



UNIVERSITY LABORATORY HIGH SCHOOL

**2014-15 ACADEMIC
AWARDS BOOKLET**

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

- **Illinois All-State Music Selectees**

Monica Pardeshi
Natalie Dullerud
Ellen Rispoli
Bruce Li
Darren Liu
Noah Larson
Devin Epstein
Kavi Naidu

- **Insect Fear Film Festival**

Olivia Taylor – Best in Show
Jackie Carrubba – 2nd place 9th through 12 grade
Mary Feser - 3rd place 9th through 12th grade
Ana Rosu - 3rd place 6th through 8th grade

- **Millikin Art Faculty Award**

Gillian Moore, Honorable Mention for Best in Show

- **Illinois High School Small Works Show**

Guilia Barbieri, 1st place in the 9th, 10th, 11th grade category including a scholarship to the U of I's Fine and Applied Arts Summer Session for High School students.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

- **Emma Koenker Foreign Language Award**

To honor an outstanding student who reflects Emma's love of international culture and her profound respect for the unique qualities of all inhabitants of the global community.

Charles-Randall Larenas-Leach

- **National Japanese Exam Awards**

The Fourth Annual National Japanese Exam was available for Level 2 and 3 Japanese students only.

Level 1.

Gold: Irina Chen (State and National ranking #1 in Middle School classification)

Honorable Mention: Lili Banihashem, Xanthe Brown

Level 2

Gold medal: Michelle Kim (State ranking #3)

Silver: Elizabeth Atkinson, Tony Li (State ranking #7)

Bronze: Vicente Aldunate, Maya Greer (State ranking #10)

Honorable Mention: Ethan Chen, Van Gundersen

Level 3

Silver: Thea Kammerling (State ranking #3)

Bronze: Zoe Goldenfeld (State ranking #9)

Honorable Mention: Giulia Barbieri

• JET-MIP Scholarship to Japan

A paid trip to Japan this July, funded by the Japan Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. She will be visiting schools, the 2011 disaster-recovery area in Tohoku, have a homestay, as well as a tour of Kyoto.

Angela Li

• National French Contest Winners

This year, all students from all four levels of French competed in the American Association of Teachers of French's National French Contest. More than 100,000 students competed in the contest, which tests their skills in reading, writing and oral comprehension of French. The Uni students who were ranked as national winners are:

French 1:

Nafisa Syed, 1st, Platinum Medal

Gold Medal (95th percentile): Hannah Davis, Solomia Dzhaman, Esther Johnson, Isabella Solis, Lawrence Taritsa

Silver Medal (85th-90th percentile): Catalin Clougherty, Aidan Garrett, Emily Gibson, Emma Hummel

French 2:

Gold Medal, Ha Tran

Silver Medal: Camden Coleman, Augusta Mansfield, Anupam Sharma

Alexandre Geubelle, received the highest score (58) in level 3A in the Chicago/Northern Illinois chapter of the National French Contest. He is the recipient of a scholarship offered by the Swiss Benevolent Society for a two-week summer immersion program at Concordia Language Villages in Minnesota. In addition, the Chicago/Northern Illinois chapter of AATF (American Association of Teachers of French) will reimburse the majority of his travel expense there and back.

Other awards in the National French Contest for levels 3 and 4:

Thea Kammerling placed 1st in the chapter for level 5A and Julianna Taritsa placed 1st in the chapter for level 4A and they received a silver medal and a gold medal respectively.

Other gold medalists were: Kathryn Dullerud (3A), Matt Reeder (4A), Alexandre Geubelle (3A), Renata Herrera (3A), Annemarie Michael (3A)

Silver medalists were: Zina Dolan (3A), Jerry Gammie (3A), Caroline Gillette (3A), Martin Grosman (3A), Carissa Hwu (3A), Timmy Purnell (3A), Mikhail Sigalov (3A), and Sarah Zhang (3A); Will Ahlgren (4A), Lilly Bralts-Kelly (4A), Anna Dmitrieva (4A), Athena Feng (4A), Lina Florez (4A), Natalie Hummel (4A)

Bronze medal were: Varun Chopra (3A), Lara Morgan (3A)

• **National Latin Awards**

Gold Summa Cum Laude: Betsy Ruckman, Annemarie Michael, Matthew Cho, Tim Cho, Jessica Valette, Albert Lee

