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US Bucs News

Summer 2016

Welcome to the 2nd edition of University School's Newsletter!

We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and faculty. We also want to inform you where we are going and where we have been!

We dedicate this issue to the journey of some of our favorite people, our Alumni! See Alumni Spotlight ...

From the Director's desk...

Hello Bucs Family!

Our 2016-17 school year is off and running and we are excited about what lies ahead for us. There have been some changes to the staff and we feel the loss but are also excited about our new teachers who have joined us in our quest to have the best educational experiences for our students. We said goodbye to long-time teachers Ms. Mary Myron and Ms. Carol Ann Bevan; both to retirement. They will be missed and we wish them all the best. Filling in for them as well as other openings in our ranks we welcome our new faculty members (See Faculty Spotlight). Not new to the staff, but new to her official, well-deserved position as Assistant Director, we welcome Ms. Ariane Day.

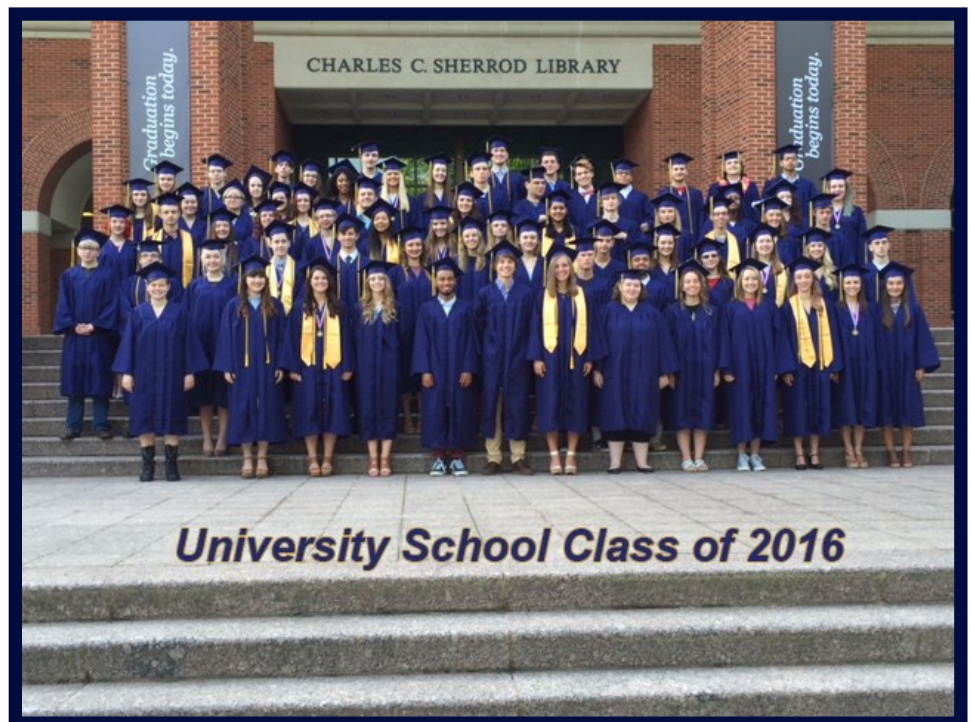
While we have gone "Back to our Roots" as a "Teacher Preparation School" (*where we have been*), we are excited about our changes and dreams for University School (*where we are going*). I look forward to sharing with you in our next newsletter.

Thanks as always,

Dr. Troy Knechtel



University School Dramatics Club, 1966-67



University School Class of 2016

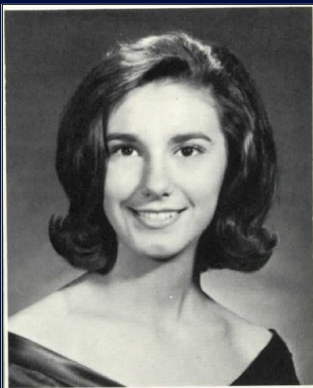
Congratulations to our latest class of University School Graduates!

The 2016 Graduation Ceremony can be viewed on our University School YouTube Channel. Click on the YouTube Icon on the bottom of our Website or go to the following address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2ypU8enFPI>

Alumni Spotlight



*Where we
have been.....*



Laura Morris Graham— Greetings to Those Who Graduated Around 1965!

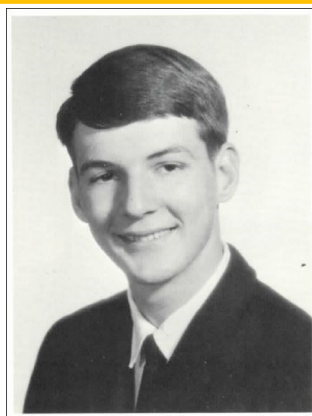
Having attended The Training School

for 12 years following in the footsteps of my daddy who went there for 10 years, I had the privilege of having his 4th grade teacher Mrs. Lillian Poe and his 5th grade teacher Miss Isabel Martin. Brownie, who watched over the class in the 4th grade, made us want to behave well and be good students to please Mrs. Poe. Those were wonderful years growing up and going to The Training School. I still have close friends whom I began attending school with in the first grade.

