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Alumni Reunions

Class of 1968

The University High School Class of 1968 and Science Hill High School Class of 1968 cordially invite you to our 50th Class Reunion. We extend this invitation to Classes 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969 and 1970. Posted by Julia Honaker Herwig, April 9, 2018. Download [Registration Form](https://www.etsu.edu/uschool/organizations/pictures/reunion_annnc.jpg) at https://www.etsu.edu/uschool/organizations/pictures/reunion_annnc.jpg



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Class of 1963

The University High School Class of '63 is having a reunion in September 2018. Please contact [Patricia Hyder Carpenter](#) for more information.

Class of 1978

University High Class of 1978: We are in the early stages of planning a 40 year reunion. Contact [Keith Bailey](#) if you would be interested in getting together on Saturday August 11, 2018, for some good times and reminiscing in Johnson City to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Alumni Achievement

University School Alumni were recently featured in the Niswonger Scholars Directory:



Dr. Dorothy Elizabeth Loy, Class of 2009, University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, pursuing MD/PhD; University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor's in Biochemistry. Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Dennis Loy and Dr. Beth Vanlandingham, graduated as valedictorian from University School. She is pursuing an MD/PhD at the University of Pennsylvania.

Francisco Ochoa-Vargas, Class of 2015, Duke University, pursuing a JD/MBA Vanderbilt University, Neuroscience and Economics. Francisco is the son of Fernando Ochoa and Rosa Marie Ochoa-Vargas. He graduated from University School with academic top 10 honors. He is attending Duke University, seeking a JD/MBA degree.



Lawrence Wayne Loving, III, Class of 2012, East Tennessee State University, Masters in Business Administration; Tulane University, Bachelor's in Public Health and Economics. Law is from Johnson City and a graduate of University School. He is the son of Wayne and Ruth Loving. He is married to Megan Sanders Loving. Law is the coordinator of the Niswonger Foundation's CareerConnect program.



Faculty/Staff Achievement



Ms. Allyson Ross received this year's University School Teacher of the Year Award (Most Innovative Teacher).

Ms. Allyson Ross brings music and song to the faculty, staff, and students of University School. Her love of music and theater is demonstrated daily in her work with the students. She brings out the best in students.

The choir and theater students have been hard at work all year long on different performances. She puts countless hours into the program (after school and on weekends) and her positive attitude has spread to the students as evidenced by increased enrollments in the theater program.

What a joy it is to walk into the building in the early morning and hear the sounds of the choir singing. It is an uplifting way to begin the day for faculty and students. The growth of her students has been simply amazing.

She has also been instrumental in helping our school become more "green" in words and in actions. She took the initiative to write a grant that provided us with reusable tableware to use. Her work towards getting the drinking fountain that fills water bottles shows her commitment to recycling and the environment.

The University School Chorus, pictured below, performed at the Clemmer College of Education Awards Ceremony, under the direction of Ms. Ross.



Faculty Achievement



Ms. Andrea Lowery Presentation at TSTA Conference

"Interactive Notebooks and 5E Learning Cycles Aligned to the New TNSES for Grades 3-5"

University School 4th grade instructor, Ms. Andrea Lowery gave an excellent presentation for the 2017 Tennessee Science Teachers Association (TSTA) Conference. The presentation titled, "**Interactive Notebooks and 5E Learning Cycles Aligned to the New TNSES for Grades 3-5**", received reviews of "great" and "amazing" and appreciation for her willingness to share.



University School Resource Officer, Mr. Cliff Hudson was recognized this school year as an ETSU Featured Employee for the month. The following letter of nomination was received:

I would like to submit Officer Cliff Hudson for recognition as an exemplary employee, but more importantly a fantastic example to our students. He somehow manages to make real connections with 500+ K-12 students and staff at University School. All the kids know and love him. He leads the chess club and took on the gaming club after school as well. I have seen him at ball games in all weather and most importantly always with a smile. His kindness and easy going nature with all our students endears him to our staff and parents. I know that if I have concerns about safety that he will take them very seriously and that gives me immeasurable peace. He goes

above and beyond all the time and is the hardest working person at our school.

University School Instructors Present at NSTA (National Science Teacher Association): University School instructors Erin Doran, Lindsay Lester, and Andrea Lowery recently presented "**Podcasting into the 21st Century through Science Research**" at the NSTA conference in Atlanta. Their workshop shared ideas on how to integrate science and literacy standards through recording and publishing student written science podcasts.



