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Alumni Newsletter

Lane Howard: film industry dream becomes realty for this alum

By Dave Martin



Lane Howard with a furry co-worker.

Have you seen any of Hollywood's movie blockbusters lately? 1989 alumni Lane Howard is a part of the exciting movie industry. This talented Pioneer works for Industrial Light & Magic (ILM) in Vancouver, Canada. ILM was founded in 1977 by George Lucas as the visual effects studio to help create *Star Wars*. His current role at ILM is managing teams of visual effects artists. His most recent works include *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*, *Aquaman*, and currently *Captain Marvel*.

"I grew up on a steady diet of comic books, cartoons, art, and movies," he said. "My parents always encouraged and supported my passion for art, animation,

and film. While I was incredibly fortunate to have this kind of support, the film and animation industry seemed so far away, almost mythological.

"A pivotal moment for me was seeing *Star Wars* at a drive-in theater as a child. Enamored with the adventure and storytelling, my perspective on movies and what they could be was altered forever which would inspire me to this day."

The liberal arts and university-preparatory approach at U-High afforded Howard the freedom to explore different interests and passions and certainly opened his mind to different potential career possibilities. He focused heavily in art, taking AP art courses and assembling

a portfolio for entry into an art and design college program. Although he didn't pursue art in college, this passion certainly influenced Howard in film and visual effects. He graduated from Illinois State University with a B.S. in anthropology, with a focus in archaeology. After moving to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, he studied visual effects and animation at Vancouver Film School. Living in Vancouver and realizing that there was a viable film industry, Howard's dream that seemed so distant came full circle into a realistic goal to pursue. After graduation he went on to work at Zoic Studios in visual effects for television and smaller feature films. Howard enjoys living and working in Vancouver.

"In Vancouver and British Columbia, I'm incredibly fortunate to have access to the city and the mountains and ocean, which gives me the opportunity to ski in the winter and experience the ocean and explore the mountains in the summer," he said.

"The friendships that I forged at U-High still carry on today. Those friendships continue to inspire, encourage, and support me as they have through my teenage years and adult life," he said. "It's a privileged position to be in to be able to 'follow your passion.' So, if you are afforded that option, don't squander it. The road toward work that you're passionate about is rarely smooth or direct. Keep your goal in sight, take advantage of opportunities when you find them, and be kind to people along the way."



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Save the Date!

HOMECOMING Social

2019

FRIDAY

-October 11-

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
Accessible parking at F82 adjacent to Horton Field House

Open to ALL U-High alumni and their families!

Varsity Football
Kickoff against
Glenwood High
School at 7 p.m.

Opportunity to
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U-High reunions Please check the U-High website for updates for the latest Reunion Plans! UHigh.IllinoisState.edu

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 1969

50- YEAR REUNION

The class of 1969 will have a 50-year reunion on Homecoming weekend, October 11-13, 2019. Please watch your snail mail for a save the date card. If you do not receive one within a month, please email Karen Mercier Crusius karenlcrusius@gmail.com or Robin Schaab Gould rkould@IllinoisState.edu to update your address. Hope everyone will join us for a fun weekend of catching up and reminiscing.

Class of 1974

45TH REUNION SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY JUNE 22

Additional details will be shared directly with the class members we have been able to find.

If you have not been contacted and are a member of the class of 1974, please contact Kris Miller (Kristine Fulton) at kmcfulton87@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 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:

Pete Pontius	(309) 261-3331	pete.pontius@gmail.com
Eric Schlipf	(309) 310-5269	eric.schlipf@gmail.com



Think about a gift to the Alumni Association. We are raising funds to cover the costs of the Homecoming activities. Homecoming is all about food, fellowship and fun, and connecting with other alumni and friends of U-High!



Make your class reunion a reality and step up to get the ball rolling 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!

I hope your 2019 is off to a wonderful start. As the school year winds itself down with the class of 2019 ready to spread its wings, we will have a whole new group of alumni taking flight! We also will have a new group of incoming freshmen attending its first Class Night in May and getting ready to walk the hallowed halls of U-High in the fall. Did you know that approximately 1,000 prospective students attend the U-High open house in January each year? That is impressive! Our school still has so much to offer and is so well represented by the many clubs, groups, athletic teams, chorus and band, theater, and so much more. So proud to be a Pioneer!

