



UNIVERSITY LABORATORY HIGH SCHOOL

**2016-17 ACADEMIC  
AWARDS BOOKLET**

# FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

## • Illinois All-State Music Selectees (ILMEA)

Sarah Zhang	Devin Epstein
Grace Taylor	Vikram Perry
Olivia Taylor	Andrew Stelzer
Matthew Reeder	Dale Robbennolt
Annemarie Michael	Jonah Herzog
Samuel Guo	Timmy Purnell
Stella Faux	Sarah Grosse Perdekamp

## • Insect Fear Film Festival

Bianca Rubel – Honorable Mention  
Lauren Lumetta – Best in Show  
Tori Aber - 2nd Place 9th through 12 grade  
Leah Wallace – 1st Place, 9th through 12th grade

## • Millikin University's High School Art Exhibition:

Jerry Gammie – Best in Show

## • U of I's Fine and Applied Arts High School Show at Link Gallery:

Jerry Gammie – Honorable Mention  
Mustafa Syed – Judge's Choice

## • Eric Show at Illini Union Gallery

Curtis Chung – Honorable Mention

# 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.*

Matthew Reeder and Timmy Purnell

## • National Japanese Exam Awards

The Sixth Annual National Japanese Exam was available for Level 1, 2 and 3 Japanese students only.

### Level 3

Silver: Irina Cheng (State ranking #2)  
Bronze: Harmen Alleyne (State ranking #7)  
Honorable Mention: Xanthe Brown, Bridget Rubins, Crystina Wayne

### Level 2

Gold medal: Christina Wu (State ranking #1, National ranking #1)  
Silver: Tue Do, Zona Hrnjak, Jenna Lee  
Bronze: Smita Nair  
Honorable Mention: Eli Garrett, Liana Reichlin

### Level 1

Silver: Blessing Omoniyi (State ranking #3, National ranking #26)  
Bronze: Edward Kong, Lauren Lumetta

## • Illinois Japan Bowl

### Level 3

2nd Place: the team of Irina Cheng, Bridget Rubins, Crystina Wayne.  
3rd Place: the team of Macheila Anderson, Lili Banihashem

## • 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 85,000 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:

Gold Medal (95th percentile): Alice Hu, Alicia Kim, Natalia Pittendrigh, Maggie Tewksbury  
Silver Medal (85th-90th percentile): Mira Echambadi, Muntaha Islam, Lucas Wood  
Bronze Medal (75th -80th percentile): Aryan Lalwani, D.J. Nelson, Nathan Walker

### French 2:

Gold Medal (95th percentile): Sophia Ebel, Akash Pardeshi  
Silver Medal (85th – 90th percentile): Martin Aldunate, Elizabeth Atkinson, Elisha Ham, Alyssa Rauschenberger, Elizabeth Rienstra, Matthew Tang  
Bronze Medal (75th -80th percentile): Dylan Bowman, Minji Choi, Betty Nguyen

### French 3:

Platinum Medal (95th percentile): Lili Banihashem (highest score in level and division – national rank 1)  
Gold Medal (95th percentile): Hadiyah Rasheed  
Silver Medal (85th-90th percentile): Hannah Davis, Solomia Dzhaman, Kevin Grosman, Sarah Grubisich, Lawrence Taritsa  
Bronze Medal (75th -80th percentile): Tri Do, Grace Sumitro

### French 4

Gold Medal (95th percentile): Anupam Sharma, Ha Tran, Sarah Zhang  
Silver Medal (85th-90th percentile): Robert Chen, Anna Ding, Augusta Mansfield  
Bronze Medal (75th -80th percentile): Nora Benmamoun, Jerry Gammie, Martin Grosman

## • National Latin Awards

### Latin 1

Gold Summa Cum Laude: Daniel Campos, Collin Jung, Irina Cheng, Soulara Bojarsky, Tina Wayne, Alex Dolcos, Reed Broaders, Raneem Saadah, Katie Powers, Danbi Choi, Daniel Matatov

Silver Maxima Cum Laude: Daniel Cho, Romaisa Aamer, Mayahuel Malik, Noah Rebei, Ha Tran, Danielle Burgstrom, Sarah Matatov