Silver Maxima Cum Laude: Annette Lee;, Charles Larenas-Leach, DJ Nelson, Jacob Minin, Ayat Jaber, Gloria Sunderland

Magna Cum Laude: Joshua Meling, Adam Rebei, Alice Correia

Cum Laude: Mikella Vermaire, Sarah Grosse-Perdekamp

1st Place: Charles Larenas-Leach: IL Jr. Classical League Convention, Vocabulary: Level 1

2nd Place: Betsy Ruckman: IL Jr. Classical League Convention, Mythology: Level 1

• **Latin 2**

Gold Summa Cum Laude: Phillips Reed, Maggie Tewksbury, Kathryn Dullerud, Chloe Pollock-Muskin, Ellie Breen

Silver Maxima Cum Laude: Ema Rajic, Vikram Perry, Isandro Malik, Lindsay Huang, Darshan Naidu, Hadley Shapland, Nathan Durkin

2nd Place: Vikram Perry: IL Jr. Classical League Convention, Mythology: Level 2

• **Latin 3**

Carter Stubbs Drake Goad Award, Matthew Reeder: National Latin Exam, 3rd Perfect Paper (There are only 16/140,000 that achieved that.)

Gold Summa Cum Laude: Matthew Reeder, Emily Gibson, Daniel Vardy, Mehul Patnam, Minwoo Choi, Ben McKinzey

Magna Cum Laude: Clark Ping: National Latin Exam

Cum Laude: Lizzy Ramos: National Latin Exam

2nd Place: Mehul Patnam: IL Jr. Classical League Convention, Vocabulary: Level 3

• **Latin 4**

Maureen O'Donnell Award, Elissa Mullins: 4th Gold Award

Gold Summa Cum Laude: Elissa Mullins

Silver Maxima Cum Laude: Pranav Pamidighantam, Joaquin Malik

Magna Cum Laude: Neil Tewksbury, Justin Wang, Gus Kasten

Cum Laude: Danny Liang, Andy Barbour, Jazmin Tweedle

1st Place: Elissa Mullins: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Derivatives: Level 4

1st Place: Neil Tewksbury: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Photography

2nd Place: Gus Kasten: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Mythology: Level 4
 2nd Place: Jazmin Tweedle: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Sculpture
 2nd Place: Jazmin Tweedle: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Vocabulary: Level 4
 2nd Place: Pranav Pamidighantam: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Roman Life: Level 4
 3rd Place: Andy Barbour: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Vocabulary: Level 4
 3rd Place: Jazmin Tweedle: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Textiles
 3rd Place: Joaquin Malik: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Mythology: Level 4
 3rd Place: Marie Su: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Photography
 3rd Place: Marie Su: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Roman Life: Level 4

Latin Group Awards

1st Place: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Graffiti Wall
 1st Place: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Upper Level Certamen
 2nd Place: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Academics Overall
 2nd Place: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Olympics Overall
 2nd Place: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Skit
 2nd Place: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Spirit
 3rd Place: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Art Overall
 3rd Place: Illinois Junior Classical League Convention, Lower Level Certamen

• National Spanish Contest Winners

The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 6 through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. The exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 156,000 students participating in 2015. The Uni students who were ranked as national winners are:

Spanish 1	PLATA (Silver)	BRONCE (Bronze)
ORO (Gold)	Anika Kimme	Kathryn Snyder
Caroline Gillette	Victoria Kindratenko	Arjunrao Tangella
Grace Taylor	Ana Rosu	
Christelle Seri	Nathalie Stein	
Callie Bruce	Cedric Swearingen	
Nishant Sheikh	Asante Woods	
Krishna Subbiah		

Spanish 2	PLATA (Silver)	BRONCE (Bronze)
ORO (Gold)	Stella Faux	Kaden Canales
Julia Miller	Arielle Summitt	Curtis Chung
	Umar Hanif	Zachary Hamilton
		Christopher Heffley
		Julian Montague
		Dale Robbennolt
		Jake Robbennolt
		Angela Shaw

Spanish 3	BRONCE (Bronze)
PLATA (Silver)	Jonah Herzog
Jackson Vaughan	Ethan Simmons

Spanish 4	BRONCE (Bronze)
PLATA (Silver)	Michael Rajlich
Natalie Dullerud	Benjamin Schiffer
Mariam Arif	Jessica Kittle