While it has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Alumni Board president these last few years, I am happy to hand over the reins to incoming president, Marc Leonard, class of '90. Our Alumni Board continues to serve the school and remain active on a monthly basis. If you would like to be a part of this amazing group, please join us at a monthly meeting to see what it is all about. We currently have open positions for awards chair, vice president, and website coordinator (this can be done remotely). Our meetings

are once a month and last no longer than an hour. We would love to have you join us!

Please mark your calendar for the Homecoming date this year of Friday, October 11. Join other alumni prior to the game at the pre-game meal and social, then hit the game after to cheer on the Pioneers. We hope to see you there!

Dana Baker Klauss '91
UHSAA President

Making a difference

By Wilma Bates

Bjarne Ullsvik '56 has made a permanent mark on U-High. Thanks to generous gifts to his beloved alma mater, Ullsvik has ensured that students will have the opportunity to continue their education beyond the walls of U-High. When Ullsvik was at U-High, many of his classmates were students who lived in the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Children's School (ISSCS). He witnessed firsthand the incredible support provided by U-High and the true sense of community that was felt by all students, no matter where they came from. Ullsvik was moved to establish a scholarship that will provide financial support for college to students who have been or currently are in foster care or were raised in the home of a single parent. Ullsvik appreciated the opportunities, education and experiences that U-High offered and prepared him for upon leaving high school. His lasting legacy will ensure Pioneers continue to be prepared to face whatever the future may hold. We appreciate Ullsvik's support and commitment to U-High. 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 or wbates@IllinoisState.edu.



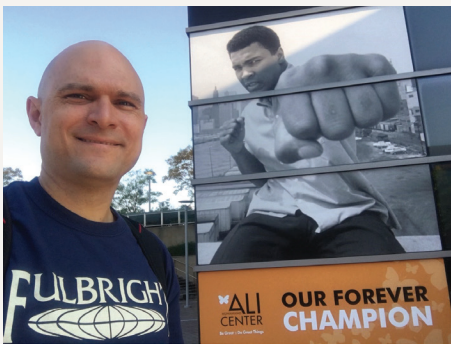
Alumni through the decades



Darcy Drexler '77 is beginning her 22nd year as director of the String Academy of Wisconsin. She also leads the master of music in string pedagogy degree program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Former violin students are now teaching and performing in symphony orchestras throughout the United States.

Last May, Drexler presented at the 2018 American String Teachers Association national conference in Atlanta. In recent years, she has taught masterclasses and given violin teacher-training workshops throughout the U.S., Brazil, and China.

Each summer, she directs the SAW/ UWM "Teaching the Violin to Children" workshop. This past July, participants from the U.S., Canada, and Germany attended the four-day event.



Since returning from his Fulbright in London, U-High Social Science teacher **Bob Fitzgerald '92** is a partner with the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Kentucky, where he is brought in by the Educational Services Department to provide professional development to teachers from Jefferson County Public Schools.

This fall marks his third trip to the center where he will attend the annual Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Awards Dinner and work with teachers again on how they can use the Six Core Principles outlined by Muhammad Ali during his life in their classrooms.



U High Class of 1958, 60th Reunion

September 29, 2018, Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Normal

Seated, from left: Donna Raydon King, Becky Brown Aulenbacher, Dodi Heiden, Cathy White Rhoda, Janet Hayslip Streenz, Barbara Carroll, Barbara Messman Bennett. *Women standing, from left:* Jan Soyez, Dianne Schnitzer Biddle. *Men standing, from left:* Jim Stahly, Charles Dunn, John Butler, Bob Kohler, Tom Barger, Hank Hegener, Burles Bennett, David Morgenstern, Dan Riddle



Matt Hartman '82, Matt Stuckel '82, Mark Muenchow '82, Kathy Coyle Murdoch '81, Kurt Wolter '82, Roger Bayston '82

Awards Assembly 2018

Monica Hesse told of her life adventures with an incredibly versatile prom dress to students at the Awards Assembly. She has proudly worn this prom dress on multiple extravagant occasions, including to the Kennedy Center Honors, a White House Correspondents Dinner, and the Academy Awards. It has never gone out of style! Here, Hesse passes on her memorable U-High prom dress to current student, Alanna Liu.



