

University High School

Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)
Information Booklet

2020-2021

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Welcome

~The History of our School~

The Founder

Jasper Newton Deahl

Born: April 19, 1859

Lived: Barbour County, Va. (Now West Virginia)

Schools Attended: Fairmont Normal School, West Virginia University, Peabody Normal School, University of Nashville, Harvard University, Columbia University

The Creation

The first University Demonstration High School was opened in September 1925, in the Old Tea Room on the corner of Spruce and Willey Streets. This school had 35 students and a faculty of 3 superior teachers. The teachers, Misses Sylvia Soupart, Lucy Coplin, and May Wilt, were recruited away from Morgantown High.

By 1928, there were 202 students. With the need for larger rooms, the school changed locations. The next location was on the fourth floor of a red brick building on the corner of Stewart Street and University Avenue. In the new building, there was a gas station on the first floor, a garage on the second floor and University High was located on the third and fourth floors.

In 1931, the school made a third move. It moved into the old library on the West Virginia University Campus. The students enjoyed the use of Elizabeth Moore Hall, Commencement Hall, and several of the other University facilities. They stayed there until the completion of University Demonstration High School.

In September 1933, University Demonstration High School was completed and located at the top of North Price Street. The estimated cost of the building was \$283,837. The construction of the school started in late 1930 at a site located in University Heights. On November 18, 1930, the cornerstone for University Demonstration High School was put in place. There were numerous delays and problems with the construction of

the school. The expected completion date had to be extended to 1933. The building, when completed, was 3 stories high and could house up to 500 students.

The Mission

The instruction plan at University Demonstration High School was like no other high school plan. The curriculum was pragmatic and experimental. The instruction was a unit which included integrated subjects. The units consisted of long assignments, study-learning-teaching workshops, classroom library periods, individual and group conferences, and individual study. The students participated in planning, organizing, and controlling the school.

Teachers guided, challenged, and encouraged the students. They didn't lecture, dictate, or use command style methods while teaching. Problems were solved as a group or with the assistance of a teacher. There were no grades, instead a student was evaluated on achievement of attitudes, appreciation, ideals, skills, and knowledge. This enabled students to make a satisfactory adjustment to the adult social, civic, educational, and economic life.

The progressive curriculum (based on the Dalton Plan) pioneered innovations in education throughout the United States, including our current model of Student Council. University High School's mission was far ahead of its time in the field of education.

Changes Through the Years

In 1972, West Virginia University turned University High School over to Monongalia County Board of Education. The turnover was an effort to increase funding (through Mon. County) to increase the quality of educational opportunities for the students.

There was no major construction on UHS from the completion of the main building in 1933, until 1972. In 1972, a small annex was placed at the end of the building. This annex building was the home to an industrial arts laboratory, two general classrooms, restrooms, an office, and storage areas.

In 1978, a gymnasium that was badly needed was added onto the school. It had a seating capacity of 1,300 people, a multi-purpose lobby, locker rooms, and one general purpose classroom.

In 1991-1992, more construction was done to UHS. The first phase of construction included a new kitchen, a multipurpose cafeteria, and a new band room. The second phase of construction was the new tower

addition. The tower included new home economics and art areas, two fully equipped laboratory science rooms, a computer lab, ten general classrooms, an elevator, restrooms, and student lockers. This addition was completed by the 1993-1994 school year.

By the end of the 1990-1991 school year, there were around 600 students enrolled at UHS. In the fall of 1991, 121 Bruceton students enrolled at UHS. Starting during the 1993-1994 school year, 9th graders were enrolled at UHS. In the fall of 1993, nearly 1,300 students were enrolled. The overcrowding problem led to the need for temporary classrooms. This need brought six trailers to UHS.

In the 2000-2001 school year, additional rooms were needed to provide enough space for another increase in enrollment. Solutions to this overcrowding problem were explored.

In the fall of 2003, Monongalia County citizens passed a bond, which included the construction of a new University High School to be located off of Bakers Ridge Road.