• German Awards for 2015

German 2	
Sophia Ebel	Goldurkunde *1st in state and 99th percentile nationally
Grant Allen	Goldurkunde * 2nd in state and 98th percentile nationally
Noah Blue	Goldurkunde
Raya Ghandhi	Goldurkunde
Lara Morgan	Goldurkunde
Mallika Luthar	Silberurkunde
Elizabeth Singer	Silberurkunde
Brian Zilles	Silberurkunde
Charles Larenas-Leach	Silberurkunde
Claire Malkovich	Silberurkunde
Paul D'angelo	Bronzeurkunde
Jan Ondrejcek	Bronzeurkunde

German 3	
Samuel Hotchkiss	Goldurkunde * tied for first in state
Andrew Stelzer	Goldurkunde * tied for first in state
Esther Johnson	Goldurkunde
Julia Miller	Goldurkunde
Isaac Freund	Goldurkunde
Devin Epstein	Goldurkunde
Miriam Ross	Goldurkunde
Clara Pokorny	Silberurkunde
Hailan Shanbhadh	Silberurkunde
James Vaughan	Silberurkunde
Kyra Althaus	Bronzeurkunde
Emma Roese	Bronzeurkunde

German 4	
Berit Hudson-Rasmussen	Goldurkunde
Lyle Regenwetter	Goldurkunde
Robert Stavins	Silberurkunde
Luie Siegel	Silberurkunde
Nicholas Liu	Silberurkunde
Madeline Brown	Bronzeurkunde
Siena Roberts	Bronzeurkunde
Luke Bull	Bronzeurkunde

MATH DEPARTMENT

• **Parkland Math Contests- Uni placed 1st overall**

Individual awards include:

- Parkland medallions for Matthew Cho, Adam Rebei, Monica Pardeshi, and David Dlott
- 3rd place medals for Austin Chen and Anthony Wu
- 1st place medals for Reed Phillips, Samuel Guo, Sarah Zhang, Ben Schiffer, Vikram Bagchi, and Cole Petruzzi

Our Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and Pre-Calculus teams each placed first.

Our Calculator team (Reed Phillips, Andrew Stelzer, Robert Stavins, Vikram Bagchi, and Alice Hu) placed first.

Our Freshman/Sophomore 8-person team of Matthew Cho, Kevin Grosman, Adam Rebei, Maya Greer, Robert Chen, Devin Epstein, and Martin Grosman earned Parkland ribbons (they would have won 2nd place if a school could win two medals); our team of Anna Ding, Grace Qiu, Hadley Shapland, Elizabeth Singer, Samuel Guo, Mikhail Sigalov, Anthony Wu, and Sarah Zhang placed first.

Our Junior/Senior 8-person team of Vikram Bagchi, Robert Stavins, Andrew Stelzer, Rima Rebei, Grace Qiu, Reed Phillips, Austin Chen, and Adam Rebei earned Parkland ribbons, tying our other team of Nafisa Syed, Cole Petruzzi, Joy Jin, David Dlott, Lyle Regenwetter, Monica Pardeshi, Nicholas Liu, and Lilly Bralts-Kelly, which brought home the first place medal.

Our Freshman/Sophomore 2-person team of Devin Epstein and Anthony Wu earned Parkland medallions (would have been 2nd place), and our team of Sarah Zhang and Samuel Guo placed first.

Our Junior/Senior 2-person team of Ben Schiffer and Lyle Regenwetter placed first.

• **ICTM State Math Contests- Uni placed 5th overall**

Congratulations to seniors Vikram Bagchi, David Dlott, Alice Hu, Joy Jin, Cole Petruzzi, and Nafisa Syed; juniors Angela Li, Danny Liang, Nicholas Liu, Lyle Regenwetter, Ben Schiffer, Robert Stavins, and Iuliana Tartisa; sophomores Devin Epstein, Sam Guo, Rima Rebei, Mikhail Sigalov, Andrew Stelzer, Anthony Wu, and Sarah Zhang; and freshmen Austin Chen, Robert Chen, Anna Ding, Reed Phillips, Grace Qiu, Hadley shapland, and Elizabeth Singer, who participated in Saturday's Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics State Contest, placing 5th overall in the division for schools with student bodies between 1000 and 2000 students.

Individual awards went to Sam Guo, 1st place for Geometry, and Reed Phillips, 2nd place for Algebra 1.

