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New Academic Year Starts!

Centurion students, parents and community members, I am pleased to announce that we are off to another great year. To get us rolling, I want to again thank our PTSA and all of the volunteers who came to school to help us with registration and back to school processing. With the reduction in staffing at the school, your assistance was needed and definitely appreciated.

As you know, we started the year with our new electronic marquee. It is up and brightly shining along Genesee Avenue. Students also arrived back to see new car ports installed with freshly painted school-color beams. On Wednesday, September 28, 2011, the school celebrated a ceremonial groundbreaking event in honor of the new grass turf, track and lights being installed in the school's stadium. Everyone is thrilled about what the school teams and community will have before the end of the school year.

In early September UCHS learned that our Academic Progress Index (API) was 811. The score earned was a 14 point increase from the prior year. Additionally, the school met 22 out of 22 growth targets set by the federal government under "No Child Left Behind." The school was especially excited to reach all of our targets, as we know some of the other Big 5 schools did not! Yep, that's

a clap it up!

As staff returned back to school in late August, a new document was presented to them that outlines the overall goals and direction for UCHS. This same document was shared with all parents who attended the incoming student/parent meeting held in the gym on Thursday, September 1, 2011. The document shared establishes 10-12 benchmarks (Steps to Success) we hope each graduating senior will achieve by the end of



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their senior year. In total, there are 16 "Steps to Success" a student could earn over their four years at UCHS. UCHS believes if a student can achieve between 10-12 steps, they can qualify for many four-year colleges and also be career ready.

The steps for success established by UCHS are in direct alignment with San Diego Unified Board of Trustee vision for all students being college and/or career ready. If you have not already done so, we truly hope you will review the document; please know the school will use it to measure the success of our graduating seniors. The document can be found on the school's web site under School Mission and Goals.

To make sure UCHS staff is preparing students for success, my work for the year will be to have increased presence in classrooms. My role will be to build teacher leaders and to make sure the best teaching strategies are being applied for student learning. While the year is new, I think if you ask your student, they will say that they have already seen me in their classes with greater frequency.

Finally, please know that I am extremely excited about the direction of the school and what we can accomplish. Big 5 schools look out, UCHS is on the hunt! UC U- Know!

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Noelle Pilkington,
UCHS PTSA
President

President's Message

Hi, my name is Noelle Pilkington. I am the mother of four UC cluster students and the new PTSA president for the 2011-2012 school year.

Your PTSA has already been working hard to successfully get the new school year started. A few of the ways include: helping with registration, assigning senior and PE lockers, sponsoring the Catalyst SAT Bootcamp, and providing a delicious breakfast for our hard-working teachers and staff on their first day back at work.

Come to our PTSA general board meetings at 7:30AM on the first Friday of each month to discuss upcoming events, and how you can become more involved in your student's education. Following the general board meetings will be the Principal's coffee starting at 8:00AM.

Due to tight school budgets, your participation in PTSA is needed more than ever. We have three positions that are open this year: Parliamentarian, Historian, and Hospitality. If you haven't already done so, remember to join UCHS PTSA and add UCHS PTSA (Group ID: 139188287) to your escrip account.

Thank you!

Noelle Pilkington,
UCHS PTSA President



School Site Council (SSC) Members Needed for the 2011-2012 School Year

We are in need of new members for our School Site Council (SSC). If you are interested in having your name put on the ballot, please contact Vice Principal Heidi Murphy at hmurphy@sandi.net by October 14, 2011. School Site Council members meet monthly to maintain the SPSA (Single Plan for Student Achievement). They are responsible for making instructional decisions and allocating funds to support classroom achievement.



UCHS Wins First Place at Westfield

This past school season, UCHS participated in Westfield Mall's Give Back to School Program which allowed parents, students and school supporters to earn points for their school of choice. The school with the most points at the end of the promotion would receive \$2,500. It was just announced last week that University City High School tied for 1st Place. Both 1st place schools will be receiving \$2,500. Way to go, UC! Many thanks to Westfield for their generosity and support of our school.



The University City High School Drama Department

presents

The Children's Hour as this year's fall production.

The play runs the 1st of November through the 4th. Tuesday the 1st is a Dress Preview - pay as you can performance.

The play then shows
Wednesday the 2nd and Friday the 4th
at 7:00 PM and

Thursday the 3rd at 2:20 PM.

