



BLAZER BLAST
The Official Newsletter of University High School

Editor's Note: This is the final edition of the Blazer Blast before Spring Break. We'll be back in your inbox on Friday, Apr. 15. Have a wonderful Spring Break!



Spring U Fund Campaign Celebrates Our Wonderful Teachers

Our "Our Wonderful Teachers" U Fund campaign is well on its way to reaching our goal of \$25,000 in U Fund donations by Friday, Apr. 1. Once we reach \$25,000, the amount will be matched, doubling the impact of your gift. Plus, gifts of any amount count your family "in" toward our goal of 85% participation.

GIVE NOW

If you have not yet done so, please make your online donation [here](#) or contact [Adrienne Glidewell Smith](#), Director of Advancement. Be sure to indicate the teacher(s) your gift recognizes. They will be notified of gifts made in their honor.



University is Hiring a Science Instructor

University is hiring a science instructor for the 2022-23 school year. If you know anyone who would be a good fit for our school, send them to the [employment page](#) of our website.



See [this PDF](#) for important dates for the remainder of the school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Don't Miss Tonight's Spring Music Concert!

Tonight 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.



There's Still Time to Register for PA Pizza & J-Term Preview Apr. 13

Join the Parent Association on **Wednesday, Apr. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Fairbanks Hall** to preview 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.



Save Apr. 22-24 for Spring Musical *Into The Woods*

The spring musical, *Into the Woods*, will open on **Friday, Apr. 22 in Andrews Hall** and run **through Sunday, Apr. 24**. Performances will be held in Andrews Hall on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

If you are interested in purchasing ad space in the program for *Into the Woods*, contact [Callie Hartz](#). The deadline for reserving advertisements is Friday, Apr. 15, and ad sizes and rates are as follows:

Back cover (full color) – \$100
Full page (black and white) – \$75
1/2 page (black and white) – \$50
1/4 page (black and white) – \$25

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SAMS is a global medical relief organization working on the front lines of crisis relief in Syria, in neighboring countries, and beyond to save lives and alleviate suffering. SAMS proudly provides medical care and treatment to every patient in need.

Boys Basketball, Cheerleading Give End-of-Season Awards

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[Read](#) about boys basketball and cheerleading awards announced last night. The girls basketball and swim team awards will be Wednesday, Apr. 13.



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: 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](#).

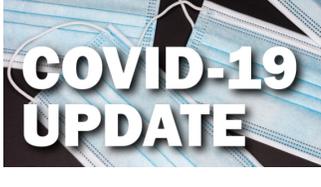
What's Next Conference, Apr. 30, 2022

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Schedule Spring Midterm Conferences Next Week

Schedule spring semester parent-student-mentor conferences with your student's mentor on next Thursday, Mar. 30 after 3:30 p.m. or Friday, April 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.



COVID Updates & Reminders

- This week, Hamilton, Marion, and Boone counties are rated as Low (green) for COVID-19 Community Level set by the CDC.
- Please continue to monitor for symptoms (fever, fatigue, sore throat, stuffy nose, congestion, cough, etc.) and seek medical advice regarding COVID-19 testing should symptoms occur.
- University High School is currently mask-optional. You may choose to wear a mask at any time. The school is not providing masks for students. Students who wish to wear masks should bring their own and some spares to school for their personal use.
- With Spring Break approaching, we know many families will choose to travel. We encourage all families to review CDC guidelines for travel as well as local ordinance and airlines for the most up-to-date COVID-19 information and policies at their destination or in transit.
- For students who have tested positive for COVID-19, please contact [Stacey Summitt-Mann](#) for more information on returning to school.

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Sign Up for Dance Marathon on Apr. 16

The 2022 UHS Dance Marathon is on **Saturday, Apr. 16 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the gym**. Students, parents, grandparents, and siblings are invited to join this year's Dance Marathon. Tickets are \$25, but if you [create a fundraising page](#), admission is \$20. In addition to making a fundraising page, please [complete this form](#) to say you will be at the event.

University's Dance Marathon benefits Riley Hospital for Children. Contact [Brett Kriebel](#), [Jillian Sager](#), or [Anne Gibboney](#) for more information on Dance Marathon.



Join Us Apr. 20 for the Environmental Wonders of Our Community

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.](#)

This event is open to the public, and admission is free. Feel free to share with friends and family. Contact [Nila Nealy](#) with any questions.

This program is made possible in part through a grant from [Indiana Humanities](#) in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities.



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](#). And check out The Chris Center's [Small Snippets Newsletter](#) for more on their programs.



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Brothers Team Up to Hold Runway 4 Riley Event at UHS

University High School senior Gabe Mervis is teaming up with his older brother Isaac ('15) to hold a charity fashion show in Fairbanks Hall next month.

Gabe and Isaac won't be the only Trailblazers at Runway 4 Riley. Students and faculty members will walk the runway, modeling outfits from local boutiques and jewelers. After the runway show, attendees will have time to browse and buy from the boutiques set up throughout the building. One of the boutiques will even have a University connection – Mrs. Kriebel will have a pop-up shop for her nonprofit, [The Ribe Project](#).

Both Gabe and Isaac are involved with the Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment, as Teen Board member and Teen Board director, respectively. For Gabe, the mission of the Endowment has a personal connection. [Read more.](#)

Runway 4 Riley will be Friday, Apr. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Andrews Hall. Students interested in volunteering as models can contact [Gabe Mervis](#). To learn more about the event, purchase tickets (\$10 for general admission or \$60 for VIP), or see how to be a pop-up shop or a sponsor of the event, [visit the event's website](#).

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