

UNIVERSITY LABORATORY HIGH SCHOOL

# 2013-14 ACADEMIC AWARDS BOOKLET

# **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

# • Rosemary Laughlin Contest in Creative Writing

Rosemary Laughlin is a former long-time and beloved English teacher, and the award is named in her honor.

Poetry:

Celia Faux, 1st Place for her poem "Pigs R Us"

RJ Money, 2nd Place for his poem "Garden Beach 2100"

Alice Hu, Honorable Mention for her poem "this is not a convoluted metaphor for anything"

Prose:

Samah Ahmed, 1st Place for her story "Chemistry Notes"

Kai Ebata, 2nd Place for his story "4-HO-MiPT"

Maddie Brown, Honorable Mention for her story "Skeletons I've seen"

# FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

### • Illinois All-State Music Selectees

Nathan Beauchamp, viola

Noah Larson, violin

Bruce Li, cello

Darren Liu, cello

Sierra Maniates-Selvin, oboe

Joshua Meling, violin

Monica Pardeshi, violin

Valerie Makri, soprano

Lucas Newman-Johnson, bass

Arch Robison, bass

#### Insect Fear Film Festival

1st Place - 9th+ Grade - George Gunter

3rd Place - 9th+ Grade - Adina Johnson

3rd Place - 6th-8th Grade - Yichen Yao

# 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. Ema Ondrejckova and Gloria Ha

### • 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 (a total of 18324 participants in the nation) Ha Tran (7)

French 2 (a total of 19492 participants in the nation)

Carissa Hwu (3), Katherine Liu (4), Valerie Makri (4), Sarah Zhang (5), Renata Herrera (6), Varun Chopra (7), Zina Dolan (7), Mikhail Sigalov (7), Timothy Purnell (8), Jerry Gammie (8), Annemarie Michael (9), Caroline Gillette (9), Martin Grossman (9)

French 3 (a total of 16424 participants in the nation)

Lilly Bralts-Kelly (3), Anna Dmitrieva (4), Iulianna Taritsa (6), Makayla Dorsey (7), William Ahlgren (9), Anthony Wu (9), Katherine Popetz (9), Kari Schwink (10)

French 4 (a total of 9739 participants in the nation) Mary Feser (7), Chloe Yang (9)

# • National Japanese Exam Awards

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

Level 1.

Silver: Berit Hudson-Rasumussen, Ethan Chen

Bronze: Michelle Kim

Level 2

Gold medal: Darrian Boyd, Zoe Goldenfeld, Gloria Ha

Silver: Giulia Barbieri, Thea Kammerling

Level 3

Gold: Katherine Tender

Silver: Angela Li Bronze: Kavi Naidu

# • JET-MIP Scholarship (July 6-July 24 to Japan)

Darrian Boyd

# • Illinois Association of Teachers of Japanese, Japanese New Year Card Contest

Third Place: Thea Kammerling

Honorary Mention: Elizabeth Carrubba, Sarah Lee, Angela Li

• The U.S.-Japan Foundation Scholarship for ISAK SUMMER SCHOOL in Karuizawa, Japan Summer Event is only for 7,8 graders from 20 countries (4 from U.S. receive full scholarship). Ethan Chen

### • Illinois Latin Tournament (Finalists)

Level I

Kathryn Dullerud

Omeed Miraftab-Salo (in absentia)

Reed Phillips (\*\*top qualifying paper)

Latin II

**Emily Gibson** 

Mehul Patnam

Sally Pennacchi Matt Reeder

Latin III

Joaquin Malik

Elissa Mullins

Monica Pardeshi

Latin V

Daniel Stelzer (\*\*5th year qualifier)

### • Illinois Latin Tournament (Finalists)

Latin I – Emily Gibson (Excellent rating), Matthew Reeder (Superior rating, top paper at the junior high level)

# • Medusa Mythology Exam

Olive Crown - William Givens, August Kasten

# National Spanish Contest Winners 2013

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 2014. The Uni students who were ranked as national winners are:

Level 1: Silver- Mary Campbell, Stella Faux, Shreya Gargya, Umar Hanif, Christopher Heffley, Arielle Summitt
Bronze- Saahithi Maturi, Julian Montagye, Kaden Canales

Level 2: Gold- Isabel Morford-Cheibub Silver- Sruti Ekkirala, Jonah Herzog, Jackson Vaughan Bronze- Aja Trask

Level 3: Gold- Natalie Dullerud Silver- Mariam Arif, Jessica Kittle Bronze- Grace Lilly, Michael Rajlich, Benjamin Schiffer, Jonathan Wang Level 4: Gold-Nafisa Syed

Bronze- Alice Chang, Esther Johnson, Charles Randall Larenas-Leach, Pengyu Li, Ella Lubienski, Ashley McFarquhar, Joshua Meling, Sara Pennacchi