Contact Belinda Brown

*at (858) 457-3040 ext. 255 or email
bbrown3@sandi.net for more information.*



GARAGE SALE Benefitting UCHS Grad Nite

University City High School Grad Nite is a spectacular all-night event for graduating seniors. Grad Nite is going on its 21st year of keeping UC High Seniors safe on graduation night by providing this special all night party for them that is safe, fun and popular! We need many fundraisers to keep this event affordable. The garage sale will be our main Grad Nite fundraiser this year.

Please donate your unwanted gently used items (sports equipment, clothes, books, games, toys, etc.) in support of Grad Nite. Bicycles in any condition were a big seller last year. Your donations are tax deductible.



Drop off times:
Friday, 10/21, 4pm – 7pm
Sunday, 10/23, 12pm – 5pm
Wednesday, 10/26 4pm – 7pm
Friday, 10/28 All Day, 7am – 5pm



Drop off Location: Leslie Grigsby's House 5577 Dalen Avenue

For drop offs at any other time or to arrange for pick up of your items, please contact either Cathy Johnson 858-336-0302 or Leslie Grigsby 619-933-2987.

COME SHOP AT THE GARAGE SALE
5577 DALEN AVENUE
SATURDAY, October 29th 7am-2pm!



CENTURION RUGBY CLUB



Rugby is one of the fastest growing youth sports in America and has recently been added to the 2016 Olympics. It is a high energy, fast moving sport that teaches basic fundamentals such as quick thinking, strategy, how to be a team player, good sportsmanship and commitment - all while getting a great workout!

We welcome anyone who has an interest in being part of a positive, fun and exciting club. Whether you are new to the sport or have played for years, we have an opportunity for you. It is a game where players of every size and shape play an important role. All we ask is that you bring a positive attitude, a desire to learn, a willingness to work hard and respect for the people around you.

LEARN ABOUT THE GAME OF RUGBY AND JOIN THE RUGBY CLUB!
Meetings are held on Wednesdays during lunch in Room B3.





EdUCate! (The University City Foundation for Public Schools) hosted their third annual Oktoberfest celebration in Standley Park on Saturday, October 1st. Guests, from babies to senior citizens, filled the park on a beautiful day to enjoy a variety of games (from cow milking to climbing wall), contests (sauerkraut popsicles?! Really?!), music (accordions are enjoying a comeback), food (mmm...French Gourmet's strudel and pretzels after a big bratwurst), and beverages (10 delicious microbrews and 20 gallons of artisanal root beer to wash everything down). The Blue Angels were nice enough to perform, as were the Standley Middle School and UC High marching bands.

Oktoberfest kicked off EdUCate's fall Dollar a Day (DAD) campaign. Over \$4,000 was donated at Oktoberfest to DAD! Please consider donating via the web site at www.uc-educate.org. All proceeds from the event and from DAD will fund teacher and principal grants at the five schools this year. We know how tight things are and appreciate YOUR support in providing UC cluster students with supplemental supplies.



Grad Nite Committee 2011-12

Chair or Co-Chairs*	unfilled	
Past Chair	Julie & Glenn Castan	j2g2sd@yahoo.com
Treasurer & Website Liaison	Tama Becker-Varano	tamabv@msn.com
Ticket Sales	Tama Becker-Varano	
Entertainment Chair*	Chris Fikes	
Volunteer Coordinator	Donna Volk	kvolk@san.rr.com
Publicity	Debbie Betzenderfer	betz4@san.rr.com
Food Chair	Tiffany Bagalini	tiffany_bagalini@yahoo.com
Food Assistant Chair	Kris Lamb	klamb@san.rr.com
Check-In	Pauline Barnwell	
Decorations	Jo Guinn	joguinn@mac.com
Memory Lane	Brooke Choi	rchoi1@san.rr.com
Security Coordinator	Sherryl Godfrey	sgodfrey@sandi.net
Fundraising	Cathy Johnson/Leslie Grigsby	
Senior Class Liaison		
School Office Liaison	unfilled	

* Positions that will need "Shadows" this year

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eScrip is an important part of our fundraising program. We ask that every family help us make the grade in our fundraising goal.

Our school needs your support!

We need all of our families to get straight A's in their enthusiasm to raise funds. This task will not require hours of homework but just a few minutes of your time and your grocery club card number.