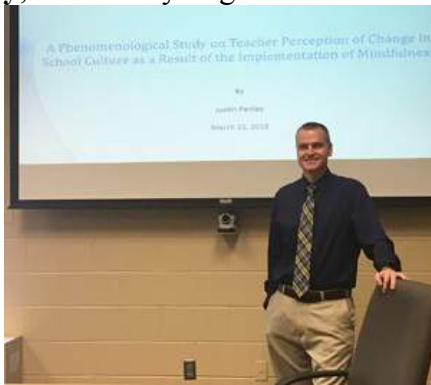
Faculty Achievement



**Ms. Lindsay Lester and
Ms. Andrea Lowery**
*"The Intersection of 5Es Instruction and the
Claims, Evidence, and Reasoning Framework"*
NSTA Conference Presentation

University School instructors **Andrea Lowery and Lindsay Lester** and Clemmer College Of Education Drs. **Laura Robertson and Renee Moran** presented "*The Intersection of 5Es Instruction and the Claims, Evidence, and Reasoning Framework*" at the NSTA conference. Their workshop shared examples of hands-on investigations combining the 5Es and the CER Framework.

Dr. Justin Penley, University High School Physical Education & Wellness Instructor, as well as head Golf and Boys' Basketball Coach, has now earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) from ETSU (ELPA program and attained K-12 Administrative Certification.



Dr. Erica Preswood, University Middle School



Language Arts Instructor has now earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) from ETSU (ELPA program with a concentration in school leadership.

University School **1st grade instructor, Ms. Noell Brickell** spent 2 weeks of spring break teaching primary grades and training the teachers of students living in Rhino Refugee Camp in Arua, Uganda.



Student Achievement



University School students Sydney Thomas, Vijay Ananthula, Hannah Ecay and Porter Bradley earned a **perfect score of 36 on the ACT Exam!**

Pictured below are our University School students receiving an **ACT Exam score of 21 and above!**



University School students participated in the **Tennessee Science Bowl competition** sponsored by Oakridge in Knoxville on February 24, 2018. This is the first time UH students participated and competed against 60 schools from the state. Participants included Vijay Ananthula, Porter Bradley, Jefferey Quick, Hannah Ecay and Ayrienne Sparks-Wallace. University High School Chemistry, Physics, and Biology Instructors Ms. Mahua Chakraborty and Mr. Rayne Price sponsored the team.

Student Achievement



Emma Sherlin and Gowri Tumkr represented our UH Speech and Debate Team at the State Competition in Clarksville, TN. Emma and Gowri competed against schools from all over the state. There were almost 30 different debate teams they had to battle on both Friday and Saturday! We are so proud to announce that Gowri and Emma were awarded a plaque for reaching 8th place overall!!!! This is the first year our school has had a debate team and entered this competition, which makes their stunning victory that much more fantastic! Earlier in the year, the girls won 5th place in the Public Forum Debate category at the Candy Cane Invitational competition at Sullivan East. UH Social Studies Instructor Ms. Jessica Bragg and Safety Resource Officer Cliff Hudson coach the Debate Team.

Congratulations to our Middle School Math teams who won several awards in Math Competition.

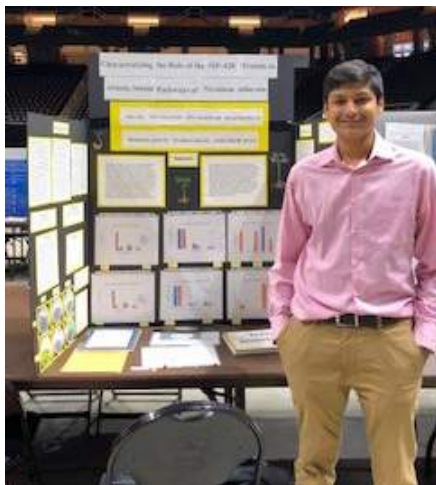


Team event first place winners included 6th grade: Helaina Bernedo, Luke Day, Trishita Paul, and Ayush Joshi and 7th grade: Sathvik Ramu & Teebro Paul. Individual event winners included 6th grade - 1st place: Trishita Paul, 7th grade - 2nd place: Teebro Paul and 1st place: Om Patel. Participants included 6th grade - Trishita Paul, Luke Day, Ayush Joshi, Helaina Bernedo, Joshua Horne, Colin Worley, Braden Williams, Diya Reddy, and 7th grade participants: Teebro Paul, Sathvik Ramu, Joseph Kublawi, Abhi Chanda, and Om Patel. Way to go, Mathletes! The teams were coached by UH



6th-7th grade Math Instructors, Ms. Lisa Reis and Ms. Amanda Milhorn.

