

Top 5 Reasons to Contribute to the U Fund at University High School

- **Support our Faculty & Staff.** University High School recruits among the best teachers and staff nationwide; 65% of our faculty and staff have advanced degrees. Beyond the classroom, faculty and staff are committed to our unique mentoring program that supports students' academic, social and emotional growth through four-year relationships that center on setting and achieving personal and academic goals. The U Fund covers competitive salaries and benefits, as well as the necessary resources for materials, equipment and professional growth opportunities.
- **Help Close the Gap.** As at virtually all independent schools there is a "gap" between what parents pay in tuition and what it actually costs University to educate each child. The gap at University is approximately \$6,000 per student. The U Fund supports the operating budget and is a critical factor in minimizing tuition increases, thus keeping the costs more manageable. Donations to the U Fund are eligible for full tax-deduction, while tuition itself is not.
- **Expand University High School Programs.** While other schools are experiencing substantial cutbacks, University continues to broaden its academic and extracurricular programs and provide increased opportunities for students. We continue to demonstrate excellence in the arts, an inclusive sports program and an outstanding academic curriculum. January Term remains a vibrant signature program. Over the years, students have selected from over 70 interdisciplinary courses designed and developed by University's faculty and students. We also have a nationally recognized and highly valued college counseling program led by James P. Fadely, Ph.D. with a 100% rate of college placement in which 200 colleges and universities have accepted University graduates. Not only are 100% of University students college bound, but they excel so greatly in their studies and extracurricular activities that each of the last six graduating classes has averaged more than \$2 million in merit money for college expenses.
- **Ensure Diversity on Campus.** University's first core value is diversity. University is committed to social, economic and cultural diversity that reflects Central Indiana. Contributions to the U Fund enable us to keep tuition increases low, and to provide an opportunity to children who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend University. The U Fund sustains our financial aid and scholarship program, which benefits about 20% of our students.
- **Achieve 100% Parent Participation.** All parents are asked to participate in the U Fund during the 2011-12 school year to the best of their ability. High parent participation rates enable us to qualify for outside funding from corporations and foundations. We rely on the generosity of our parent community to support our mission with an annual gift.

There are many reasons why your support this year is important. All gifts are appreciated and every gift makes a difference. The U Fund, together with tuition, provides the unrestricted dollars needed to cover the school's operating budget and addresses our greatest needs.

Donors who contribute \$5K or more are recognized as members of the Trailblazer Society. More information about the benefits of Trailblazer Society membership can be found on-line. Please consider a contribution at the level most comfortable to you.

Make your gift or pledge safely and securely online at www.universityhighschool.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Advancement at (317) 733-4475, ext. 107.