



## Community Day is Wednesday, Mar. 23

The entire school will pause classes on Friday and Heritage Christian on Saturday, Mar. 23 in the spirit of community. Freshmen and sophomores will participate in community service activities while juniors and seniors go on excursions with their respective classes. Watch your email next week for details.

## Send in Your Grandparent Mailing Addresses

Submit your grandparent information to be included in our 2023 Grandparents Day invitation mailing. We recreate the invitation mailing each year, so please resubmit for this year's mailing even if you have sent in your grandparent information in previous years.

Please send your grandparents' names and mailing addresses to [Adrienne Glidewell Smith](#). For any questions about Grandparents Day, please contact Adrienne.



## University Wins Boys Basketball Sectional, Plays in Regional Tomorrow, Mar. 12

With wins over Covenant Christian on Friday and Heritage Christian on Saturday, the University High School boys basketball team has claimed their first IHSAA Class 2A sectional championship.

The Trailblazers will travel to Greenfield-Central for the regional tournament on **Saturday, Mar. 12, facing Triton Central at 12 p.m.** The winner of that game will advance to the regional championship at 8 p.m. versus the winner of the Southmont/Eastern Hancock game.

Fans attending the regional game(s) can view the [Greenfield-Central Fan Guide](#) for details on tickets, parking, and concessions. Fans who are unable to attend can stream the game(s) at [ihsaatv.org](#).



## Desi Affinity Hosts Color Run on Mar. 17

To raise money for Vidyaranya, a nonprofit that benefits women, children, and elders in India in need of shelter and food, and in celebration of Holi, Desi Affinity is hosting a color run. The event includes food, music, and rangoli (colored powder). During a run at the start of the event, students will have the opportunity to throw color at faculty. The event is next **Thursday, Mar. 17 at 4:30 p.m.** Tickets are **\$10 at the door and \$8 in advance**. For more information, contact [Samridhhi Patankar](#) or [Reva Allam](#).



## Dance Marathon's Lip-Sync Battle on Mar. 19

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, Mar. 19**. Dance Marathon is holding a lip-sync battle! Come see which faculty and students can lip-sync the best while supporting Riley Children's Hospital. The event is at **7 p.m. in Andrews Hall and \$7 per person**. Everyone is welcome to come watch. Dance Marathon hopes to see you there!



## 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](#).



## DECA Chapter Earns Statewide Awards, Five Qualify for Internationals

On Monday, Mar. 7, 15 members of the University High School chapter of DECA competed in the 2022 IN DECA State Career Development Conference at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. Roughly 50 Indiana schools and 1,600 students were represented in the state competition.

Eight Trailblazers received special recognition at the state level, and a record five qualified to compete in DECA's International Career Development Conference in Atlanta next month. A 4th place finish or better in any category qualifies a competitor for internationals. [Read details](#) on our website.



## Racial Equity Scholarships Awarded to Two University Seniors

Two of three available racial equity scholarships awarded by the [YMCA Monster Meeting](#) went to University seniors Zoe McMullen and Lauren Porter. The pair also served as moderators for the program featuring Ms. Ilyasah Shabazz, Malcolm X's daughter.

In November, McMullen was also awarded a \$35,000 scholarship by coming in first runner up of the [Alpha Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority](#) Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program.



## Therapy Dogs Visit University

At Tuesday's alumni meeting, parents of University students and students from The Chris Center talked with students about how animals can help with stress and mental health. The next day, a handler from The Chris Center brought a therapy dog to after-school Homework Club. **Therapy dogs from The Chris Center will be at Homework Club every Wednesday in Room 110.** All students are welcome to attend Homework Club. Contact [Ellyn Walerstein](#) for more information about Homework Club. For more on The Chris Center, visit their [website](#).

Registration is open for The Chris Center's Alpaca Adventure Program 2022. Teens 12-19 can sign up for six-week sessions or a one-week camp. Programs begin in late April. Learn more and register [online](#).



## 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](#).

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## Check out These Reminders

- **Homework Club** meets in room #110 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays (with therapy dogs!), and Thursdays. Peer tutoring is also available. For questions about Homework Club or peer tutoring, contact [Ellyn Walerstein](#).
- Contact [Jac Pratt](#) or [Audrey Blocksom](#) or visit the [Green Life Club website](#) by **Sunday, Mar. 20** for more information on sponsoring a **Green Life Club tree** to be planted at UHS or in your yard.
- UNICEF University is hosting a fundraiser to help Ukrainian children. They will highlight the Ukrainian tradition of "plunging into an ice hole" by giving students (and fellow faculty) the opportunity to dump ice water on teachers. The more money donated in a teacher's name, the more ice water is dumped on them! To donate, you can place cash in the boxes labeled with teacher names in the Fairbanks Hall lobby or donate virtually through [this link](#).

## Register to "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 this series of events.



On **Friday, Mar. 25 at 7 p.m.**, the wind and percussion ensemble, choir, and orchestra will present an exciting and eclectic program at their Spring Music Concert in Andrews Hall. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Save the evening of **Friday, May 6** for a Coffee House concert featuring small group performances.

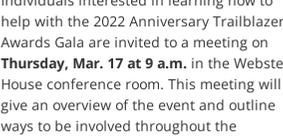


## Parents Get a Sneak Peek at 2023 J-Term Offerings at Parent Association's Pizza & Preview Apr. 13

Join the Parent Association on **Wednesday, Apr. 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in Fairbanks Hall for a preview of J-Term offerings for the 2022-23 school year. Pizza and beverages will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by Associate Head of School Dave Vesper presenting an overview of J-Term offerings and answering questions at 7 p.m.

This is a parents/guardians-only event.

Please [register](#) by **Wednesday, Apr. 6 to attend**. [Email the Parent Association](#) for answers to any questions.



## 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](#).



Senior Larry Pierce is among the 82 Indiana senior student-athletes that have been chosen as first-team Academic All-State for 2022 by the [Indiana Basketball Coaches Association](#).

Also recognized as honorable mention are Patty Chikamba and Nate Jeffrey.

The IBCA Academic All-State program considers both academic and athletic performance in its selections. [Read more](#).



In their pilot year of the New Works art commission, the Center for the Performing Arts has [chosen three local artist teams](#) to create new works for a special event on June 4. One of those teams is University's Head of School Alicia LaMagdeleine and Theatre Director Callie Hartz.

LaMagdeleine and Hartz will write and direct a short play called "Women's Work" which will "explore the complexities women face as they navigate external and internal challenges in the workplace." The show will feature three characters at the beginning and end of their careers in medicine, education, and business, showing how their stories evolve over a 50-year span.

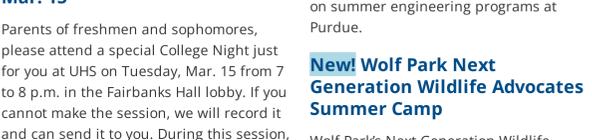
The show will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 at the Palladium. Tickets are on sale at <https://secure.thecenterpresents.org/10416/10688>.



## How Parents Can Help Teens With Stress

According to the American Psychological Association, statistics show that adults, teens, and children are reporting very high levels of stress, anxiety, and depression. Statistics show 40 percent of teens are reporting feeling irritable or angry, 36 percent report feeling nervous or anxious, 36 percent report feeling fatigued or tired, and 31 percent report feeling overwhelmed due to stress.

[Read additional information](#) on teen stress and what parents can do to help.



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