Congratulations to Vijay Ananthula for ranking first in two categories, including Certificate of Excellence, a special award from Arizona State University, first place in his category, and 3rd place over all the projects in this year's SASEF.



Vijay received special recognition at the awards program on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., in the UT Thompson Boling Arena.

The **Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair (SASEF)** is the premier science and engineering competition for students in middle and high school in our 23-county service area of East Tennessee. We have promoted teaching the scientific method in science, engineering and math since 1952. SASEF is an official, affiliated regional fair of the International Science and Engineering Fair.

Ms. Mahua Chakraborty, High School Chemistry and Physics Instructor, served as mentor for Vijay.

Student Achievement



“Pickin’ in the School-Yard” is an annual fundraiser for University School’s *Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM)* Program. Our 4th-12th grade students meet weekly for group/band instruction of traditional music, provided by students/alumni of the ETSU Bluegrass, Old-Time, and Country Music Studies.



The University School Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 26, 2018. Participants were the top spellers from 3-8th grade. Congratulations to Trishita Paul, the University School Spelling Bee winner. Her brother, Teebro Paul was the runner-up.

Trishita represented our school in Knoxville in March at the Regional Spelling Bee, where she placed 8th out of over 200 spellers from the East region!

The Morning Mile is a before-school walking/running program that gives children the chance to start each day in an active way while enjoying fun, music and friends. It's also supported by a wonderful system of rewards, which keeps students highly motivated and frequently congratulated. University School students have walked 1000+ miles during the 2017-2018 school year!



Student Achievement

Our annual **High School Art Exhibit** is currently on display at **ETSU Slocumb Galleries** in Ball Hall. Each student taking Visual Art this year from University High School Art Instructor, Ms. Sharon Squibb, will have pieces in the show. Exhibit dates are **May 16th through June 22nd**.



Gallery hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with extended hours on Thursdays until 6:00 p.m.



University School students, Ziah Baker and Molly Smith received **scholarships for participating in our Red Cross Blood Drives** this year. Each student will receive \$250 towards their school tuition in the fall. Students are pictured with Ms. Sharon Cradic, K-8 Physical Education Instructor, who coordinates all of the blood drives at University School.

Bucs saving lives!



Student Achievement

University School **Instrumental Ensemble performance at Spring Concert**, under the direction of Mr. Zachary Alegria.



Plans are underway to expand to three bands next year! All donations for the support of our Music Program are welcome.
(Photography by Kathi Horne)



University School student **Aaron Voudrie** placed in the top 15 out of nearly 100 essays submitted by students in our region, for this year's **Eastman 2018 Black History Month Oratorical Contest**. The guidelines/purpose of the Eastman Black History Oratorical Contest is to provide local high school students with an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of African American contributors to the academic disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM).



Congratulations to University High School student **Vijay Ananthula, who placed 4th in the Mu Alpha Theta Math State Competition**, Alpha Division, Pre-calculus! The competition was held in Knoxville, Tennessee, at Oak Ridge High School. University School Pre-calculus Instructor, Ms. Kimberly Summey served as mentor for Vijay.



UH students selected for the 2018 ETSU Honor Band include Beatrice Mae Damrau—Bb Clarinet, Alyssa Nicole Greene—Flute, Jessica Aryn Shipp—Eb Alto Saxophone, and Emily Marie Fagerburg - Flute. On Saturday, January 27, 2018, these four UH band members performed at the **39th Annual High School Honor Bands Festival at ETSU**. It was an amazing performance. Students are under the instruction of University School Music Instructor, Mr. Zachary Alegria.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to University School 4th Grader, **Annalee Price**, and 5th Grader, **Vania Ortiz**, who won the **Grades 4-6 Math Olympiad**. Students were coached by Ms. Lisa Reis, Ms. Andrea Lowery, and Ms. Lindsay Lester.



University School 4th & 5th Grade Winners in Elementary Math Olympiad

Twenty-two 6th-8th graders represented University School at the **Middle School Math Olympiad**.

Maylee Leonard tied for the top spot for 7th grade in the individual event portion of the competition. Coach, Ms. Amanda Milhorn.