- Log onto www.eScrip.com. Enter the School or Group I.D.
- You can also register your debit and credit cards.
- Shop at eScrip merchants!
- Use your eScrip registered cards for all your purchases.
- A percentage of purchases will be automatically contributed by the merchant.

That's it! It's that easy—your family shops—our school earns dollars.

University City High School PTSA
eScrip Group ID – 139188287

Don't forget to RENEW your VONS card each year!

For eScrip Program Information, Merchant Lists or to sign up online visit www.escrip.com

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Making the Grade...

Thank you!

The Grad Nite Committee of 2010-11 would like to recognize the contributions of our

WONDERFUL UNIVERSITY CITY BUSINESSES, PARENTS, ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY.



*We thank them for their generous donations!
Without their support, we would not have been able to
have such an amazing event!*



The following businesses and individuals donated money, food and/or prizes to the event:

BUSINESSES

Birch Aquarium
BJs Restaurant
Broken Yolk
Carl's Jr.
Costa Verde Car Wash - TFetter Inc.
Dave & Busters
Einstein Bagels
Forbidden Yogurt
Giovannis
Golden Donuts
Great News
Henry's Market
In - N - Out Burger
Islands Restaurant
KiKuya Sushi
CK Mediterranean Grill
Ladeki Restaurant Group (Roppongi, Sammy's Woodfired)
Lorna's Restaurant
Nail Connection & Spa
Papa Chitos Mexican Café
Pick Up Stix
Ralph's
Rite Aid
Round Table Pizza
Rubio's
Schlotzsky's Deli
Seaforth Fishing
See's Candies
Starbuck's
Subway
UCCA
UCHS ASB
UCHS PTSA
Wild Rivers

INDIVIDUALS

Alma Torres
Andrea Moretti

Ann & Mark Fulcher
Ann Marie Connolly
Ann Moretti
Anne & Dan St. Louis
Bob Olds and Kira Lebowitz
Brooke Choi
Bruce and Lucy Goodwin
Bruce Robbins and
R. Elaine Hanson
Catherine Grimm
Cheri and Gregory Zinser
Chris & John Fikes
Clifford Weiler
Connie Giffin
Dawn Yandel
Debbie Morris
Diana Celle
Diane Hazard
Diane McCarthy
Diane Schmidt
Eileen Splendorio
Elizabeth Fort
Elizabeth Murray
Ellen Schmeding
Engeline Arce
Holly Hogrefe
Jack Gross
Jacob Family
Jeanie Lancaster
Jennifer Haslam
John Carter
Johnson Family
Joy Chao
Judith and Lawrence Levy
Julie & Glenn Castan
Julie Vaickus
Karen and Mike Drogin
Kathy Crandord
Kathy Grauer
Katie & Sam Wong

Kelly Escobedo
Ken Young
Kena Galvan
Kim Roberts
Kristine & Frank Lamb
Kristy Benner
Kurtz Family
Laura Hart
Laurie Fox
Lisa Coffman
Lovings Family
Lynn & Richard McNeal
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Marge Lorang and John Spinoso
Mary Kay & Roger Hewitt
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Michael and Catherine Lester
Nancy and Bill Powell
Pam Moore
Patricia Stickels
Paulette and Tim O'Shea
Penny Curtis
Pia Sud
Ralph & Suzanne Fear
Richard Howe
Rita Pryor
Sandra and Ernest Lippe
Shawn Skillin
Susan and Timothy McConnell
Susan Levy
Susie Sarff
Suzanne and Hiram Haynes-Pitts
Taj Family
Tedd and Karie Wright
Tony & Andrea Moretti
Tracey Berens
Tracy Shaw
Vanessa Alvarez
Vine Loving





The Shadow



Knows!

*Attention Parents of 9th, 10th &
11th Graders!*

To keep the Grad Nite tradition at University City High School going, we need parents to “shadow” people who are currently chairing a Grad Nite sub-committee and who will be retiring from that position at year’s end (usually because their child will be a UCHS 2012 grad!) As the name implies, a “shadow” follows closely on the heels of a given Grad Nite committee member, learning the ropes of that position. The trainee will then step out of the shadows in Fall 2012, and will be able to quickly and capably fulfill the responsibilities of the vacated position (for Grad Nite 2013).

Your kids will be seniors one day (it’ll happen sooner than you think!) and you will have comfort knowing that this all-night party at the school is a safe, sober and chaperoned celebration for our seniors. Our goal is to provide a memorable opportunity for our seniors to be together for one last time in an atmosphere that is both fun and safe.

