHS Soccer Coach of the Year Award**. The selection to receive this prestigious honor is based on the positive work Coach Stanton has done with the athletes in our program. IHSA Sports administrative staff selected a coach from each of their sports

and submitted Coach Stanton's name to the National Federation of State High School Associations, which sponsors the award. Coach Stanton and his staff lead a successful soccer program having won numerous regional, sectional, and super-sectional victories, along with winning the state championship last year.

U-High had four players in this year's state tennis tournament. **Abby Totten** made it through the consolation third round. She ended the season with a 32-8 record. **Amaya Fernandes** lost in the consolation third round with a 34-8 record. The doubles team of **Grace Matheis and Anna Huber** made it to the consolation quarterfinals. They went 3-2 in the tournament and 35-9 overall. U-High ended the tournament with 12 points to tie for seventh place.

Wendy's recently recognized **Jared Schuckman** as a state finalist and the school winner of the High School Heisman Award. This award goes to a high character student-athlete who has displayed excellence and integrity both on and off the field. For this student, taking the easy way out or cutting corners aren't options, and Wendy's is proud to honor their dedication. Like the Heisman Memorial Trophy, Wendy's believes in the pursuit of athletic and academic excellence with integrity. Since 1994, Wendy's and the Heisman Trophy Trust have been running the same play to perfection: honoring more than 600,000 of the nation's most esteemed students. The Wendy's High School Heisman was created by Wendy's founder Dave Thomas in 1994.

Stephanie Chow was selected for the **2017 Eastern Illinois University Honors Jazz Combo** after auditioning amongst a record number of talented high school musicians across the state. She performed with the EIU Honors Jazz Combo in a concert in November at the EIU Black Box Theatre.

Lisa Tabaka, U-High's vision-impaired faculty associate, was awarded the **Teaching Excellence Award by the National Federation of the Blind of Illinois**. She received her award at the group's annual convention in October. Tabaka is a graduate of Illinois State University, and she has taught visually impaired students at all grade levels during her 10 years with the Lab Schools. She has

a strong commitment to her students and their success. She is also a great mentor to other college students following her example as they work with the visually impaired.

The following U-High musicians were chosen to participate in the 2017 Illinois Music Educators Association District Jazz Festival. **Jazz Band: Stephanie Chow, Lila Rolon, Tom Scott, Bennett Sinclair, and Daniel Winger. Jazz Choir: Jonathan Boudreaux, Josh Kuhn, Abby Naden, Gabe Pfister, and Daniel Ray.** The festival was held in November and concluded with a concert at Olivet Nazarene University.

U-High cross country represented U-High well at the state meet at Peoria's Detweiller Park. The boys team finished in second place. The team was led by **Jared Schuckman** who finished in eighth place

individually. **Lyndsey Wolters**, the lone female runner for U-High, finished in an impressive sixth place. Jared was joined by fellow teammates **Jackson McClure (27th), Matt Zacharias (36th), Dane Alexander (51st), Harris Porter (55th), Sean Supan (90th), and Tanner Gillam (124th).**

The **U-High volleyball team** captured **third place at the Class 3A state tournament** this year. The team lost to Althoff Catholic in the opening round but came back and beat St. Viator 25-21, 19-25, 25-19. This was the sixth state trophy in school history and the first since 2000. **Jessica McDowell** had 12 digs, and **Amber Juarez** had 11 digs. **Isabel Schaeffbauer** had 11 kills, 14 assists, and 8 digs. **Addy Loeffler** had 11 kills, and **Alexis Engst** contributed 17 assists.

Kee Randolph was crowned 2017 Mr.

U-High. He and other 11 contestants helped members of the Student Senate and U-Build Club bring in over \$4,200 for the construction of a home in Haiti.

Just before Thanksgiving, the **U-High girls swim and dive team** participated in the state meet. U-High's **Dana Siverly** finished in fourth place in diving with 418.25 points! She placed the highest ever by an area diver. Overall, the team tied for 26th place out of 42 teams participating.

Nathan Clay of the **U-High boys soccer team** was selected for **All-State Honors by the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association.** Receiving all-sectional recognition were U-High's **JD Kelley, Christian Lopez, and Cayden Redd.** The student-athletes were honored at a banquet in November in Elmhurst.

The Washington Post released its 2017 rankings of America's Most Challenging High Schools. Out of 22,000 high schools, U-High was ranked 1,546th, making it among the top 7 percent in the nation. The rankings take into account the number of college-level tests given at school the previous year divided by the number of graduates.

