



Parents Invited to State of the School Zoom Meeting on Mar. 3

All parents and guardians are invited to a virtual State of the School presentation by Head of School Alicia LaMagdeleine on **Thursday, Mar. 3 at 7 p.m.** Join the meeting with this [Zoom link](#).

CDC Releases New Guidance Today

The CDC released new guidance this afternoon. Expect University's response to this information on Monday via email.



Check Out These Reminders from Past Editions of the Blazer Blast

- [Log in to My Backpack](#) to review and **submit your 2022-34 enrollment contract, due by Friday, Mar. 4, 2022.** If you have any questions, please contact Associate Head of School [Dave Vesper](#) by email or at 317-733-4475, ext. 128.
- The Parent Association asks parents to donate pies as treats for the UHS faculty and staff on Pi Day (Mar. 14). [Sign up](#) to donate a pie, with **delivery before 9 a.m. on Monday, Mar. 14.**
- Homework Club, a quiet setting to complete homework, meets in room #110 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. **Therapy dogs will be on-site on Wednesdays for Homework Club.** Peer tutoring is also available. For questions about Homework Club or peer tutoring, contact Ellyn Walerstein.
- **Sponsor a Green Life Club tree to be planted at UHS or in your yard.** Please contact [Jac Pratt](#) or [Audrey Blocksom](#) for more information on sponsorship and upcoming tree plantings or visit the [Green Life Club website](#) for the order form and additional information.

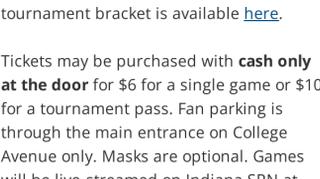
UPCOMING EVENTS

Boys Play in Basketball Sectional Next Weekend

The IHSAA Boys Basketball Sectional #42 is at [Park Tudor](#). On **Friday, Mar. 4 at 7:30 p.m.**, University plays the winner of the Secina and Covenant Christian game.

Should the Trailblazers win, they will play in the sectional championship on Saturday, Mar. 5 at 7:30 p.m. The complete tournament bracket is available [here](#).

Tickets may be purchased with **cash only at the door** for \$6 for a single game or \$10 for a tournament pass. Fan parking is through the main entrance on College Avenue only. Masks are optional. Games will be live-streamed on Indiana SRN at [indianasrn.org](#).



Learn About Opportunities with the 2022 Trailblazer Awards Gala Committee on Mar. 17

Individuals interested in learning how to help with the 2022 Anniversary Trailblazer Awards Gala are invited to a meeting on **Thursday, Mar. 17 at 9 a.m.** in the Webster House conference room. This meeting will give an overview of the event and outline ways to be involved throughout the planning process.

The Gala will take place on Friday, Nov. 12, 2022 at Newfields. The Trailblazer Awards Gala celebrates University High School, its students, its families, and its core values. The event features a silent auction, a wine pull, a dinner, and an awards presentation honoring community leaders whose work represents the core values of University High School.

For more information, contact [Adrienne Glidewell Smith](#).



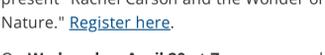
Purdue Head of History Presents "Rachel Carson & the Wonder of Nature" on Mar. 22

On **Tuesday, March 22 at 7 p.m.**, Frederick "Fritz" Davis, Professor and Head of the Department of History at Purdue University, will be on campus to present "Rachel Carson and the Wonder of Nature." [Register here](#).

On **Wednesday, April 20 at 7 p.m.**, a panel of experts will join us at University to discuss "Environmental Wonders of Our Community." [Register here](#).

These programs are made possible in part through a grant from [Indiana Humanities](#) in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Contact [Nila Nealy](#) with any questions about University's *World of Wonders* Community Read.

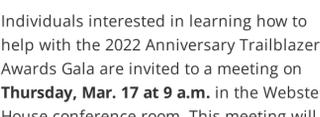


The Chris Center Presents "Neurodiversity: Increasing Awareness Around an Invisible Disability" Apr. 14

The Chris Center has been hosting a parent education series at UHS. The next event features Dr. Sarah Henning discussing neurodiversity on **Thursday, Apr. 14 at 7 p.m.**

View the series flyer [here](#). For more information and to register to attend in person or via Zoom, visit the [Chris Center website](#).

UNIVERSITY NEWS



Senior is Regional Finalist in Coca-Cola Scholars Program

Aisha Kokan has been named a Regional Finalist for the 2022 class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program, moving to the next round of the selection process to become a Coca-Cola Scholar and receive a \$20,000 scholarship.

Kokan was among 1,617 Semifinalists selected from over 68,000 initial applicants and is now one of just 251 students who have moved to the final selection phase, regional interviews.

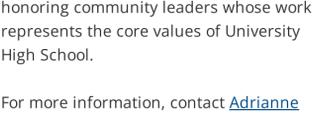
A joint effort of Coca-Cola bottlers across the country and The Coca-Cola Company, the Coca-Cola Scholars Program is the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship program in the United States. With the addition of the 2022 class, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will have provided more than 6,600 Coke Scholars nationwide with over \$78 million in scholarships over 34 years.