The positions needing “shadows” this year are: Entertainment, Check-In, Prizes and Fundraising. Look for job description information and other volunteer opportunities on the Grad Nite page of the UCHS website.

Interested, but having commitment issues?? (Been there, done that!) Perhaps you’d rather be a “shade”—a lighter, less weighty version of a shadow. Simply come to one of our monthly meetings starting in January. Check us out, see what we’re about, and where you might fit in. We look forward to meeting and chatting with you!

Please contact Grad Nite Volunteer Coordinator: Donna Volk at Kvolk@san.rr.com or 858-274-6951.





UCHS GRAD NITE 2012 TICKET ORDER FORM

**STUDENT & PARENT AGREEMENT FORM
MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT ON BOTH PAGES & SIGNED**

Please Print:

Student Name _____ E-mail _____

Parent Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone # (____) _____ Cell # (____) _____

In order to meet the deadlines noted below, PAYMENT and completed form must be received in the **Grad Nite mailbox** by close of school business day **OR** if mailed, must be postmarked **BEFORE** the effective price increase date.

\$65 until November 18 _____
(last school day before Thanksgiving break)

\$85 April 1 - June 8 _____

\$75 November 19 - March 30 _____
(last school day before Spring break)

\$95 June 9 - June 12 _____

Free & Reduced Lunch Students

\$20 until March 30 _____

\$40 April 1 - June 8 _____

\$50 June 9 - June 12 _____

**Please make checks payable to "UCHS Grad Nite" and mail to:
UCHS Grad Nite, 6949 Genesee Ave., San Diego, CA 92122 or drop in the Grad Nite mailbox in Attendance Office.**

Student's Agreement

ALL LINES BELOW MUST BE READ, INITIALLED AND SIGNED BY THE STUDENT FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO GRAD NITE.

Students ***must initial each line*** indicating that you understand & will abide by the following rules:

1. I must arrive between 8:30 and 10:00pm.
2. I will not consume alcohol or other drugs the day of Grad Nite.*
3. I will not bring alcohol, other drugs or tobacco to Grad Nite.
4. I will not bring any medications (including No-Doz, etc.) to Grad Nite.
5. Once I leave, I will not be allowed back into Grad Nite.
6. All containers (purses, backpacks, etc.) WILL BE EXAMINED & KEPT AT THE CHECK-IN AREA for safekeeping upon entering Grad Nite.
7. Grad Nite is *not responsible* for lost or stolen items.
8. I understand that inappropriate dress and dancing will not be allowed. The decision on propriety of dress & dancing is up to the Grad Nite adult chaperones.
9. I understand that I will not be allowed to leave without parent/guardian permission.
10. I waive all claims which I might have against the UCHS Grad Nite Committee and any volunteers involved in setting up and putting on the Grad Nite celebration, as a result of any injuries which may occur as a result of the Grad Nite celebration or my decision to leave early.

Student's Name (Please Print)

Student's Signature

Date

Parents/Guardians & Students must also complete and sign page 2.

Please fill out both pages and return this completed form and appropriate payment to the Grad Nite Mailbox in the UCHS Attendance Office or mail to: UCHS Grad Nite, 6949 Genesee Ave., San Diego, CA 92122.

Parent/Guardian's Agreement

(Must be signed even if the student is over 18 years of age)

PLEASE INITIAL A or B:

____ **A. Please call me** at the number below if my graduate wishes to leave Grad Nite before 4:00am.
(Please leave a cell phone number if you will not be at home.)

____ **B. I do not need to be called** if my graduate wishes to leave before the end of Grad Nite.

I give my permission for the above named graduate to participate in the Grad Nite celebration at UCHS. We have discussed the above conditions. I will be able to be contacted during Grad Nite hours.

***I understand that my graduate will not be allowed admission into Grad Nite and that I will be asked to pick up my student immediately from school if he/she is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. I understand that underage drinking is against the law and will not be tolerated at Grad Nite.** I waive all claims which my child or I might have against the UCHS Grad Nite Committee and any volunteers involved in setting up and putting on the Grad Nite celebration, as a result of any injuries which may occur as a result of the Grad Nite celebration or my graduate's decision to leave early.

Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print)

Phone # where you can be reached during Grad Nite

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Emergency Phone #

Date

Ticket fees are not refundable. Extenuating circumstances would need to be reviewed and approved by the Grad Nite Chair.