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

Stephanie Ann White Baker '62
died 11/25/17

Bruce W. Brown '68
died 9/21/17

Harriett Miriam Cleveland Brown '49
died 5/1/17

Joreece G. Johnston Crumbaugh '38
died 8/26/17

Robert R. Goff '40
died 8/17/17

Marcia J. Kinder Geer '48
died 12/24/17

Suzanne Thoennes Kaufman '74
died 10/2/17

Kenneth Allen Keighn '45
died 1/8/18

Michael L. Legg '65
died 10/4/17

Karen S. Lusher '84
died 12/30/17

Michael Macesich,
chemistry teacher and coach
died 12/19/17

Charles V. Mattoon '47
died 1/3/18

Lyle McCormick '66
died 9/27/17

Richard M. Metcalf '44
died 9/2/17

Larry R. Olson '73
died 10/13/17

Terry Lee Peyton '67
died 7/23/17

Jon E. Robbins '87
died 11/16/17

Harriett Gale (Brown) Salzman,
journalism teacher
died 9/1/17

Tom W. Wachob, Jr. '40
died 8/6/17

A. Richard Williams '32
died 5/27/16

New alumni award wall at U-High

By Lisa Kowalski



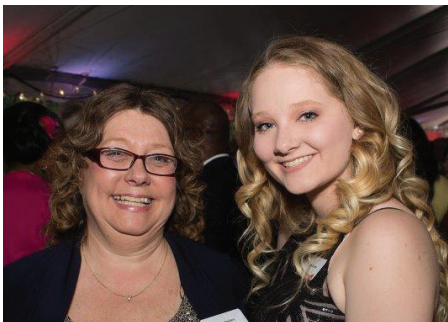
After many months of planning, the Alumni Award Wall was completed in September, just in time for Homecoming 2017.

The morning of the Alumni Awards Ceremony, Ty Wolf, interim superintendent, revealed the new wall to the 2017 Alumni

Award recipients and their guests. This new wall has a compilation of University High School's history, including mascots, logos, and a timeline. In addition, University High School now has a fully interactive kiosk on the wall designed to highlight all of the U-High Award winners throughout the years. This kiosk has a touchscreen, and students or visitors can see who has won a variety of awards since the University High School Alumni Association began bestowing the awards back in 1982. These awards include: Distinguished Alumni Award, Pioneer Hall of Fame Award, Alumni Service Award, Friends of U-High Award, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and Posthumous Award.

A friend who makes a difference

By Wilma Bates



"I have a gift I'd like to make to the Lab Schools." I am often greeted with those words when I meet with friends of U-High, families of U-High or Metcalf students, or alumni of the Lab Schools. From that opening statement, I listen to what the donor would like to do and how they would like to impact or transform U-High or Metcalf. I share with the donor areas of need, which could include scholarships, facility updates, or they can make a gift as unrestricted funds that allows Lab School administrators to use the funds where they are most needed.

Such was the conversation with a friend of the Lab Schools, Stacey Houston. Stacey has three daughters. Her oldest Makenzie graduated from U-High in 2015 and currently attends ISU. Her middle daughter Emily attends U-High, and her youngest, Hannah, is a student at Metcalf. At the end of our first meeting, it was clear that Stacey and her family wanted to make a gift that could transform and impact many areas within both schools. After additional meetings, we were able to finalize a gift of \$250,000 from the Houston-Arbogast Family Trust that was divided between U-High and Metcalf. Stacey and her family believe in the mission of the Lab Schools and feel extremely fortunate that her girls have been able to experience everything that the Lab Schools have to offer. Stacey's girls have been involved in the fine arts programs, including plays, musicals, theater, and many other activities. They have been able to explore, grow, and discover their passions because the Lab Schools have offered them so many opportunities. With

their generous gift, a fine arts scholarship has been established at U-High, and a leadership gift has been earmarked for the air conditioning fund at U-High. Another portion of their gift was used toward the Hayden renovation project at Metcalf. Their gift has impacted three important areas of the Lab Schools: scholarship, facilities, and unrestricted funds. The commitment and generosity shown by the Houston family will have a lasting impact on the Lab School community for many, many years to come. Stacey commented: "It is a wonderful feeling to give to the schools and knowing that our gift will help students and administrators continue their meaningful and impactful work."

To learn more about giving to U-High or Metcalf visit Giving.IllinoisState.edu, or contact Wilma Bates at wbrates@IllinoisState.edu.

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.



Keeping U cool!

By Lisa Kowalski

In traditional U-High Alumni fashion, we have had a great amount of support for the University High School gymnasium air conditioning project. We are getting closer to our goal, but we still ask that you consider contributing to this cause. 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. 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. Please specify in notes that you want to donate to the U-High A/C fund. Or please feel free to contact Wilma Bates, director of development at (309) 438-4304.

Ruth Farnham Kapes '34—101 years young!

By Wilma Bates

For many U-High alums, newsworthy events during four years of high school may include Presidential elections, the winner of the World Series or the Super Bowl, popular movies, or music. Many of these events may or may not become true historical reference points that remain in our collective memory. For one U-High alum, her four years at U-High were filled with events that we can all agree were truly historic. Franklin D. Roosevelt was President of the United States and gave the very first televised speech. Alcatraz opened in 1934, a gallon of gas was \$0.10, and the Golden Gate Bridge construction began in 1933. All of these events happened during the time period of 1931–1934 when Ruth (Farnham) Kapes was a student at U-High, graduating in 1934. For those of you doing the math, yes, Ruth is 101 years young! As far as I can tell, she is our oldest U-High alum.