The **University School Scholars' Bowl team** won their first two rounds of competition in Knoxville. Patrick Means, Vijay Ananthula, Porter Bradley and Caleb Strickler beat Rockwood 420-300 and then advanced to defeat Webb School's White team 280-270. The Scholars' Bowl team is coached by USchool Instructors Ms. Megan Robinson and Mr. Sam Smith.



University High Junior, **Saad Salman**, has partnered with the **ETSU Innovation Lab** to make Innovation Symposium, a series of talks from the region's best innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders.



Caleb Strickler, a junior at University School, is currently involved with an **Eagle Scout Project** - an Educational Native Plant Garden. The garden, to be located on the University School property, will consist exclusively of plants natural to the Southeast. (Photo by By Dave Ongie, *Johnson City News and Neighbor*)

Student Achievement

University school now has a **Hiking Club!** The club sponsors are Mr. Samuel Smith, Ms. Tammy Dycus, and Ms. Megan Robinson. We have been having a wonderful time. So far, we have hiked at Roan Mountain State Park and Laurel Falls, both in Carter County, TN. We have also ridden down the Virginia Creeper trail. This is a wonderful club that extends the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors to our students or any parent that would like to participate. Check the University School Calendar for scheduled hikes!



Mary Fagerburg, Morgan Stanley, Jessica Shipp, Griffin Elder, Emily Fagerburg at **All East Choral Festival**. Emily Fagerburg and Griffin Elder were selected for the **2017 All-East choirs**.



University School Chorus performance at the **ETSU's Veterans Day Ceremony**, under the direction of Ms. Allyson Ross.



Congratulations to University School, **1st place winners at the 2017 Turkey Trot**. UH was awarded \$1000 for the victory in the small division.



University School students Adam Ryan and Jacob Wyche were winners in the **Fall Chess Tournament** held at Tri-Cities Christian School.



The Students and Administration at University School, in Washington County, TN have partnered with Bristol Metals, a division of Synalloy Corporation, Bristol, TN and Pittman Trucking, Newland, NC in an act of kindness for those affected by the recent storm in the Houston, TX area. The students will be collecting cases of bottled waters to load on trucks and send to Houston.