Monica Hesse and current student Alanna Liu



Fred Mittlestaedt '76, Monica Hesse '99, Kent Taulbee '68, David Little '85

In the halls of U-High

The **U-High Speech and Debate Team** traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in June for the National Tournament. The team's performance was the most successful team result in Pioneer history. U-High was named a School of Excellence by placing in the Top 20 out of more than 1,300 participating schools. James Han finished in third place in International Extemporaneous Speaking. Adding to the team result was Catherine Winger in fourth place and Natalie Thomison as a semifinalist in Expository Speaking, Jordyn Blythe as a semifinalist in Dramatic Interpretation, and Lauren Dubravec who made it to the Top 30 in Informative Speaking.

The Marching Pioneers took first place in Class 1A at the ISU State of Illinois Invitational and competed in the evening finals competition for the first time in school history, taking 13th out of the 15 finalist bands. The Marching Pioneers also took second in Class 3A and second overall in the small schools division at the Illinois Marching Band Championships at the University of Illinois in the afternoon between the ISU prelims and finals performances. The Marching Pioneers ended the season by competing alongside some of the best bands in the nation at the Bands of America St. Louis Super Regional at the Dome at America's Center. The band earned first place in Class 1A sweeping all caption awards, including Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance, and

Outstanding General Effect.

The **U-High girls tennis team** brought home trophies from the 47th annual girls state tennis tournament in Class 1A. McKenna Schaeftbauer remained undefeated and became the third intercity girls player to win the singles title. She led the team to a third-place finish with 18 points. Abby Totten went 28-6 after an 8-1 consolation fourth-round loss and 3-2 in the tournament.

The following **U-High musicians** were selected by audition for the ILMEA District III Jazz Ensembles. These students participated in the District Jazz Festival in November at Olivet Nazarene University, which concluded with a concert at ONU. Vocal Jazz Ensemble: Izzie Jacobsen, Ellie Landes, Abby Naden, Gabriel Pfister, Dalton Spalding, and Cole Zimmerman. Jazz Band I: Stephanie Chow, Tom Scott, Bennett Sinclair, and Daniel Winger. Jazz Band II: Joseph Dubravec and Kaitlyn Hall. Jazz Band III: Nick King and Caleb Shim.

The **U-High girls cross country team** finished in fourth place at the state meet in Peoria. The team finished with 221 points in Class 2A. Ella Bittner led the team finishing in 11th place and also earned All-State honors. She was joined by Mackie Madix in 30th, Lizzy Zacharias in 75th, Britany Ziemer in 86th, and Kendy Ummel in 93rd.

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In November, 16 senior boys participated in the annual **Mr. U-High Contest** co-coordinated by the Student Senate and the U-Build Club. The event raised over \$6,000 to help build a home in Haiti during spring break 2020. This year's winner was Adam Schofield.

Stephanie Chow was selected to play guitar for the 2018 NAFME All National Honor Jazz Ensemble. Talented music students from across the country who were All-State members were eligible to audition. She joined the "best of the best" to perform in a concert at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando in November.



Gayln Biddle: Pioneer super fan

by Wendy Smith

If you have attended U-High sporting events over the last couple of decades, you have had the opportunity to enjoy numerous volleyball, football, and boys and girls basketball games with two of the Pioneers' most loyal and dedicated fans—Gayln Biddle and his wife, Florence. The Biddles have been constant fixtures on the top row of the bleachers behind the U-High bench for years.

Now Gayln will be sitting a little higher up as he continues to watch over the players and coaches he loved so much. Mr. Biddle passed away on Friday, September 7 at the age of 86.

A Melody For All Time

By Wilma Bates



Clarise (Parker) Jefferson, class of 1947, won a contest that past, present, and future Pioneers continue to benefit from. Entering a contest to adopt a school hymn, Clarise, along with other students, submitted their best work to a committee made up of music teachers and administrators. The students voted on their favorite melody and Clarise's submission was selected.

While Clarise graduated in 1947, the U-High School Hymn was first sung in 1948, and the lyrics were published in the 1948 Clarion. Generations of Pioneers have sung this beautiful song at countless events and school assemblies. Though written 72 years ago, the lyrics continue to move and inspire Pioneers and invoke memories of a special time in their lives. U-High chorus members were able to visit with Clarise during the summer of 2018 and play a recording of her song performed by the U-High choir. Clarise immensely enjoyed the visit and hearing the school

hymn. It was a truly special experience for our Pioneers and Clarise.