Team awards went to:

- 1st place, Geometry team, with Sam Guo, Rima Rebei, Mikhail Sigalov, Andrew Stelzer, Anthony Wu, and Sarah Zhang
- 1st place, Freshman-Sophomore 8-person team, with Anna Ding, Grace Qiu, Hadley Shapland, Elizabeth Singer, Sam Guo, Mikhail Sigalov, Anthony Wu, and Sarah Zhang
- 2nd place, Fr-So 2-person team, with Sam Guo and Sarah Zhang
- 3rd place, Fr-So Relay team, with Austin Chen, Reed Phillips, Devin Epstein, and Rima Rebei
- 4th place, Algebra 1 team, with Austin Chen, Robert Chen, Anna Ding, Reed Phillips, Grace Qiu, and Hadley Shapland
- 4th place, Junior-Senior 8-person team, with Nicholas Liu, Lyle Regenwetter, Ben Schiffer, Iuliana Taritsa, David Dlott, Joy Jin, Cole Petruzzi, and Nafisa Syed
- 4th place, Jr-Sr 2-person team, with Lyle Regenwetter and Ben Schiffer
- 5th place, Algebra 2 team, with Devin Epstein, Angela Li, Danny Liang, Nicholas Liu, Lyle Regenwetter, and Ben Schiffer
- 10th place, Fr-So Relay team, with Robert Chen, Elizabeth Singer, Mikhail Sigalov, and Andrew Stelzer

• **American Mathematics Competition**

- AMC-8 School Winners: Matthew Cho and Kevin Grosman (tie)
- AMC-10 School Winners: Reed Phillips and Sarah Zhang (tie on contest A), Matthew Cho (contest B)
- AMC-12 School Winners: Samuel Guo (contest A), Ben Schiffer (contest B)

• **American Invitational Math Exam**

- AIME Qualifiers: Sam Guo, Ben Schiffer, Reed Phillips, Sarah Zhang, Lyle Regenwetter, Matthew Cho, Angela Li, Monica Pardeshi
- AIME School Winner: Matthew Cho

• **MathCounts (Subfreshmen)**

Matt Cho
Kevin Grosman
Albert Lee
Adam Rebei
Alex Swanson-Linville (alternate)

The team had a strong performance, coming in third place overall. Matt Cho came in third place as an individual. Thus, he was on the Illinois team at the national Mathcounts competition. Also, Albert Lee placed fourteenth as an individual.

• **Purple Comet Competition (Subfreshmen)**

Kevin Grosman
Albert Lee
Adam Rebei
Noah Rebei (not a Uni student, sibling of Rima and Adam Rebei)
Lawrence Taritsa

For the classification of middle schools with less than 400 students, this team placed first in the state, sixth in the nation, and sixteenth in the world.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

• Senior Athlete of the Year

Male Athlete of the Year – Isaak Haberman

Female Athlete of the Year – Grace Lilly

• IHSA Scholar-Athlete Award

Sofia Carrillo	Tommy Song	R.J. Money
Alice Chang	Timothy Winter-Nelson	Kavi Naidu
Grant DeAtley	William Ahlgren	Madeleine Nelson
Maya Dutta	Mariam Arif	Pauline Ostoja-Starzewski
Carmen Gewirth	Tiye Baraka	Pranav Pamidighantam
Simone Gewirth	Andy Barbour	Monica Pardeshi
Isaak Haberman	Chris Bauer	Joon Young Park
Ansel Higgs	Lilly Bralts-Kelly	Grace Peacock
Joy Jin	Claire Dickerson	Michael Rajlich
Esther Johnson	Anna Dmitrieva	Lyle Regenwetter
Thea Kammerling	Natalie Dullerud	Siena Roberts
Charles Randall Larenas-Leach	Athena Feng	Luie Siegel
Grace Lilly	Kate Ferreira	Dong-Ha Son
Katherine Liu	Lina Florez	Robert Stavins
Noah Lopez	Alyson Gerdes	Katherine Tender
Ashley McFarquhar	Tyra Greer	Neil Tewksbury
Joshua Meling	Berit Hudson-Rasmussen	Maia Vardy
Claire Michael	Natalie Hummel	Panos Voulgaris
Julia Miller	Gus Kasten	Johnny Wang
Isabel Morford-Cheibub	Louis Kim	Justin Wang
Ema Ondrejckova	Aarthi Lakshminarayanan	Selena Wang
Sally Pennacchi	Sarah Lee	John Zeiders
Raebekkah Pratt-Clarke	Nicholas Liu	
Nicholas Shapland	Joaquin Malik	