### AATG National

German II

Gold: Miriam Ross (1st in state), Andrew Steltzer (3rd in state), Isaac Freund (5th in state), Sam Hotchkiss, Julia Miller, Anshul Adve, Esther Johnson, Clara Pokorny, Hailan

Shanbhag

Silver: Kai Ebata, Ezra Johnson, James Vaughn, Emma Roese

Bronze: Kyra Althaus

German III

Gold: Berit Hudson-Rasmussen (1st in state), Lyle Regenwetter (1st in state), Nicholas Liu,

Robert Stavins

Silver: Madeline Brown

Bronze: Alyson Gerdes, Aarthi Lakshminarayanan, Priyasha Bhatt, Maia Vardy, Luke Bull,

Luie Siegel

German IV

Gold: Patrick Stein (2nd in state), Adina Johnson (5th in state), Ansel Higgs, Cole Petruzzi

Silver: Thea Kammerling

Bronze: Ema Ondrejckova, Ailin Validivia-McCarthy, Timothy Winter-Nelson

# MATH DEPARTMENT

# $\bullet \ \ Parkland/ICTM \ Regional \ Math \ Contests-\ Uni\ placed \ 1st \ overall$

Individual Awards

1st place – Anshul Adve & Samuel Guo tied (Algebra 1); Ben Schiffer (Geometry); Cole Petruzzi (Algebra 2); Gloria Ha (Pre-Calculus)

3rd place – Mikhail Sigalov & Sarah Zhang tied (Algebra 1); Nicholas Liu & Lyle Regenwetter tied (Geometry); Vikram Bagchi (Algebra 2)

Parkland medallions – Anthony Wu (Algebra 1); Danny Liang (Geometry); Andrew Leigh, Joy Jin, and Tommy Song (Algebra 2); Daniel Stelzer (Pre-Calculus)

Team Awards

1st place - Algebra 1 team (freshmen)

1st place – Geometry team (sophomores)

1st place – Algebra 2 team (juniors)

1st place - Pre-Calculus team (seniors)

1st place - Freshman-Sophomore 8-person team

1st place – Freshman-Sophomore 2-person team (Lyle Regenwetter & Ben Schiffer)

2nd place - Calculator team

2nd place - Oral team (Monica Pardeshi & Nafisa Syed)

2nd place – Junior-Senior 8-person team

Parkland medallions – Calculator team, Freshman-Sophomore 8-person team, Junior-Senior 2-person team (Megan James & Daniel Stelzer), Junior-Senior 2-person team (Tristan Gurtler & Tommy Song), Freshman-Sophomore 2-person team (Samuel Guo & Robert Stavins), Freshman-Sophomore 2-person team (Devin Epstein & Sarah Zhang)

# • ICTM State Math Contests- Uni placed 4th overall

Individual Awards:

1st place - Sam Guo (Algebra 1)

8th place - Sarah Zhang (Algebra 1)

Team awards:

1st place, Algebra 1 team (Devin Epstein, Sam Guo, Mikhail Sigalov, Andrew Stelzer, Anthony Wu, Sarah Zhang)

1st place, Fr/So 8-person team (Sam Guo, Mikhail Sigalov, Andrew Stelzer, Sarah Zhang, Danny Liang, Nicholas Liu, Lyle Regenwetter, Ben Schiffer)

2nd place, Jr/Sr 8-person team (Alice Hu, Joy Jin, Cole Petruzzi, Tommy Song, Tristan Gurtler, Gloria Ha, Divya Joshi, Arch Robison)

2nd place, Fr/So 2-person team (Sam Guo, Ben Schiffer)

4th place, Fr/So Relay team 1 (Devin Epstein, Sarah Zhang, Nicholas Liu, Monica Pardeshi)

6th place, Geometry team (Anna Dmitrieva, Danny Liang, Nicholas Liu, Monica Pardeshi, Lyle Regenwetter, Ben Schiffer)

7th place, Fr/So Relay team 2 (Andrew Stelzer, Anthony Wu, Lyle Regenwetter, Robert Stavins)

9th place, Algebra 2 team (Alice Hu, Joy Jin, Andrew Leigh, Cole Petruzzi, Tommy Song, Donna Xia)

10th place, Calculator team (Anthony Wu, Robert Stavins, Donna Xia, Megan James, Daniel Stelzer)

# • American Mathematics Competition

AMC-8 (subfreshmen only):

Reed Phillips: School and Regional winner

AMC-10

Lyle Regenwetter and Ben Schiffer: School winner

AMC-12

Samuel Guo: School winner

#### • American Invitational Math Exam

Qualifiers: Samuel Guo, Jonah Herzog, Lyle Regenwetter, Ben Schiffer

School winner: Lyle Regenwetter

### • USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad

Qualifier: Lyle Regenwetter

### • MathCounts (Subfreshmen)

1st Place Regional team: Reed Phillips, Anna Ding, Austin Chen, Robert Chen (alternates) Ha Tran, Shreya Gargya, Sarah Matatov, Elizabeth Singer