Clarise, an active member of the Bloomington/Normal community all her life, passed away December 3, 2018. She will be missed, but Pioneers will forever be reminded of her creativity and love for U-High.

If you'd like to hear the performance, please visit the U-High website, click on the Alumni tab, and select the link for U-High Hymn.

U-High Alma Mater

*Proudly hail our Alma Mater.
To her e'er be true.
Sing her praise in mighty chorus,
laud and glory too.
Cheer the team.
Support its standards.
Back the Pioneers.
Gladly say that you're from U-High.
Uphold her through the years.*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Margaret Mary (Freed) Abbott '55
died 9/23/2018

Marcia A. (Meeker) Adams '56
died 8/22/2018

Carol Verlin (Andy) Anderson '56
died 9/15/2018

Richard Alan Armstrong '65
died 10/2/2018

Donna Kay "Dodi" (Heiden) Conser '58
died 12/14/2018

Margaret Louise (Stover) Dady '37
ISU Class of 1941-BSE Secondary
Education
died 02/13/2019

Gary M. Davis Jr. '82
died 01/10/2019

Margery (Foster) Desnoyers '49
died 01/23/2019

Richard E. DePung '38
died 03/27/2016

Stephen Neal Doran '75
died 12/3/2018

Egerton Montgomery Dover II '16
died 12/5/2018

Leta Elvira (Krueger) Hamm '52
ISU Class of 1976-BS History
died 02/06/2019

Nancy Lou (Struck) Houser '55
died 02/23/2019

Robert A. Humenick '62
died 12/15/2018

Ernstas Kazymeras Jurgelas '61
died 9/12/2018

Ruth Farnham Kapes '34
died 02/05/2019

Nancy L. (Razor) Kessler '65
died 11/22/2018

Patricia (Schuth) Martz '59
died 8/9/2018

M. Duane Miller '75
ISU class of '81-B.S.
ACS-Commercial Applications
died 8/15/2018

James Richard Neal '69
died 10/27/2018

Gaylord Eugene Parsons '47
died 02/06/2019

Arthur Allen Punke '69
died 10/22/2018

Krista Ritter-Bugenhagen '96
died 12/13/2018

Mary Ellen Seagraves '56
died 8/24/2018

John D. Scouller III '57
ISU class of '65-
B.S. Industrial Technology
ISU class of '66-
M.S. School Psychology
died 6/18/2015

Joyce (Mauney) Solomon '45
died 12/31/2018

Stephen Dwayne Vandegraft '76
died 11/1/2018

Deborah Jean (Bier) Wieting '73
ISU class of '77-B.S. Business
Administration
died 11/19/2018

Daniel J. Wilkins '69
died 11/25/2018

2018 Pioneer Hall of Fame



MONICA L. HESSE '99

The University High School Alumni Association honors Monica L. Hesse, class of 1999, as a 2018 Hall of Fame

Alumni Award Recipient for her contributions to her profession and civic service.

Hesse participated in a variety of school activities and earned numerous distinctions at U-High: National Honor Society, International Thespian Society, Student Senate Officer, Brome and Beyond Editor, Varsity Swim Team, and Madrigals.

After graduation, she attended Bryn Mawr College, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, Summa Cum Laude, in 2003. During her time at Bryn Mawr, she also earned the Andrew Keen Journalism Award and the Harris Wofford Fellow. Hesse later went on to earn her master's degree in nonfiction writing, as an Outstanding Graduate, from Johns Hopkins University in 2008.

Hesse prides herself on hard work and dedication and has accomplished a great deal throughout her young career. She is currently a columnist at *The Washington Post*. In this role, Hesse has written narrative stories on topics from gender and class to politics and popular culture. In addition, she has covered events ranging from White House State Dinners and political campaigns to the Academy Awards. Hesse is also an accomplished author, and has written five books, two of which were National Best Sellers—*Girl in the Blue Coat* and *American Fire*.

Along her career path as a columnist and author, Hesse has earned numerous professional awards and distinctions:

- Edgar Award, Best Young Adult Mystery
- Society of Feature Journalists, Best Narrative Storytelling
- Washington Post Publishers Award
- James Beard Award, Finalist
- Livingston Award, Finalist
- Society of Feature Journalists, Best General Feature, Finalist
- GLAAD Media Award, Finalist
- Indies Choice Award for Best Young Adult Fiction, Finalist
- Top Book of the Year: *New York Times*,

NPR, *Entertainment Weekly*

In her free time, Hesse enjoys spending time with her husband, Robert. Hesse has also demonstrated great leadership and service in her community by regularly speaking at schools and libraries to encourage others to pursue their interest in the field of writing and journalism.