Magna Cum Laude: Katelyn Barbour

Cum Laude: Mattea Laurent

### Latin 2

Gold Summa Cum Laude: Sarah Hashash, Katie Carrubba, Ethan Ashbrook, Emi Loucks

Silver Maxima Cum Laude: Joshua Mok-Chih

Magna Cum Laude: Ahmad Bobat

### Latin 3

Gold Summa Cum Laude: Albert Lee, Tim Cho, Annette Lee, Annemarie Michael, Betsy Ruckman

Silver Maxima Cum Laude: Ayat Jaber, Adam Rebei

Magna Cum Laude: Gloria Sunderland, Jessica Valette, Alice Correia

### Latin 4

Gold Summa Cum Laude: Chloe Pollock-Muskin, Phillips Reed, Omeed Mirafteb-Salo

Silver Maxima Cum Laude: Kathryn Dullerud, Lindsay Huang

Magna Cum Laude: Nathan Durkin, Ellie Breen

Cum Laude: Vikram Perry, Isandro Malik

### Illinois Junior Classical League Awards:

1st Place: Nathan Durkin : Roman Life: Level 4

1st Place: Darshan Naidu: Derivatives: Level 4

1st Place: Tim Cho: Roman Life: Level 3

1st Place: Daniel Matatov: Vocabulary: Level 1

1st Place: Betsy Ruckman: Girl's sprint

2nd Place: Alice Correia: Derivatives: Level 3

2nd Place: Adam Rebei: Vocabulary: Level 3

2nd Place: Daniel Cho: Mythology: Level 1

2nd Place: Katie Powers: Vocabulary: Level 1

2nd Place: Sarah Grosse-Perdecamp: Photography

2nd Place: Tim Cho: Javelin Throw

2nd Place: Sarah Matatov: Javelin Throw

3rd Place: Reed Phillips: Vocabulary: Level 4

3rd Place: Noah Rebei: Culture: Level 1

## • 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 157,000 students participating in 2017.

### Spanish 1:

Gold: Timothy Cho, Jonathan Lau, Nusayb Mansury

Silver: Othniel Carr, Salma El-Naggar, Nicholas Phillips

Bronze: Alex Anukwu, Olivia Taylor

### Spanish 2:

Gold: Anya Kaplan, Mustafa Syed, Neha Aluru

Silver: Pomona Carrington, Nicole Southey, Kristine Wang

### Spanish 3:

Gold: Christelle Seri, Grace Taylor, Ana Rosu

Silver: Victoria Kindratenko, Nathalie Stein, Arjun Tangella, Yamini Yedetore

Bronze: Anika Kimme, Nishant Sheikh, Cedric Swearingen

### Spanish 4:

Bronze: Shreya Gargya, Arielle Summitt

## • AATG National German Test Award Winners

### German II

Gold: Elizabeth Tyson (1st in state), Henry D'Angelo (3rd in state), David Sun, Nicole Cooper, Emma Herzog, Samuel Atkinson, Alexander Rushing

Silver: Grant Hoey, Emi Brown

Bronze: Angelynn Huang, Henry Kraatz, Anna Ondrejckova

### German III

Gold: Annemily Hoganson (1st in state), Matthew Reeder (2nd in state – AATG Senior Trip Nominee), Robert Nagel, Lia Dankowicz, Lorraine Bernhard, Katharine Ahlgren, Samir Gray

Silver: Olivia Taylor, Emma Loewenstein, Isaac Gray

### German IV

Gold: Sophia Ebel (1st in state)

Silver: Grant Allen, Brian Zilles

Bronze: Paul D'Angelo, Noah Blue

## **MATH DEPARTMENT**

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

#### Individual awards

Reed Phillips earned a perfect score and placed first in Algebra 2

Albert Lee placed first in Geometry

Sam Guo placed first in Pre-Calculus

Tue Do placed second in Algebra 1

Adam Rebei placed second in Geometry

Austin Chen tied for second in Algebra 2

Anshul Adve placed second in Pre-Calculus  
Matthew Tang placed third in Algebra 1  
Tri Do placed third in Geometry  
Andrew Stelzer tied for third in Pre-Calculus  
Kevin Grosman earned a Parkland medallion in Geometry