2nd Place Individual Competitor: Reed Phillips

### • Mandlebrot Contest

6th Place Team, Dogwood Region 6th Place Individual, Sam Guo, Dogwood Region

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### Senior Athlete of the Year

George Gunter and Lea Slauch

### • IHSA Scholar-Athlete Award

Seniors **Dezy Powers** Nathan Beauchamp Arch Robison Havah Berg Alana Rosenbaum David Bergvelt Vinay Shanbhag Mary Campbell Lea Slauch Roberto Chapa Kedar Vaidya Jia Curry-Bild Jilliana Walch Mary Dickerson Troy Xu Diego Gunderson Jonathan Yockey

George Gunter

Tristan Gurtler Brooks Hauser Randall Hornbaker Bryan Hwu

Peter Ivanov Anna Kanfer Sam LeRoy Max Li Surya Lombela

William Metcalf Chas Newman Lucas Newman-Johnson

Lara Orlandic Kathryn Powell Juniors
Sofia Carillo
Alice Chang
Grant DeAtley
Maya Dutta
Linus Erbach
Mary Feser
Carmen Gewirth

Simone Gewirth Isaak Haberman Ansel Higgs

Joy Jin

Esther Johnson Thea Kammerling Charles Randall Larenas-

Leach
Grace Lilly
Katherine Liu
Noah Lopez

Ashley McFarquhar Joshua Meling Julia Miller

Isabel Morford-Cheibub

Andrew Nguyen Ema Ondrejckova Sally Pennacchi

Raebekkah Pratt-Clarke

Nick Shapland Coleman Solis Thomas Song Patrick Stein Alice Trellakis

Ailin Valdivia-McCarthy Tim Winter-Nelson

#### ECIC Scholar-Athlete Award

Jia Curry-Bild
Tristan Gurtler
Randall Hornbaker
Peter Ivanov
Sam LeRoy
Surya Lombela
William Metcalf
Dezy Powers
Lea Slauch
Kedar Vaidya
Jonathan Yockey

### • 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 show, 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."

Sam LeRoy

### · 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.

Chas Newman

# SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

# ExploraVision

ExploraVision competition is jointly sponsored by the National Science Teachers Association and Toshiba. The competition, now in its 18th year, 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.* 

Project receiving Honorable Mention was:

NaSR Technology: Nanorobotic Stem Cell-based Remyelination Technology

Monica Pardeshi, Lyle Regenwetter, Benjamin Schiffer, Robert Stavins

Additional Uni High projects were:

Aquata: A Roofing System to Harness Rainwater as a Viable Water Source

Vikram Bagchi, Mary Feser, Vinay Koshy, Bruce Li

CardioSkin

Jerry Gammie, Sam Guo, Anthony Wu, and Sarah Zhang

MIERS: Microrobot-based Myocardial Infarction Emergency Response System

Gyuri Han, Nicholas Liu, Nafisa Syed

NADAPTechnology: Nanoparticle-based Allergen and Asthma Prevention Technology

Anna Dmietrieva, Angela Li, Katie Tender, Selena Wang

New Protein Sources for the Developing World

Shaleen Agrawal, Quintin Pittendrigh

SKEAT: The Solar and Kinetic Energy Absorbing Tile Alice Hu, Darren Liu, Joshua Meling, Chloe Yang

### • 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.

Nafisa Syed

#### 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.

Chloe Yang

# 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.

Arch Robison

Gloria Ha

#### STEM Volunteers

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

Monica Pardeshi Gloria Ha Joy Jin
Grace Lilly Divia Joshi Katherine Liu
Max Li Jilli Walch Dezi Powers
Shawn Lu Andrew Nguyen Nafisa Syed

Donna Xia Lucie D'Angelo Charles Randall Larenas-Leach

Ailin Valdivia-McCarthy Ashley McFarquhar Quyen Nguyen

# 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.

Jonathan Yockey

• The Department of Social Studies is grateful for the many contributions of students from the graduating Class of 2014 who have served as WILL interns:

Gloria Ha, senior student producer, Intellectual Disabilities project and intern for four years

Anna Kanfer, senior student producer, Intellectual Disabilities project and intern for four years

Lara Orlandic, senior student producer, Intellectual Disabilities project and intern for four years

Mary Campbell, intern for four years Mara Dolan, intern for two years, team leader for one year Jonathan Yockey, intern for two years David Bergvelt, intern for one year

• 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:

Havah Berg, Class of 2014 Maya Dutta, Class of 2015 George Gunter, Class of 2014 Isabel Morford-Cheibub, Class of 2015 Lara Orlandic, Class of 2014 Jonathan Yockey, Class of 2014