Today I am still working full time and working for another Training School graduate, Richard Tetrick. Richard owns Tetrick Funeral & Cremation Services along with numerous other funeral firms and I have the position of Community Relations/Outreach for the company. This is an example of how strong our bonds were forged with our classmates from those days long ago.

As I have grown and matured, I realize that having had the opportunity to attend this wonderful school was such a blessing. I took it for granted back then for it was all that I had ever experienced but came to realize how unique our school was and how well schooled we were at graduation.

Laura Morris Graham
Class of 1965



Richard Gordon Clarke (Dick) — My, my, the passage of time: In September, 1955, I entered First Grade at Training School. Interestingly, my dad was the Principal (within two years, he had moved over to ETSC to head the Student Teacher training program). I recall the large carved wooden sign at the front entrance, "Password: I love children."

I learned cursive writing in Third Grade, as well as how to play organized ball games. In Fifth Grade, we had the traditional week at Buffalo Mountain Camp, and we learned the celestial constellations (both of those experiences paved the way for me, in following years). Junior High grades were the expected social and academic adjustments, and

then came the high school years (by then, we were University High). I was a very mediocre student, but I earned letters in basketball, baseball and tennis.

Graduating in 1967 with the Vietnam War raging, I entered ETSU. I majored in English, speech and journalism, graduating in 1971, after an active and interesting time on campus.

By the time I was 50, I had visited all 50 states and several foreign countries. Now, preparing for retirement later this year, I reflect on a life and career, which has its roots in my days at what we now call University School. I have travelled all over the world (China, Australia twice, all over Europe, the Middle East, and many countries in between), and earned more money and distinction than I ever knew was possible. I've published two books, written many published articles, and am in demand as a continuing education instructor in my chosen field, which will soon stretch to 45 years, following graduation from ETSU (I was president of the ETSU Alumni Association in 1990).

Most importantly, my only son is the assistant high school headmaster of a large private school in South Carolina, and he and his wife have given me two terrific grandsons, the oldest of which will be entering First Grade this fall!

I have had a wonderful life, and its roots were in Johnson City, on the campus of ETSU, and in the University School building. I've been back to visit 2-3 times, and it always amazes me how much the gym, cafeteria, and classrooms have shrunk since I first walked the halls all those years ago.

Thanks for refreshing those memories! It was a special place before I arrived, and it continues to mold young minds and bodies in such a special way!

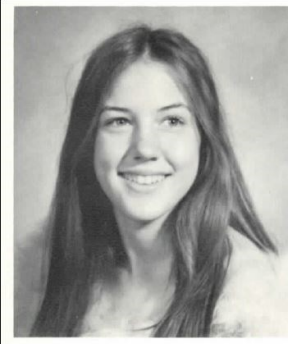
Keep up the good work - it's a big responsibility, but University School, and its administrators, teachers and students continue to rise to the top of expectations!

Richard Clarke
University High School Class of 1967

Alumni Spotlight

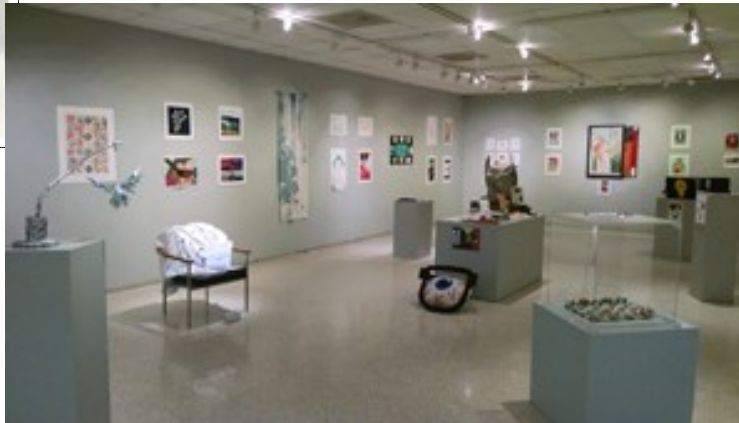


*Where we have been.....
Where we are going....*



Sharon McMurtry Squibb— I was a 1974 graduate of University School. I lived away for many years (Knoxville, Cincinnati and New York City), and returned to Johnson City in 1996.

I have been teaching at US since 2000. I am currently teaching high school art, including Art 1, 2, 3 and 4. I would like to give a nod to



my students and their achievements: Every year for the past five years we have been fortunate to have our annual high school art exhibit at the Slocumb Galleries in ETSU's Ball Hall. For our opening reception over



100 people attended. Every student taking art is featured. There are more than 250 works on display.

In addition to teaching at University School, I am on the art faculty of the McKinney Center for the Arts in Jonesborough, where I offer evening classes for teens and adults and summer camps for

children. I am also involved with the Jonesborough Repertory Theatre and perform there in a number of shows every year—especially musicals. I own an old house in Jonesborough.