#### Team awards

Algebra 1 team– Dylan Bowman, Geoffrey Ding, Tue Do, Sarah Hashash, Akash Pardeshi, Matthew Tang (1st place)  
Geometry team – Albert Lee, Adam Rebei, Tri Do, Kevin Grosman, Annemily Hoganson, Sam Li (1st place)  
Algebra 2 team – Van Gundersen, Robert Chen, Austin Chen, Kathryn Dullerud, Reed Phillips, Grace Qiu (1st place)  
Pre-Calculus team – Sam Guo, Sarah Zhang, Anthony Wu, Mikhail Sigalov, Anshul Adve, Andrew Stelzer, Ethan Simmons, Quinn Powers (1st place)  
Calculator team – Akash Pardeshi, Albert Lee, Austin Chen, Sarah Zhang, Andrew Stelzer (1st place)  
Freshman/Sophomore 8-person team – Tue Do, Sarah Hashash, Matthew Tang, Geoffrey Ding, Adam Rebei, Matthew Jin, Tri Do, Kevin Grosman (1st place)  
Junior/Senior 8-person team – 1st place – Robert Chen, Kathryn Dullerud, Reed Phillips, Aditya Yedetore, Sam Guo, Sarah Zhang, Mikhail Sigalov, Andrew Stelzer (1st place)

Junior/Senior 8 person team – Van Gundersen, Austin Chen, Tony Li, Grace Qiu, Maya Greer, Anthony Wu, Anshul Adve, Ethan Simmons (Parkland ribbons)  
Freshman/Sophomore 2-person Team – Albert Lee, Adam Rebei (1st place)  
Freshman/Sophomore 2-person Team – Tri Do and Kevin Grosman, and Tue Do and Akash Pardeshi (Parkland medallions)  
Junior/Senior 2-person team – Sam Guo, Mikhail Sigalov (1st place)  
Junior/Senior 2-person team – Kathryn Dullerud and Van Gundersen, and Robert Chen and Tony Li (Parkland medallions)  
Oral competition – Reed Phillips and Anshul Adve (1st place)

#### • **ICTM State Math Contests- Uni placed 2nd overall**

##### Individual awards

Albert Lee for Geometry (1st Place)  
Reed Phillips for Algebra 2 (1st Place)  
Sam Guo for Pre-Calculus (1st Place)  
Kevin Grosman for Geometry (4th Place)  
Anshul Adve for Pre-Calculus (7th Place)

##### Team awards

Oral competition team of Reed Phillips and Anshul Adve (1st place)  
Geometry, with Tri Do, Kevin Grosman, Annemily Hoganson, Albert Lee, Sam Li, and Adam Rebei (2nd place)  
Pre-Calculus, with Anshul Adve, Sam Guo, Mikhail Sigalov, Andrew Stelzer, Anthony Wu, and Sara Zhang (2nd place)  
Freshman/Sophomore 8-person Team, with Dylan Bowman, Tue Do, Matthew Tang, Tri Do, Kevin Grosman, Adam Rebei, and Lawrence Taritsa (yes, you counted only 7 names here)

(2nd place)  
Freshman/Sophomore Relay Team 1, with Tue Do, Albert Lee, Akash Pardeshi, and Adam Rebei (3rd place)  
Junior/Senior 8-person Team, with Robert Chen, Kathryn Dullerud, Reed Phillips, Arielle Summitt, Anshul Adve, Sam Guo, Mikhail Sigalov, and Anthony Wu (4th place)  
Calculator Team, with Akash Pardeshi, Albert Lee, Grace Qiu, Andrew Stelzer, and Sarah Zhang (6th place)  
Junior/Senior 2-person Team, with Sam Guo and Mikhail Sigalov (6th place)  
Freshman/Sophomore Relay Team 2, with Dylan Bowman, Matthew Tang, Annemily Hoganson, and Matthew Jin (6th place)

#### • **American Mathematics Competition**

- AMC-8 School Winners: Zachary Donnini  
- AMC-10 School Winners: Kevin Grosman  
- AMC-12 School Winners: Reed Phillips

#### • **American Invitational Math Exam**

- AIME Qualifiers: Anshul Adve, Tri Do, Kevin Grosman, Sam Guo, Albert Lee, Reed Phillips, Alex Swanson-Linville, Sarah Zhang  
- AIME School Winner: Sam Guo

#### • **USA Mathematica Olympiad**

- Qualifier: Sam Guo

#### • **MathCounts (Subfreshmen)**

The following students were on the regional MathCounts team, which earned second place and qualified for state:

Alex Dolcos	Collin Jung
Zachary Donnini	Nicholas Phillip
Aniket Gargya	Edward Kong
Noah Rebei	

The following students participated at the state MathCounts competition:

Alex Dolcos	Collin Jung
Zachary Donnini	Nicholas Phillip
Aniket Gargya	Edward Kong
Noah Rebei	

#### • **Purple Comet Competition (Subfreshmen)**

Nicolas Phillips  
Collin Jung  
Alex Dolcos  
Edward Kong  
Noah Rebei  
Zachary Donnini

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### • Senior Athlete of the Year

Male Athlete of the Year – Varun Chopra

Female Athlete of the Year – Annemarie Michael

### • ECIC Scholar-Athlete Award

Devin Epstein - Soccer

Alexandre Geubelle - Soccer

Ezra Johnson - Soccer

Daniel Meling - Soccer

Mikhail Sigalov - Soccer

Andrew Stelzer - Soccer

Kyra Althaus - Volleyball

Callie Bruce - Volleyball

Aja Trask – Volleyball and Basketball

Varun Chopra - Basketball

Ethan Simmons - Basketball

### • 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.”*

Callie Bruce

### • 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.*

Lauren Monahan and Aja Trask

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

### • ExploraVision

*Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Competition*

*This is the 22nd year that Uni High has participated in the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision competition, a North American technology competition that attracts up to 20,000 students per year.*

*Congratulations to the Uni teams who earned Honorable Mention in the 2017 Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association competition. Please congratulate the following students when you see them:*

*AWET: Advanced Wind Energy Technology: Kevin Grosman, Abraham Han, Sam Li  
Cranium-Spine Neural Communication Bridge: Austin Chen, Lindsay Huang, Isandro Malik, Anna Troutt*

*LUX: Bioconjugated quantum dots for waterborne disease detection: Ethan Ashbrook, Geoffrey Ding, Tue Do, Akash Pardeshi*

*Modified Gene Therapy: Treatment for DMD: Dylan Bowman, Joshua Mok-Chi, Matthew Tang, Brandon van der Donk*

*SACNaC: Superhydrophobic Antimicrobial Nanoparticle-Infused Catheter: Maximilian Erbach, Ayat Jaber, Ana Rosu, Nathalie Stein*

*UBT Bags: Universal Blood Type Conversion Bags: Giulia Barbieri, Sarah Matatov, Lauren Monahan, Ema Rajic*

### • 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. Raphaelle Mboyo Engele and Sruti Ekkirala.*

### • 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.*

Reed Phillips

### • 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.*

Lark Moreno

- **STEM Volunteers**

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

STEM Volunteers at Martin Luther King Jr. elementary school in Urbana:

Atkinson, Elizabeth Leone	Muchnik, Ethan Keaton
Breen, Elizabeth Anne	Purnell, Timothy Ryan
Cheng, Irina Yi'an	Qiu, Grace Mimi
Churovich, Samantha Marie Perez	Son, Ha-Il
Dankowicz, Lia Aliza	Stelzer, Andrew Mead
Gargya, Shreya	Summitt, Arielle Danielle
Gibson, Emily Rose	Tran, Phong Thanh
Greer, Maya Beth	Troutt, Anna Claire
Grosman, Kevin	Vardy, Daniel
Hernandez, Nicolas	Yao, Yichen
Monahan, Lauren Nicole	Yedetore, Yamini

STEM Volunteers at St. Elmo STEM Academy:

Elizabeth Atkinson  
Omeed Miraftab-Salo  
Ethan Chen  
Mehul Patnam  
James Vaughen

- **Spring 2017 AIChE/Chevron-Phillips Design project**

1st place overall: Samantha Churovich, Asante Woods, Alex Higgs  
2nd place overall: Anshul Adve, Xanthe Moon, Izzie Gray  
3rd place overall: Jack Easley, Annemily Hoganson, Annette Lee  
Best Process Design: Cedric Swearingen, Alex Anukwu, Olivia Taylor

## **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.*

Andrew Stelzer

## **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.*

Melanie & Steven Michael

- **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 Morford

## **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.*

Anshul Adve  
Devin Epstein  
Emily Gibson  
Sam Guo

- **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.*

Minwoo Choi	Timothy Purnell
Sruti Ekkirala	Mikhail Sigalov
Devin Epstein	Andrew Stelzer
Jerome Gammie	Jackson Vaughan
Emily Gibson	Sarah Zhang
Samuel Guo	



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

NMSC notifies over 8,000 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.