“Participating in U-High theater gave me, a naturally shy person, the confidence to talk to lots of people, which I use daily in my job as a journalist at *The Washington Post*. My love of writing—I’m the author of five books—was honed in my U-High English classes.”—Monica L. Hesse



DAVID LITTLE '85

The University High School Alumni Association honors David Little, class of 1985, as a 2018 Hall of Fame Alumni Award

Recipient for his contributions to his profession, athletic career, and civic service.

Little was raised the son of a prominent local veterinary family in Bloomington/Normal, born to Bruce and Nancy Little. Following in the footsteps of his sister, Libby, and brother, Tom, he attended Metcalf Elementary and University High Schools from K-12.

At U-High, Little's passion became athletics, where he earned nine varsity letters in total: track (4); football (3); and basketball (2). Little stood out in football, earning All-City and All-Conference honors beginning his sophomore year. In addition, he received WJBC Player of the Week recognition and was voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates and coaches in his senior season. One of his biggest accomplishments that year was being recognized with the Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete award.

After high school, Little first attended Iowa State University, where he played one year of varsity football. He then transferred to Indiana University (IU), where he played four years under College Hall of Fame coach Bill Mallory. During his time at IU, the Hoosiers were invited to three post-season bowl games: the All-American Bowl vs. Florida State University (1986); the Peach Bowl vs. University of Tennessee (1987); and the Liberty Bowl vs. South Carolina (1988). During the 1988 season,

the Hoosiers climbed the national rankings to No. 2 but were defeated by Michigan State University for the Big 10 championship, thus ending their hope for a Rose Bowl bid. During his time at IU, Little was named to the IU Athletic/Academic Honor Roll eight out of eight semesters and received a degree in sports marketing and management.

After college, Little moved to Honolulu and married Stacey Archer in December 1990. While in Honolulu, Little helped build a successful construction and landscaping business with his brother-in-law, and together with his choreographer/dancer wife, also created a not-for-profit organization that brought low-cost dance programs to remote areas of Oahu. In addition, they also provided dance programs to low-income housing funded through the Hawaii “DARE” initiative. Over the course of the next nine years in Hawaii, the Littles welcomed their three children to the world: Trey, Haley, and Travis.

In 1999, Little and his family made a trip to Bolingbrook, where he took a position with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) as director of conventions and meetings. In this position, he assisted in the planning and coordination of the AVMA Annual Convention, which attracts over 10,000 attendees annually for veterinary continuing education.

Little was then recruited and hired as the assistant CEO of the Western Veterinary Conference (WVC) in Las Vegas in 2009. In this new position, he was challenged with opening a first-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art, medical education facility, which provides hands-on training to over 45,000 veterinary and human medical professionals from around the world. In addition to its educational facility, WVC also produces an annual veterinary conference attracting over 14,000 attendees each year. In 2013, Little was promoted to the position of CEO and is currently charged with oversight and direction of this \$20 million, 501c(3), not-for-profit organization.



KENT TAULBEE '68

The University High School Alumni Association honors Kent Taulbee, class of 1968, as a 2018 Hall of Fame Alumni

Award Recipient for his contributions to his profession and civic service.

Taulbee enjoyed both his academic and extracurricular activities at U-High.

After high school, Taulbee attended Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU), where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in 1972. He later went on to earn his medical doctorate degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1976. In addition, Taulbee completed an internship at Marshfield Clinic in 1977 and his dermatology residency at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1980.

For almost 40 years, Taulbee has made his mark on the local Bloomington-Normal community by owning a successful medical practice as a board-certified dermatologist. He has served as a member of both the American Academy of Dermatology and the McLean County Medical Society, representing the county at the state medical society level. In addition, Taulbee often lectures about his specialty to local groups and ISU classes.

Taulbee has demonstrated leadership and service in community activities. He has volunteered his time as a soloist, choir member, and Sunday school teacher at his church. In addition, Taulbee has actively supported Metcalf and U-High through the years.