I had the honor and privilege of recently meeting with Ruth, who still resides in Illinois. I was able to show her the yearbooks from her time at U-High, and she fondly recalled many friends, events, and activities as if they were yesterday. She and her siblings attended Metcalf and U-High from K-12th grade and were friends with students in the Mercier and Fairchild families—names closely associated with U-



Ruth Kapes

High and ISU. Ruth confirmed firsthand that most students were afraid of Thomas “Ziggy” Barger, grandfather of U-High alums Carter ('61) and Thomas Barger III ('58). She also recalled that Ruth Stroud, as a new teacher, was a stickler for making sure all students used proper grammar and English. Much like today, Ruth and her classmates were involved in many activities and sports, including Orchesis, Glee Club, Thalian (girl's debate club) and the drama club, Tic, Toc. All U-High classes were held on the main campus of ISNU with dances held in Cook Hall, known then and now as “The Castle.”

U-High faculty consisted of 12 teachers, and the concept of the “Home Room System” was introduced as an experiment

Ruth's senior year of 1934. There were 56 seniors in 1934, and Ruth kept in touch with many of her classmates over the years. All students went home for lunch, as there was no lunchroom, and the school day was from 8 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. When I shared with Ruth how many applications U-High receives each year for admission, she laughed at that notion. When she and her siblings were students in the Lab Schools, some families made the decision not to send their children there as some parents were not so confident in the abilities of the student teachers and newly hired teachers. Ruth graduated from college and raised her family in the Chicago suburbs but maintained many relationships with friends who lived in the Bloomington/Normal area.

Ruth and her sister Joan (class of '42), who lives in California, have followed U-High through the years by reading *The Pioneer*. She enjoys reading about the successes of our students and how prepared our students are when they graduate from U-High. Ruth is a proud Pioneer and supports U-High through annual gifts and recently shared her generosity through a gift toward our air conditioning fund for the gym. Ruth is a special alum in so many ways, and she is extremely proud to say she is from U-High, and it has truly upheld her through the years.

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.

2017 Homecoming was a Huge Success,
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Erin (McCarney) Lunceford, recipient of the Pioneer Hall of Fame Award, graduated in 1979 from University High School. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, cum laude, from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1983. Lunceford later went on to earn her juris doctor at the University of Houston in 1988. She has enjoyed a very successful career in both the legal and judicial fields for over 25 years and is currently practicing law as counsel for Norton Rose Fulbright. In 2015, Lunceford was appointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to become Judge of the 61st Civil District Court in Harris County, Texas. In addition, she was recognized as one of the Top Attorneys in Texas by Texas Monthly for 2011-2015 and selected as a Texas Super Lawyer from 2008-2015. In 2011, Lunceford was also selected as one of 20 Winning Women Lawyers in Texas. Lunceford has impacted her community through her service as a PTO president, San Jacinto Girl Scouts service unit manager and troop leader, and as a Sunday school teacher.

Lynn Thomsen, recipient of the Pioneer Hall of Fame Award, graduated from University High School in 1983. After high school, he attended Augustana College,

where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1987. At Augustana, Thomsen excelled as a leader on the football field. He set a record that no one else in college football has ever matched, as he started 50 games and was never on the losing side (ending with a record of 49-0-1). Thomsen played defensive tackle and helped win four straight national title championships in NCAA Division III Football from 1983-1986. He was named an All-American in his division in 1985 and 1986, was named Defensive Player of the Year in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin in 1986, and was a three-time all-conference choice. One of Thomsen's proudest achievements was being inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1997. He currently works as an underwriting operations manager at State Farm and has provided community service by chairing four United Way Campaigns in Illinois and Florida.

Audrey (Brust) Naffziger, recipient of the Alumni Service Award, graduated in 1945 from University High School. She was the very first Homecoming Queen crowned at U-High. Naffziger has been an active member of the University High School Alumni Association Board and a proud participant and supporter of the U-High Boost-

ers Program. In addition, she has made numerous contributions to the U-High Library. Naffziger was also a home economics teacher at Metcalf from 1972 through 1982, until she retired. At Metcalf, she created the school lunch program and ran the cafeteria. In addition, Naffziger donated the butterfly garden and numerous items for playground structures at Metcalf and has spent many hours maintaining the garden.

Jim Scott, recipient of the Friends of U-High Award, became a member of the University High School family in 1957 when he was first hired as a teacher and coach. During his tenure at U-High, Scott had many great accomplishments. He started the health program at U-High and taught those classes until he retired. Scott also started the girls swim program and the boys and girls golf programs. He also served as head baseball coach at U-High for over 40 years. Scott was elected as a state representative for the Illinois High School Baseball Association during his baseball coaching years. He has also found time to give back to the community over the years by serving on several community organization groups, such as the Optimist Club and the Sister Cities Program.

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 to the U-High office or library. The Illinois State University archivist will be documenting and storing submitted items.

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U-High Alumni Association Awards nomination form

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

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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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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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