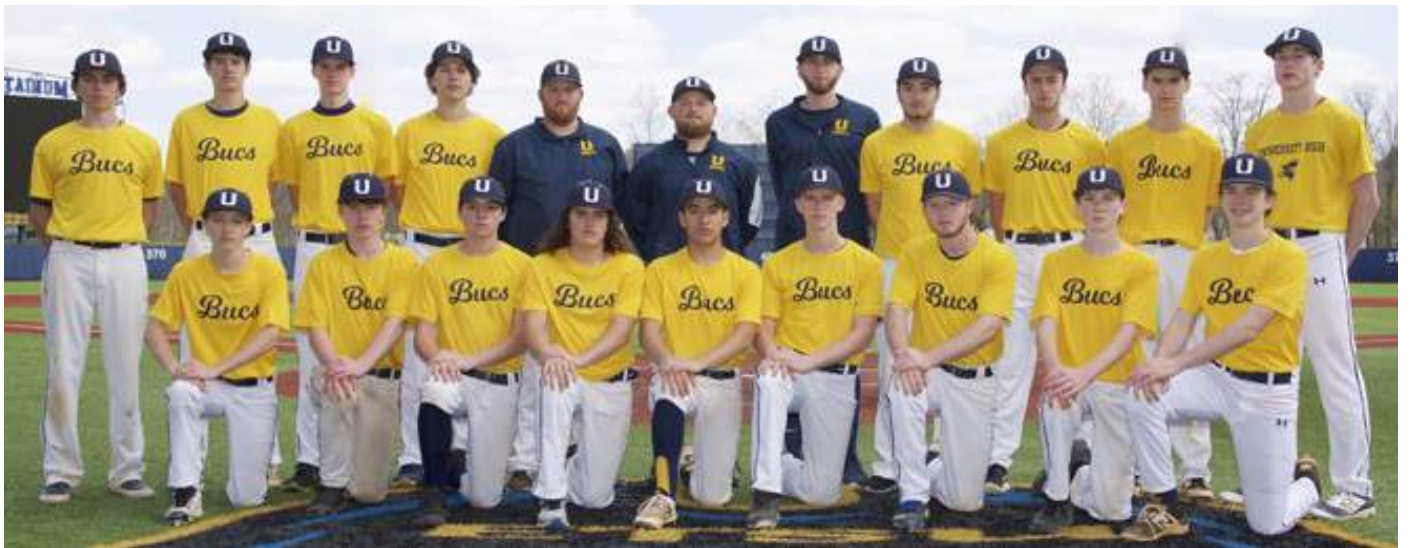
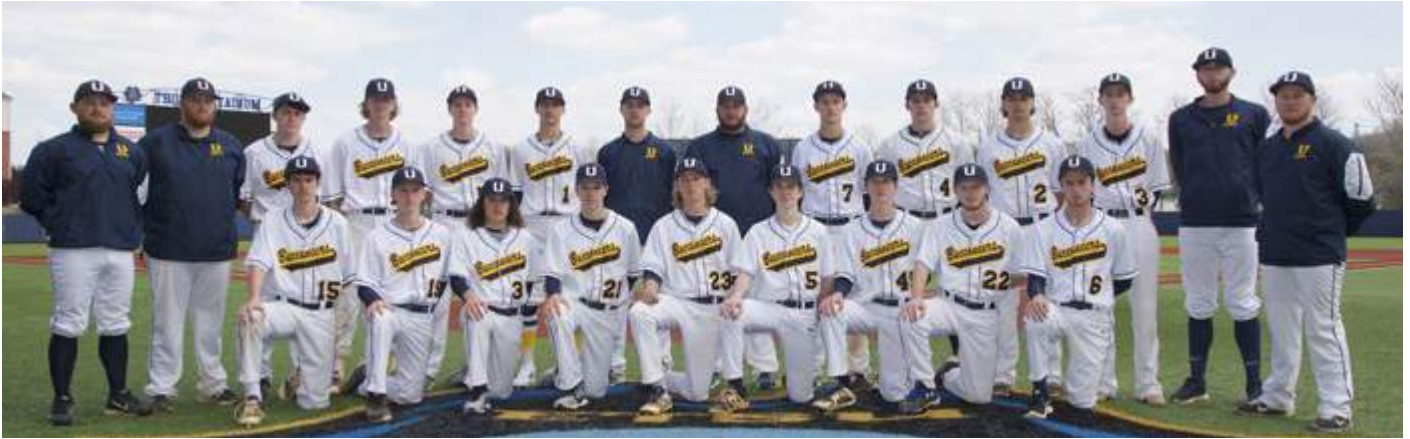
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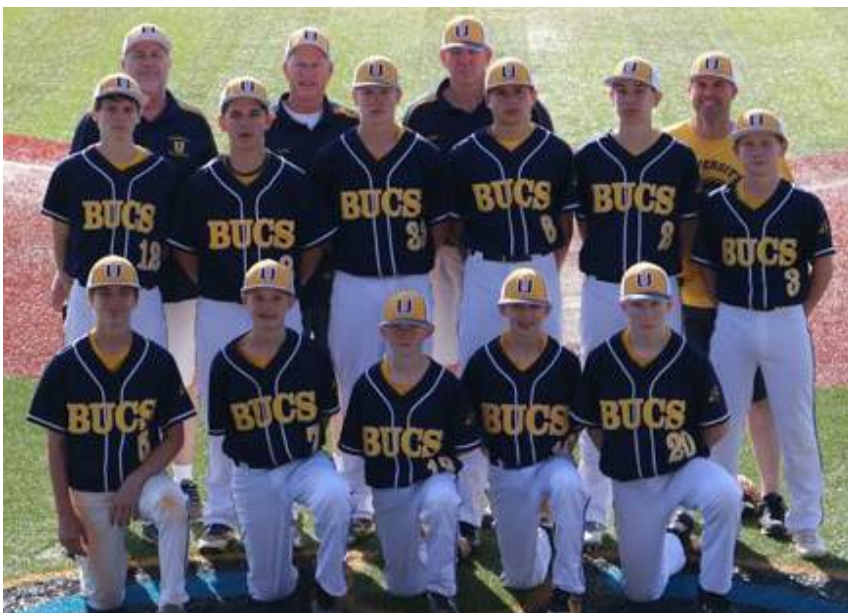
University School students partnered with several other organizations to collect 125,000+ bottles of water for the City of Houston.

Athletic Achievement

University High School Boys Baseball - Won the Watauga Valley Conference!



University Middle School Boys Baseball - Excellent Season!



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Association, TMSGGA Golf Qualifier Tournament Tour, posting a Top 20 Finish In District/Regional Championship!