Senior Named "Maven in the Making" for Advocacy Work

Senior Sydney Epstein was named "Maven in the Making" by Indy Maven for her advocacy work and leadership of Student Coalition for Consent. "Progress is in the form of small steps," Epstein said. [Read the full interview](#) to learn more about Epstein's work to get HB 1079 passed in Indiana.

Bring Change To Mind club is hosting a drive for the Julian Center as part of their BC2M week. The Julian Center's mission is to empower survivors of domestic and sexual violence. They are in need of hygiene items such as deodorant, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, baby diapers, and wipes. They also need linens such as towels, washcloths, crib sheets and twin sheets, twin mattress covers with zippers, pillows, and blankets. Please make sure all of these products are new and in good condition. See the Julian Center's [entire wish list](#). Please take donations to the box located in the Fairbanks Hall lobby **by Thursday, Mar. 10.**

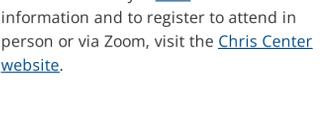


Basketball Teams Celebrate Conference Honors; Cain Named Player of the Year

Sophomore Sabien Cain, a guard for the Trailblazers boys basketball team, has been named 2022 Player of the Year for the Pioneer Academic-Athletic Conference.

Cain leads a group of eight Trailblazers from the boys and girls basketball teams who have earned All-Conference honors from the PAAC this season.

[Read more at \[universityathletics.org\]\(#\).](#)



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School Counselor Patty Mansfield Shares Information on Sleep

Many of the teens that I work with seem sleep-deprived. Lack of sleep can cause health concerns and lead to different mental health problems. As you are aware, technology has allowed teens to access their friends and many other forms of enjoyment 24 hours a day. I believe you may be surprised to find out how much sleep teens need. A sleep expert from John Hopkins states that teens need more sleep now than they did at 10 years old. [See this resource](#) to find out why and what parents can do to help teens with poor sleep habits.



Support the Frozen Blazers with a Donation for Special Olympics

Students and faculty who are a part of the UHS Polar Plunge Team (The Frozen Blazers) will be taking the plunge at Eagle Creek Park **next Friday, Mar. 4!**

The plungers are required to fundraise a minimum of \$85 to participate in the plunge. If you are interested in supporting the plungers and donating to this great cause, here's how.

- Give **cash** to [Olivia Morrison, Mrs. Caraher](#), or [Allie Skalnik](#).
- Make a **check** out to "The Special Olympics" and give it to one of the people above.
- Use a **credit card** and [click here to support the team or an individual plunger](#).

The Polar Plunge is a fundraiser for Special Olympics. For more information, contact [Olivia Morrison](#).

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Greater Indianapolis Northside College Fair on Mar. 9

Mark your calendar for the Greater Indianapolis Northside College Fair on Wednesday, Mar. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Grand Park. Look for more information closer to the date.

College Night for Parents of Freshmen and Sophomores on Mar. 15

Parents of freshmen and sophomores, please attend a special College Night just for you at UHS on Tuesday, Mar. 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Fairbanks Hall lobby. If you cannot make the session, we will record it and can send it to you. During this session, we will go over what comes next in college counseling and touch on financial aid resources. For more information, contact [Maddy MacAllister](#) or [Lade Akande](#).

SAT & ACT Registration & Test Dates

To register for the SAT, please visit [www.collegeboard.org](#). To register for the ACT, please visit [www.actstudent.org](#). University High School's code is 150448. SAT Testing Dates: Mar. 12, May 7, and Jun. 4. ACT Testing Dates: Apr. 2, Jun. 11, and Jul. 16.

Free Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy

Khan Academy and College Board have partnered to bring students free official SAT practice. Access practice tests and more at [KhanAcademy.org](#).

Summer Programs

Check out the [Summer Programs Database](#) for some programs in different subject matters across the country on college campuses.

CIBER Summer Program for Kelley School of Business

The [Indiana University Center for International Business Education](#) and Research (CIBER) and the [Kelley School of Business](#) invite students to apply for [Business is Global 2022 \(BIG\)](#), a distinctive, virtual, two-week summer program. [More information and application](#).

Kelley Young Women's Institute

The Young Women's Institute introduces young women to the college experience and business career opportunities. [More information and application](#).

Application Period Opens for the National Youth Preparedness Council, Deadline Mar. 6

Learn more and [apply online](#).

Fine Arts Scholarship, Deadline Mar. 11

Please [visit this link](#) for more information and to apply.

Northwestern College Prep Program, Deadline Apr. 1

[Learn more](#) and apply.

Indy Grow Getters Program, Deadline Apr. 30

Visit this [link](#) for more information and to apply.

Abbott & Fenner Scholarship, Deadline June 12

See the scholarship page of [Abbott & Fenner's website](#) for additional details.

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