• ECIC Scholar-Athlete Award

Sofia Carrillo, Volleyball
Grant DeAtley, Basketball
Isaak Haberman, Soccer, Basketball
Thea Kammerling, Volleyball
Grace Lilly, Volleyball
Katherine Liu, Volleyball
Noah Lopez, Soccer
Joshua Meling, Soccer
Isabel Morford--Cheibub, Volleyball
Sally Pennacchi, Volleyball
Raebekkah Pratt--Clarke, Basketball
Nick Shapland, Basketball
Tim Winter--Nelson, Soccer

- **Tom Jolly “Spirit of Uni” Award**

Tom Jolly was a local hospital chaplain who was very active in community fine arts and athletic programs. He was the father of Uni alums Michelle Jolly, Class of 1984, and Doug Jolly, Class of 1990.

This award should be given to a graduating senior who, during his/her tenure at Uni, has exhibited outstanding moral, ethical, and spiritual qualities. The student should also have worked to strengthen the Uni community by bringing various groups, clubs or populations together in order to improve the community and understanding among the various elements of the Uni community and/or with groups outside of Uni. The recipient’s activities should have been as broad as possible during his/her time at Uni in order to reflect the full scope of the “Uni experience.”

Claire Michael

- **Athletic Director’s Award**

The Athletic Director’s Award is awarded to the Uni High senior who, in the opinion of the Athletic Director, has made a spirited contribution to the Uni High Athletic Department as a model community member and participant.

Raebekkah Pratt Clarke

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- **World Youth in Science and Engineering**

WYSE hosts the three rounds of its Academic Challenge from February through April each year. The tests---covering biology, chemistry, computer science, English, graphics, math, and physics---do not necessarily reflect high school course curricula, and thus may require effort and ability beyond classroom work. Uni High’s 2015 team continued its strong tradition by once again finishing in first place in the small-school division at State Finals.

For the second year in a row, Uni High’s Science Olympiad team took first place in the Regional competition, and for the second year in a row, earned a top-five finish in our division at State. The events---which range from rock and fossil identification to chemical analysis to bridge- and vehicle-building---require considerable extracurricular effort. Uni High’s Science Olympiad team continues its recent tradition of being organized and motivated entirely by students on the team.

- **ExploraVision**

ExploraVision, jointly sponsored by the National Science Teachers Association and Toshiba, is the largest technology competition in the world, attracting up to 20,000 students per year. The goal of the competition is for teams of two to four students to use their imaginations, along with their research, writing and artistic skills to create a vision of a technology of the future. Each team selects a current technology and predicts the state and uses of that technology twenty years into the future, or develops an entirely new technology to address current and anticipated problems within that same time period.

Uni High has the best record of any school in this competition, with teams placing first four times and once placing 2nd, with Uni team members receiving \$160,000 in scholarships. Congratulation to the thirty-two students who successfully completed Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision projects!

1st Place Regional Winners (9 States + Canada)

NADAPTechnology: Nanoparticle-based Allergen Detection and Asthma Prevention Technology (Anna Dmitrieva, Angela Li, Katie Tender, Selena Wang, Nicholas Liu)

Projects receiving Honorable Mention were:

AmStemTechnology: Amniotic Stem Cell Technology (Joy Chen, Sruti Ekkirala, Elizabeth Ramos)

Pro-CUEL: Protein Creation Utilizing Electron Lithography (Natalie Dullerud, Sarah Lee, Neil Tewksbury, Jack Zeiders)

Additional Uni High projects were:

3D Bio-Graft (Kathleen Ferreira, Aarthi Lakshminarayanan, Grace Peacock, Siena Roberts)

Armyo-- Myoelectric Arm Prosthetic (Alexandre Geubelle, Ezra Johnson, Henry Wilson)

BREATH: Blood and Respiratory Electronic Adaptable Technology for Health (Natalie Hummel, Darren Liu, Nicholas Liu, Iuliana Taritsa)

GoNaTech: Gold Nanoparticle Technology (Samuel Guo, Mehul Patnam, Andrew Stelzer)

NARTech: Nanorobotic Assisted Remyelination Technology (Monica Pardeshi, Lyle Regenwetter, Benjamin Schiffer, Robert Stavins)

UberPhage: The New Anti-bacterial (Jerome Gamie, Mikhail Sigalov, Anthony Wu)

• Illinois Science Teachers Association Award

The recipient of this award is a junior or senior selected based on his/her leadership qualities, independence of thought, ability to solve problems, good laboratory and study skills, high scholastic rank and desire for a career in science or a science-related field.