Taulbee is married to Sue, whom he met at IWU. They enjoy spending time together, and she serves as the office manager in his medical practice. They have two daughters, Ann and Claire, who also graduated from U-High.

2018 Distinguished Alumnus



H. FRED MITTELSTAEDT '76

The University High School Alumni Association honors H. Fred Mittelstaedt, class of 1976, as the 2018 Distinguished

Alumni Award Recipient for his contributions to his profession and civic service.

With a very successful career of over 35-plus years in the accounting field, Mittelstaedt is recognized for his significant

professional accomplishments and overall contributions to his community.

Mittelstaedt displayed an early interest in his English, math, and accounting classes at U-High. He credited the teachers for having a free exchange of ideas in these courses, where they encouraged the students to make creative linkages between seemingly disparate stories, movies, or events, a valuable skill in his later endeavors. During his years at U-High, Mittelstaedt also maintained a high GPA and made the National Honor Society, while earning a varsity letter for baseball.

After high school, Mittelstaedt attended Illinois State University, where he obtained both bachelor's (with high honors) and master's degrees in accounting, in 1979 and 1982 respectively. He later went on to earn a doctorate in accounting from the University of Illinois in 1987.

Mittelstaedt is currently the Department of Accountancy Chair at the University of Notre Dame, where his department has attained extremely high national rankings. For his contributions, Mittelstaedt has received numerous professional awards, such as the Deloitte Foundation Professor of Accountancy, the PricewaterhouseCoopers Faculty Fellow, and the Executive MBA Outstanding Teacher Award (to name just a few). Prior to his time at the university, Mittelstaedt also worked in the field of public accounting at both Guthoff & Co. and PriceWaterhouse. One of his most honored accomplishments was earning the Elijah Watts Sells Award for his CPA Exam performance. The award was given to only the 95 candidates with the highest scores out of 57,000 candidates nationwide.

In addition to his career, Mittelstaedt has also demonstrated great leadership and service to his community. He has dedicated a significant amount of time by serving on boards and committees, such as the Federation of Schools of Accountancy. He has also produced many informative publications and texts and was also called upon by Congress to testify on the topic of retiree health benefits due to his significant expertise in the field. In addition, he was co-author of *Financial Reporting & Analysis* (4th to 7th editions).

Mittelstaedt is definitely proud to be a member of the U-High family, as his brother, uncle, and two cousins also attended the school.



A Passion to Serve Others —Stephen Doran '75

By Dr. Thomas Ocheltree '89

Dr. Steve Doran '75 was a caring oral surgeon in Bloomington and had a wide reaching impact. He served countless people through a free dental clinic in the area. He traveled on many medical mission trips in Haiti serving with Friends of the Children of Haiti.

Steve was always the hardest worker I've seen. He would tirelessly treat people, especially during our free extraction clinic. I know that he truly loved and found happiness in treating people, especially those who were desperate for help and unable to pay. I think this is why he loved going to Haiti so much.

When I first joined the practice, I was heavily in debt and new to private practice oral surgery, Steve offered this advice that will always stick with me; "take care of your patients as though they were your family, and the rest will take care of itself." He attributed that quote to our dear friend Dr. Gary Johnson (who our free extraction clinic is named after), who offered him that same advice when he was starting out on his own in Bloomington.

Steve also knew the value of family time. When I was younger and starting out, I was eager to help out in the OR if he had a hospital case, and he would always tell me; "don't worry about this, I got it, go home and be with your family."

He was more than a partner to me, he was family. We would go to Blackhawks games together, golf, and enjoy each others company at professional meetings. He will be terribly missed.

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.

Yearbooks

Did you know that all the U-High Clarion yearbooks have been scanned, uploaded and are online? If you have misplaced your yearbook and want to take a walk down memory lane, visit the U-High website, click on the Alumni tab, and then follow the "Search Yearbooks" portal, and you will find all our yearbooks.

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.

History of the ISU Laboratory Schools

Announcing the creation of the first edition and first volume of the *History of the Illinois State University Laboratory Schools*! We are seeking your stories, pictures, and news articles! If you have stories to tell, pictures or news articles to share, please send them to the Lab Schools using the online form at Forms.IllinoisState.edu/Forms/Lab_School_History or mail them to: Illinois State University Laboratory Schools, Attention: Stacey Meyer, Campus Box 5300, Normal, IL 61790

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 a 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.

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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
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