Thank you for completing ALL SECTIONS of BOTH pages & enclosing the proper payment.

This agreement must be received by June 11, 2012.

AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN MECHANICAL BULL RIDING

If your child would like to ride the mechanical bull during the 2012 Grad Nite, the following permission slip must be completed, signed and returned to the Grad Nite Committee.

I, the undersigned, authorize my son/daughter _____
Student's name

to ride the mechanical bull that will be at the 2012 UCHS Grad Nite on Tues/Wed, June 12-13th, 2012. If the student wants to ride the bull, it is necessary that the parent specifically authorize that their child be included in the activity. Supervision for this event will be furnished by the University City High School Grad Nite Committee. The committee will take precautions to assure the welfare and safety of my son/daughter participating in this activity. I understand that the UCHS Grad Nite Committee cannot assume financial or legal liability in case of injury or accident. I also understand that UCHS and Fiesta de Carnival also cannot assume financial or legal liability in case of injury or accident.

Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date Signed



The UCHS PTSA is fundraising
to help budget-tight programs at UCHS
AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SELL ANYTHING!

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**UCHS
PTSA
FUNDS
the
FOLLOWING:**

- Student Programs
- UCHS Mail
- Teacher Breakfast
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Scholarships
- ASB Camps
- Supplemental Funds for The Commander, Literary Magazine
- Grad Nite
- And much more!

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It's the 2011-2012

DIRECT-to-UCHS FUNDRAISER and MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If this direct donation drive is successful,
UCHS PTSA will not need to do any other fundraisers.*
**With this program, 100% of your
donation goes directly to the
programs funded by our PTSA.**

And with the current budget crisis, the school is relying
more than ever on the PTSA for funding.

**We need your help!
MAKE A DONATION TODAY!**

Donations in any amount are welcome.
And remember, 100% of your donation goes directly to UCHS PTSA.
(AND your donation is tax deductible)

**Show your child their education is important to you.
JOIN THE PTSA!**

PTSA stands for Parent, Teacher, Student Association.
Because the PTSA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are
encouraged to make suggestions.
There's no better way to learn what's going on in your school
than by being a PTSA member and attending meetings.
You are invited to attend our meetings in the Media Center on the 1st Friday
of every month. An exact schedule will be sent via UCHS mail.
And, the PTSA is a national organization with millions of
members. They are a force to be listened to at both the district and state
levels. Make your voice heard on school budget issues through the PTSA!

**This Direct-to-UCHS Fundraiser will be replacing PTSA fundraising only.
This does not replace other school dept. or sports fundraisers.*

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**Save
this
portion
for your
tax
records.**

DIRECT-to-UCHS FUNDRAISER and MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

UCHS PTSA thanks you for your 2011-2012 Direct Donation.

Date: _____ Amount of contribution (membership fees do not apply): \$ _____

UCHS PTSA is a §501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.
(FEIN: 95-3660960)

To assist with your tax records, please retain this receipt along with your cancelled check.

Questions? Contact Marrie Webber, UCHS PTSA VP Ways and Means, phillygr1360@yahoo.com

..... Cut here and return bottom portion with payment,

Yes, I'd like to help out the UCHS PTSA with a donation of:

- Up to \$25**Copper level
- \$25.01 - \$50**Bronze level
- \$50.01 - \$100**Silver level
- \$100.01 - \$250** Gold level
- \$250.01 and above**Titanium level

Direct Donation Total (indicated above)\$ _____

To comply with IRS Regulations, for donations of \$250 or more, an acknowledgement letter will be emailed to you, please provide your email address here : _____.

Membership Total (\$12 per person, indicate names below)\$ _____

Total \$ _____

UCHS PTSA Member Names (Please print):	Membership Type* (Circle One) *Yes, students can be members too.
1. _____	Student or Adult
2. _____	Student or Adult
3. _____	Student or Adult
4. _____	Student or Adult

Your student's name: _____ Grade: _____

(this information is necessary in providing you with a receipt/membership card)

Yes, I do need a PTSA membership card! (If not checked, you will not receive a card.)

Please enclose your check, payable to UCHS PTSA in an envelope and drop off at the UCHS Office or mail to:

**PTSA Fundraiser & Membership Drive
6949 Genesee Avenue
San Diego, CA 92122
Attn: Marie Webber**