Neva Scheree Rowley— I graduated from University School in 2007. I'm currently living in Columbus, OH, with my fiancé. We are getting married in September, then we are driving back home to Johnson City to visit my friends and family for our honeymoon, then going to Gatlinburg and Dollywood to give my fiancé a taste of my home!

Neva Rowley

Class of 2007



Courtney Leighann Green— I am a 2008 graduate of University School. I am getting married August 27th, in Johnson City!

Courtney Green

Class of 2008

Courtney Leighann Green

Alumni Spotlight



*Every Buc
makes a difference...*



Jurnee Allena Carr

Jurnee Allena Carr— I was crowned Miss Tennessee International 2016 on April 2 of this year in Franklin, TN. In July I competed at the Miss International pageant in Jacksonville, FL, against women from all over the world, and placed 3rd Runner Up.

This is a great outlet for me to make my voice heard for those who only have a bark or meow. In 2007, I founded Jurnee's Journey: Helping All God's Creations to promote the importance of adopting from a shelter and spay/neutering to control pet population. To date, I have raised \$48,000 for animal



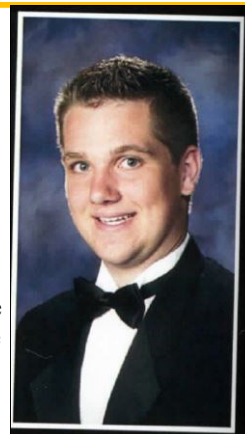
rescues locally and internationally. I am so grateful for this opportunity to compete and spread my message. I actually captured the title of Miss Teen International 2011 going into my Junior year at UH, so I am very happy to be returning to the older Category (Miss) as a UH alumna!

Jurnee Carr
Class of 2013



Andrew Blake Hardin— Shortly after graduation I enlisted in the United States Army. I've since gone to Air Assault school, where I

mastered the art of repelling and helicopter repelling. I have attended multiple marksmanship schools including an instructor school and urban combat leadership course. I won a soldier of the month board for my unit. I have traveled to many different places and have trained with many different people. Everyone I went to high school with had their focus on college, which was a smart decision seeing as that's what the school was preparing you for. I felt a higher calling as if I owed my country a debt. I know it's been super hard on my family and friends...



....continued....**Andrew Blake Hardin**....I remember one day I called Ms. Shaw, I had needed a copy of my high school transcript for online classes, and she remembered exactly who I was even though it had been two years since I graduated. That's the reason I'm proud to be an alumni of University School. When I'm home I always go see good Ole Coach Chris Walley and of course his son Nick who has since been like a little brother to me. If I could tell the students of University School one thing it would be to cherish your time there, but not to worry even after you leave they will remain your family.

Faculty Spotlight

What we are doing.....



Hello Bucs family!

I'm looking forward and am very thankful to be able to serve University School in my new capacity of Assistant

Director. I have been teaching at University School (High School French and German) from 2001 to 2014, and have been the interim Assistant Director since 2014. I am a product of ETSU where I completed my bachelor's and master's degrees. I grew up in Geneva, Switzerland and could have never imagined the path my life would take. My husband and I have four children. Three of them are still at University School and our oldest graduated from University School and is about to start his Sophomore year at ETSU. I feel that my experiences as a parent of University School students, as a teacher at University School and as a student of ETSU benefit me in my current position. Thank you all for the support I have received so far and I look forward to working with you to continue to make University School the great place it is!

Ms. Ariane Day,
Assistant Director

University School welcomes **New Faculty Members for the 2016-2017 School Year:**



Ms. Dedra Lamb
Kindergarten



Mr. Lance Fleenor
5th Grade



Ms. Lisa Reis
7th-8th Math



Ms. Meg Robinson
HS English



Ms. Barbara Bishop
HS Math



Ms. Theva Trainor
Speech

University School athletes are gearing up for a GREAT season! **Buc Booster** memberships are on sale for \$25.00. Buc Booster family passes for members are also available for \$150.00. **This provides entrance for members and all family** (i.e., cousins, uncles, grand-ma, etc.) **to all home games of all sports.** Complete [Membership Form](#) and return with payment to Buc Boosters (mailbox in school office). Free UH Buc hat will be provided for all family passes while supplies last!

Go, Bucs, Go!



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Update Address

University School is updating its alumni database. Anyone who graduated from University School or attended the school is encouraged to complete the contact information form by going to [USBucs.com](#), click on the Alumni Tab, and update their Alumni Contact Information.

Student Success

Every child valued, challenged, and successful...whatever it takes...

University School Student Clubs In Action! Organizing and beginning community service activity for 2016-2017

- ◆ Key Club—Jonesborough Farm to Table Event Scheduled
- ◆ Morning Mile gets kids up and moving before school
- ◆ New! Math Club & Women's Vocal Ensemble (GLEE)

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