Nicholas Liu

• Bausch and Lomb Science Award

This award recognizes a junior who demonstrates excellence in all science classes and who has shown exceptional skill in laboratory experimentation, and who possesses the qualities requisite to a future career in the sciences.

Ben Schiffer

• Philip Anderson Award

Philip Anderson was a member of the University High School Class of 1940. He won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1977 for "fundamental theoretic investigation of the electronic structure of magnetic and disordered systems." This award is given to a student for exceptional performance through their science career at Uni, outstanding performance academically and participation in science-related extracurricular activities.

Nafisa Syed

- **STEM Volunteers**

This year a number of students served as STEM teaching volunteers in local elementary schools. Those students were:

Nafisa Syed	Grace Peacock
Thea Kammerling	Iulianna Taritsa
Grace Lilly	Jazmin Tweedle
Nicholas Liu	Joy Jin
Claire Malkovich	Katherine Liu
Sally Pennacchi	Monica Pardeshi
Donna Xia	Ashley McFarquhar
Tyra Greer	Timmy Purnell
Angela Li	

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- **James Tobin Excellence in the Social Sciences Award**

The James Tobin Award for Excellence in the Social Sciences was established in honor of Uni graduate James Tobin, an economist who won the Nobel Prize in 1981. The Tobin Award is given each year to a graduating senior who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the questions and principles of the social sciences.

Alice Hu
Patrick Stein

- **The Department of Social Studies is grateful for the many contributions of students from the graduating Class of 2015 who have served as WILL interns:**

Simone Gewirth, senior student producer, Right to Marry project, and intern for four years
Alice Hu, senior student producer, Right to Marry project, and intern for four years
Vinay Koshy, senior student producer, Right to Marry project, and intern for four years
Ema Ondrejckova, senior student producer, Right to Marry project, and intern for four years
Nafisa Syed, senior student producer, Right to Marry project, and intern for four years
Linus Erbach, intern for four years
Michelle Lu, intern for three years
Alice Chang, intern for two years

- **In addition, the Department of Social Studies would like to acknowledge the excellent leadership of the Habitat for Humanity Club in 2013-2014 by the following students:**

Maya Dutta, Class of 2015
Grace Lilly, Class of 2015
Isabel Morford-Cheibub, Class of 2015
Tim Winter-Nelson, Class of 2015
Marshall Allston-Yeagle, Class of 2016
Grace Taylor, Class of 2017

PARENT/FACULTY ORGANIZATION

• **Colin Thorn Award**

The University Laboratory High School Parent-Faculty Organization has established an award for those volunteers who make a special contribution to the School. The Thorn Award is presented to a non-student (parent, faculty member or friend of the University Laboratory High School) whose unpaid, volunteer service stands out as demonstrating extraordinary dedication to the welfare, enrichment, and improvement of the students and their educational experience at the school over a substantial period of time.

Dave Dickey - WILL

• **Sue Kovacs Award**

The University Laboratory High School Parent-Faculty Organization has established an award in honor of ex-Assistant principal Sue Kovacs. The award is given annually to a person who embodies the enthusiastic spirit of service which Ms. Kovacs displayed on a daily basis.

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• **U.S. Presidential Scholars Competition**

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

David Dlott, candidate

Alice Hu, candidate

Joy Jin, candidate – advanced to Semifinalist

• **National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists**

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®)—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements. In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified by mail at their home addresses that they have advanced to Finalist standing.

David Dlott

Ashley McFarquhar

Mary Feser

Cole Petruzzi

Alice Hu

Thomas Song

Joy Jin

Patrick Stein

Adina Johnson

Nafisa Syed

Eric Kong

Chloe Yang

Katherine Liu

Michelle Lu

- **National Merit Scholarship Program - Scholarship Recipients**

NMSC notifies approximately 8,200 Finalists at their home addresses that they have been selected to receive a Merit Scholarship® award. Merit Scholarship awards are of three types: National Merit \$2500 award;

National Merit \$2500 Scholarship:

Alice Hu

Corporate & College Sponsored:

Mary Feser (Northwestern University)

(This is an incomplete list - and scholarship recipients will continue to be named throughout the months of May & June.)