Athletic Achievement

University High School Boys Basketball - So proud of our Bucs this year! JC Press Defensive Player of the Year for Northeast Tennessee – Kaleb Meredith, Regular Season All-Conference (as voted by opposing coaches): Joseph Harless, Kaleb Meredith, Honorable Mention Regular Season All-Conference: AJ Simerly, Jake Hubbard, Marshall Fleenor; Charlie Vargo, All-District Tournament: Joseph Harless, Kaleb Meredith, Marshall Fleenor, and All-Region Tournament: Kaleb Meredith.



University High Cheer Team



Athletic Achievement

University High School Girls Basketball - Excellent season with honors going to MVP - Gracie Crabtree, Offensive MVP - Sarah Fisher, Defensive MVP - Calli Newberry, and New Comer of the year - Delaney Trosin.



University Middle School Girls Basketball - All District Team—Katie Stancil and Madelyn Horn, All Defensive Team - Ella Luna



Athletic Achievement



University Middle School Boys Basketball - Little Watauga District Tournament Champs!

Awards - Nathan Benton - All Conference & All Tournament MVP, Joseph Vent - All Conference & All Tournament, Blaise Kindle - All Conference Defense, Jacob Peeler (JP) - All Tournament

University School Golf Team - Boys team (Sean Hsu, Charlie Vargo, Colin Daniel, Daxx Carr) won the District Tournament, qualified as a team for the region tournament. Finished second at the Region Tournament. Charlie & Sean were named All-Conference for the regular season.

Girls Team (Abby Benton, Caroline Gamble, & Mattie Janutolo) won the District Tournament & all were named to the All-Conference Team for the regular season. Also qualified as team for the Region Tournament. Team finished first in the district, second in the regional.

Mattie was regular season MVP, won the District Tournament (back-to-back years), finished second in the Region Tournament, qualified for State Tournament. Finished T-16th at State Tournament in Manchester, TN. She also finished first in the high school girls division of the Tri-Cities Travel Golf League. The league takes place at several different courses in the area over six weeks. Mattie completed the competitive league with the lowest overall stroke average.



Athletic Achievement

University High School Boys Soccer - Conference and region awards: Golden Boot: Walker Page, All Conference, All Region Golden Ball: Malachi Heath, All conference, All Region Offensive MVP: Bracken Burns, All Conference, All Region, Conference Defensive Freshman of the Year Defensive MVP: Austin Baines, All conference 2nd Team Coaches Award: Will Owen, All conference Sportsmanship Award: Pate Anglin, All conference 2nd team, Conference Offensive Freshman of the Year, Pablo Rivas: All conference 2nd team



University High School Girls Soccer - Conference and region awards: Golden Boot: Sarah Robinson, All conference, Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Golden Ball: Gracie Somich, All conference, All Region, Offensive MVP: Makenna Oiler, All District, All Region, Defensive MVP: Abby Gantz, All conference, All region, Conference Defensive Player of the Year, Coaches Award: Keaton Sant, All conference, 2nd team Sportsmanship Award: Olivia Saucier, All conference 2nd team, Conference Defensive Rookie of the Year Grace Moreland: All conference 2nd team Breann Metcalf: All conference 2nd team, Dan Almond: Conference Coach of the year



Athletic Achievement

University High School Cross Country - Boys won State Championship! Girls won 3rd place in State! Our teams also won the boys and girls Regional Meet with a perfect score per team of 15 pts!



**University Middle School Girls Cross Country -
Won Regional Championship!**

**University Middle School Boys Cross Country
- Won Regional Championship!**



Athletic Achievement

University School Track Team - State Champs! For running events: The Girls 4x8 finished 1st!! They are state champs! The Boys 4x8 team finished 8th. Christina Fulcher finished 8th in the mile, and Pablo Rivas finished 6th in the mile. Bekah Owen finished 4th in the 800, Ali Burns finished 4th in the 3200, Porter Bradley finished 4th in the 3200 and Nick Daniel finished 7th in the 3200! For Pole Vaulting: Aidan Costello finished 2nd, Connor Ford finished 5th, Heather Robertson finished 5th and Molly Dycus finished 10th



High School Swim Team - University School student Matt Loving competed on a team representing University High, and qualified for the State Competition.





Athletic Achievement

Go Bucs, Go!

High School Softball - Fantastic season, with Kensington Dailey and Sydney Trosin making all conference!



**University School would like to thank Mr. Wayne Mast for submitting most of the athletic photos that are in this newsletter, as well as most of the athletic photos posted on our school website.*

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