# 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.

**Bob Coverdill** 

Karl Knox

#### · 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. Janet LeRoy Jan Seeley

# 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.

Gloria Ha, candidate - advanced to Semifinalist Arch Robison, candidate

# • 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.

Nathan Beauchamp
David Bergvelt
Tristan Gurtler
Gloria Ha
Randall Hornbaker
Peter Ivanov
Zhaoyu Li
Valerie Makri
Lucas Newman-Johnson
Arch Robison
Daniel Stelzer

Samah Ahmed

# • 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; Corporate-sponsored; College-sponsored.

Gloria Ha Arch Robison

Troy Xu

Jonathan Yockey

Daniel Steltzer

### • 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.
Samah Ahmed
Nathan Beauchamp
Zhaoyu Li
Valerie Makri
Lucas Newman-

David Bergvelt
Tristan Gurtler
Gloria Ha
Daniel Stelzer

Johnson
Arch Robison
Daniel Stelzer

Randall Hornbaker

Peter Ivanov

Troy Xu

Jonathan Yockey

# • 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.

Taharka Baraka, Outstanding Participant Surya Lombela, Outstanding Participant Desmond Powers, 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.

Roberto Chapa, Scholar Diego Gundersen, 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.

Colin Althaus Sierra Maniates-Selvin Mary Campbell Ananth Nandakishore

Roberto Chapa Lara Orlandic
Theodore Geistlinger Katherine Popetz
Bryan Hwu Alana Rosenbaum
Divya Joshi Vinay Shanbhag
Ruth Kahn Lea Slauch
Xun Lu Allison Taylor
Ella Lubienski Jilliana Walch

### • 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.

Mary Campbell Sam LeRoy

#### 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.

Samah Ahmed

Tristan Gurtler

Gloria Ha

Bryan Hwu

Divya Joshi

Lara Orlandic

Arch Robison

Daniel Stelzer

Jonathan Yockey

### • 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.

Tanisha Afnan Megan James Divya Joshi Samah Ahmed Ruth Kahn Colin Althaus Anna Kanfer Taharka Baraka Nathan Beauchamp Samuel LeRoy David Bergvelt Max Li Mika Booth-Hodges Shawn Lu Mary Campbell Ella Lubienski Roberto Chapa Valerie Makri

Aileen Chu Sierra Maniates-Selvin Mary Dickerson William Metcalf Isabelle Fitzpatrick Ananth Nandakishore

Theodore Geistlinger Liam Nelson William Givens Chas Newman

Diego Gundersen Lucas Newman-Johnson

George Gunter Lara Orlandic
Tristan Gurtler Katherine Popetz
Gloria Ha Katherine Powell
Randall Hornbaker Desmond Powers
Bryan Hwu Emmanuel Pratt-Clarke

Peter Ivanov Alice Rietz

Arch Robison
Alana Rosenbaum
Vinay Shanbhag
Lea Slauch
Daniel Stelzer
Kedar Vaidya
Jilliana Walch

Jonathan Yockey

### · 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. Nathan Beauchamp

# • 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:

Simone Gewirth Andrew Nguyen Quyen Nguyen

# • Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship

Samah Ahmed

# • Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship

Anna Kanfer

# United States Naval Academy Full Scholarship

Mary Campbell

# • Rotary Youth Exchange Students

Brigite Dietz- Hungary Vinay Shanbhag

# • 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.

Megan James

# • Peer College Counselors

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

Samah Ahmed

Havah Berg

Tristan Gurtler

Surya Lombela

Shawn Lu

Alison Taylor

### • Subbie Buddies / Transfer Buddies

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

#### TRANSFER BUDDIES

Quyen Nguyen (Leader)

Brigette Dietz

Joy Jin

Alice Rietz

Dong-Ha Son

### SUBBIE BUDDY LEADERS

Max Li

Sierra Maniates-Selvin

Chas Newman

Andrew Nguyen

Raebekkah Pratt-Clarke

### SUBBIE BUDDIES

Giulia Barbieri

Darrian Boyd

Callie Bruce

Jia Curry-Bild

Zina Dolan

Maya Dutta

Sruti Ekkirala

Linus Erbach

Beth Geistlinger

Alexandre Geubelle

Carmen Gewirth

Gloria Ha

Renata Herrera

Bruce Li

Grace Lilly

Raphaelle Mboyo

Isabel Morford-Cheibub

Molly Newman-Johnson

Evan Petty

Lizzy Ramos

Matt Reeder

Tommy Song

Grace Taylor

Neil Tewksbury

Jazmin Tweedle

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### • 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."

Megan James

### • 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. Lara Orlandic

#### · 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.

Gloria Ha and Sam LeRoy

#### · 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.

Arch Robison

#### • 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.

Sam LeRoy

# • 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.

Barb Gerdes