- **National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists**

Less than 1 percent, or about 16,000 out of the 1.5 million juniors across the country who entered the 2013 program by taking the 2011 preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) earn the semifinalist designation. In Illinois, 719 students qualified as semifinalists.

David Dlott

Michelle Lu

Mary Feser

Ashley McFarquhar

Alice Hu

Cole Petruzzi

Joy Jin

Thomas Song

Adina Johnson

Patrick Stein

Eric Kong

Nafisa Syed

Katherine Liu

Chloe Yang

- **National Achievement Scholarship Program**

The National Achievement® Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students. Black students may enter both the National Achievement Program and the National Merit® Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and meeting other published requirements for participation.

Ben Carlton, Semifinalist

Coleman Solis, Semifinalist

Ailin Valdivia-McCarthy, Outstanding Participant

- **National Hispanic Recognition Program**

Each year, the NHRP identifies nearly 5,000 of the highest-scoring students (from a nation-wide total of more than 200,000 juniors) in the United States and U.S. Territories who take the PSAT/NMSQT and designate themselves as Hispanic/Latino.

Sofia Carrillo, Scholar

Charles Randall Larenas-Leach, Scholar

Isabel Morford-Cheibub, Scholar

• National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended

In late September, more than two-thirds or about 34,000 of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT® receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Commended Students are named on the basis of a nationally applied Selection Index score that may vary from year to year and is below the level required for participants to be named Semifinalists in their respective states.

Vikram Bagchi	Bruce Li
Sofia Carrillo	Gillian Moore
Jacqueline Carrubba	Isabel Morford-Cheibub
Celia Faux	Nicholas Shapland
Thea Kammerling	Coleman Solis
Vinay Koshy	Timothy Winter-Nelson

• DAR/SAR Good Citizen Award

Alliance Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Piankeshaw Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution sponsor the Good Citizens program for high school seniors each fall. Participating high schools can honor two young persons in the senior class who demonstrate qualities of good citizenship.

Grant DeAtley
Carmen Gewirth

• WCIA “Best of the Class”

The “Best of the Class” the top seniors graduating from high schools in the WCIA 3 viewing area. Uni High is allowed to submit all students (at the end of 7th semester) who have achieved a perfect 4.00 GPA.

Vikram Bagchi	Cole Petruzzi
Mary Feser	Nafisa Syed
Vinay Koshy	Timothy Winter-Nelson
Katherine Liu	Chloe Yang
Ashley McFarquhar	

• Illinois State Scholars

State scholar designation provides honorary recognition with no monetary award. Approximately the top ten percent of graduates from approved high schools are announced as State Scholars each year.

Shaleen Agrawal	Allie Hartman	Darren Liu	Thomas Song
Vikram Bagchi	Ansel Higgs	Katherine Liu	Patrick Stein
Sofia Carrillo	Alice Hu	Michelle Lu	Nafisa Syed
Alice Chang	Joy Jin	Claire Malkovich	Alice Trelakis
Grant DeAtley	Adina Johnson	Ashley McFarquhar	Timothy Winter-Nelson
David Dlott	Esther Johnson	Joshua Meling	Donna Xia
Maya Dutta	Thea Kammerling	Julia Miller	Chloe Yang
Kai Ebata	Eric Kong	Isabel Morford-Cheibub	
Linus Erbach	Vinay Koshy	Gillian Moore	
Mary Feser	Charles Randall	Ema Ondrejckova	
Simone Gewirth	Larenas-Leach	Sara Pennacchi	
Isaak Haberman	Bruce Li	Nicholas Shapland	
Gyuri Han	Grace Lilly	Coleman Solis	

- **Kiwanis Vic Shaul Award**

The Champaign-Urbana Noon Kiwanis Club started a scholarship program in 1989 in honor of one of their club's finest members -- Vic Shaul. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club since 1945 and passed away in 1993. This \$500 scholarship award program recognizes him for his tremendous contributions to our community and its young people.

Quyen Nguyen

- **Kiwanis Noon Club Senior Recognition Luncheon**

Three juniors (selected on the basis of academics & leadership) were honored at a Kiwanis Club recognition luncheon. Accompanied by Jeff Walkington and their families, our three junior honorees this year were:

Siena Roberts

Katie Tender

Neil Tewksbury

- **Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship**

The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program recognizes graduating seniors who excel in the classroom and give back to their communities.