Samuel Guo  
Andrew Stelzer

• **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 2014 preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) earn the semifinalist designation.

Minwoo Choi Timothy Purnell  
Sruti Ekkirala Mikhail Sigalov  
Devin Epstein Andrew Stelzer  
Jerome Gammie Jackson Vaughan  
Emily Gibson Sarah Zhang  
Samuel Guo

• **National Hispanic Recognition Program**

Each year, the NHRP identifies nearly 5,000 of the highest-scoring students (from a nationwide 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.

Martin Grosman  
Renata Herrera

• **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.

Anshul Adve Carissa Hwu  
Callie Bruce Mehul Patnam  
Serena Cai Ella Roth  
Isaac Freund Hailan Shanbhag  
Caroline Gillette Ethan Simmons  
Martin Grosman Grace Taylor  
Renata Herrera Daniel Vardy  
Jonah Herzog Anthony Wu  
Samuel Hotchkiss

(now attending University School of Nashville)

• **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.

James Vaughan & Grace Taylor

• **WCIA “Best of the Class”**

The “Best of the Class” 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.

Anshul Adve Lark Moreno Mikhail Sigalov  
Minwoo Choi Mehul Patnam Andrew Stelzer  
Isaac Freund Timothy Purnell Grace Taylor  
Samuel Guo Matthew Reeder James Vaughan  
Carissa Hwu Hailan Shanbhag Sarah Zhang  
Annemarie Michael

• **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.

Adve, Anshul Monahan, Lauren  
Barbieri, Giulia Moreno, Lark  
Bhatt, Priyasha Patnam, Mehul  
Bruce, Callie Ping, Clark  
Cai, Serena Powers, Quintin  
Chen, Joy Purnell, Timothy  
Choi, Minwoo Rebei, Rima  
Ekkirala, Sruti Reeder, Matthew  
Epstein, Devin Roese, Emma  
Freund, Isaac Ross, Miriam  
Gammie, Jerome Roth, Ella  
Geubelle, Alexandre Shanbhag, Hailan  
Gibson, Emily Sigalov, Mikhail  
Gillette, Caroline Simmons, Ethan  
Grosman, Martin Son, Ha-Il  
Guo, Samuel Stelzer, Andrew  
Harden, John Sussman, Allison  
Herzog, Jonah Taylor, Grace  
Hirani, Sankhya Vardy, Daniel  
Hwu, Carissa Vaughan, Jackson  
Johnson, Ezra Vaughan, James  
Lombardi, Lucia Wilson, Henry  
McKinzey, Benjamin Wu, Anthony  
Melting, Daniel Zhang, Sarah  
Michael, Annemarie

• **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.

Ha-il Son

## UNI HIGH AWARDS

### • **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:

Nora Benmamoun  
Omeed Miraftab-Salo  
Daniel Ramkumar

### • **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.

Sarah Zhang

• **PEO Star Scholarship**— PEO is a Philanthropic Education Organization that invests in the education of women. The recipient of this award should exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.

Grace Taylor

### • **Peer College Counselors**

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

Serena Cai  
Emily Gibson  
Lauren Monahan  
Grace Taylor

### • **Subbie Buddies / Transfer Buddies**

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

#### SUBBIE BUDDIES

Katherine Ahlgren  
Neha Aluru  
Geoffrey Ding Elisha Ham

Kristine Wang  
Asante Woods  
Yamini Yedetore

Abraham Han  
Emma Herzog  
Jonah Herzog  
Anika Kimme

#### TRANSFER BUDDIES

Shreya Gargya  
Ethan Chen

Sarah Matatov  
Raphaelle Mboyo  
Nathalie Stein  
David Sun  
Maggie Tewksbury  
Aja Trask

#### SUBBIE BUDDY LEADERS

Ethan Simmons  
Molly Newman-Johnson  
Mallika Luthar  
Albert Lee

### • **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."

Steve Rayburn

### • **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.

Grace Taylor

### • **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.

Callie Bruce

### • **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.

Annemarie Michael

### • **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.

Madie Gardner

### • **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.

Matt Mitchell



Uni