Bruce Li

- **Junior League of CU**

The Junior League of Champaign-Urbana is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. A scholarship in the amount of \$500 is offered to one young woman from each local high school who has demonstrated a strong commitment to volunteerism.

Isabel Morford-Cheibub

- **American Legion School Medal Awards Program**

A certificate and medal is presented to one graduating boy and girl – recognizing seniors for outstanding leadership both in the classroom and out in the community.

Andrew Nguyen

Raebekkah Pratt-Clarke

- **Smith College Book Award Program**

This Book Award Program recognizes one outstanding young woman in our junior class. If the recipient of the Book Award chooses to apply to Smith College, the application fee will be waived.

Lina Florez

- **2015 Global Youth Summit on the Future of Medicine (Brandeis University)**

Three Uni students were nominated to join the summit delegation hosted by Brandeis this summer.

Lauren Monahan (Class of 2017)

Anupam Sharma (Class of 2018)

Juliana Tarista (Class of 2016)

- **Peer College Counselors**

Peer mentors who provide support, advice and encouragement to juniors in their college search and planning process.

Linus Erbach	Isabel Morford-Cheibub
Carmen Gewirth	Coleman Solis
Alice Hu	Tommy Song
Adina Johnson	Donnz Xia

- **Subbie Buddies / Transfer Buddies**

Peer mentors who provide support, advice and encouragement during a student's transition to Uni.

TRANSFER BUDDY LEADER	SUBBIE BUDDIES	
Quyen Nguyen	Noah Blue	Alyssa Rauschenberger
	Darrian Boyd	Matt Reeder
TRANSFER BUDDIES	Anna Ding	Ethan Simmons
Michael Anukwu	Maya Dutta	Tommy Song
Jonah Koslofsky	Linus Erbach	Maggie Tewksbury
Sara Lee	Beth Geistlinger	Ha Tran
	Carmen Gewirth	Aja Trask
SUBBIE BUDDY LEADERS	Jonah Herzog	Jazmin Tweedle
Callie Bruce	Bruce Li	Leah Wallace
Zina Dolan	Grace Lilly	Brian Zilles
Andrew Nguyen	Mallika Luthar	
Raebekkah Pratt-Clarke	Isabel Morford-Cheibub	
Neil Tewksbury	Molly Newman-Johnson	
	Lizzy Ramos	

UNI HIGH AWARDS

- **Wylde Q. Chicken Award**

The award was established “to recognize Uni students who exhibit spontaneous creativity. Unbidden originality. Thinking outside the box. Coloring outside the lines of the coloring book. The nontraditional, the unconventional, the unexpected. Extraordinary acts in ordinary circumstances.”

Grant DeAtley
Noah Lopez
Darren Liu
Ansel Higgs

- **June Mank Award**

June Mank was the bookkeeper for University High School from 1972-1988. She served on the Champaign City Council from 1979 until 2001. In her spare time she drove cancer patients for treatment, meals on wheels, and served on various neighborhood committees, plus church activities. This award is given to a student who most shares June's supportive role in the interest of Uni High. The student may have a long-term commitment to a single project, a short-term commitment to a variety of projects, or is engaged in service to the school without being asked.

Bruce Li

- **Director's Award**

The Director's Award is awarded to that Uni High student who, in the opinion of the Director, has made a spirited contribution to Uni High as a model student and citizen.

Emma Ondrejckova

- **Student of the Year**

The Student of the Year Award goes to a student who meets the following criteria: demonstrates respect for the dignity and worth of the individual; is sensitive to the needs of his/her school and community and initiates constructive action without seeking self-glorification; is willing and able to operate as a leader or follower as the situation demands; is not bound by tradition, and has a strong interest in and commitment to their academic program.

Grace Lilly

- **Matt Wilhelm "Service With A Smile" Award**

Matt Wilhelm, Class of 1999, was a dedicated member of the Uni student body who was constantly helping others. No matter what he was doing, from serving on Student Council to assisting fellow students with their homework, Matt always contributed with little fanfare and with an unforgettable smile. Each year, the Matt Wilhelm Memorial "Service with a Smile" award shall go to the member of the Uni student body who, like Matt, went above and beyond the call of duty to serve the Uni community.

Raebekkah Pratt-Clarke

- **Ella Leppert Award**

This award is named in honor of Dr. Ella C. Leppert, a long-time social studies teacher at University High School, and recognizes outstanding teaching at Uni High.

Chris Butler