Mylan Pharmaceuticals Stadium opened in September of 2008.

On Wednesday, November 19, 2008, the old school on Price Street welcomed existing students for the last time. Students started school at the new University High School on December 3, 2008.

Enrollment at UHS is currently around 1,300 students.

Credit - Title: *A History of University Demonstration High School* written by John W. Kelley



Home of the Hawks!
~ Today's UHS ~

2019-2020 Senior Academic Achievements

- 19 AP Scholars
- 4 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 8 AP Scholars with Honor
- 1 AP Seminar Research Certificate
- 1 National Merit Finalist
- 1 National Merit Scholar
- 1 WVU Scholarships of Distinction – Level 5 ●
- 17 WVU Scholarships of Distinction – Level 4 ●
- 24 WVU Scholarships of Distinction – Level 3 ●
- 17 WVU Scholarships of Distinction – Level 2 ●
- 7 WVU Scholarships of Distinction – Level 1 ●
- WVU Leadership Scholarship
- 2 Engineering Excellence Level 1 Scholarship ●
- 4 Engineering Excellence Level 2 Scholarships ●
- WVU Dependent Scholarship
- 2 College of Media Dean's Scholarship Level 1 Scholarship
- 1 Davis College Dean's Scholarship Level 2 Scholarship
- 2 WVU Creative Arts Scholarship
- 71 Promise Scholarships
- 1 West Liberty Athletic Scholarship
- 1 University of Calif. SanDiego Shores Scholarship
- 1 Rowan University Merit Scholarship
- 1 Potomac State Athletic and Academic Scholarship

- 1 PFC Andrew Martin “Bo” Harper Scholarship ● 1
- Mon Health Systems Medical Scholarship ● 1 Micah
- Wilson Memorial Scholarship
- 1 Jim Dunn Memorial Scholarship
- 2 Incoming Statler Engagement and Leadership
- Scholarship
- 4 HSTA Scholarship
- 1 Howard University Leadership Scholarship ● 1
- Howard University Freshman Scholarship ● 1
- Glenville State College Softball Scholarship ● 2
- Fairmont State William White Scholarship ● 3
- Fairmont State Univ. Opportunity Scholarship ● 3
- Fairmont State Univ. SOAR Scholarship ● 1
- Edinboro University Athletic Scholarship ● 1
- Chic-Fil-A Leadership Scholarship
- 2 Cheat Lake Rotary Scholarship
- 1 Big Atlantic Classic Basketball Tournament Heart
- and Hustle Scholarship
- 1 Angela Scotchel Memorial Basketball Scholarship
- 1 Andrew Farris Memorial Scholarship ● 1
- American Red Cross Blood Services Scholarship

2019-2020 Underclassmen Student Awards

Information Not Available Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

2010-2021 Honor Society

- 73 National Honor Society
- 6 National Technical Honor Society
- 5 Technology Student Assoc. Honor Society

2019-2020 Sports Awards

- **Volleyball**
2019 WV State Tournament
2019 TRAC Player of the Year
- **Boys Cross Country**
2019 AAA Team State Champions
2019 AAA Individual State Champion
2019 OVAC Champions
2019 WV Gatorade State Runner of the Year ●
- **Girls Cross Country**
2019 AAA State Runner-Up
- **Boys Basketball**
2020 OVAC 5A Champions
2020 AAA State Tournament
2020 WV State Player of the Year (Bill Evans Award)
2020 TRAC Player of the Year
2020 TRAC Coach of the Year
- **Girls Basketball**
2020 AAA State Tournament
2020 TRAC Player of the Year
- **Wrestling**
11 - 2020 AAA State Tournament Qualifiers ●

Swim

6 - 2020 AAA State Meet Qualifiers

- Boys Soccer

2019 WV State Tournament

2019 TRAC Player of the Year

2019-2020 Instrumental Music Awards

- **Symphony Orchestra:** Selected as 2020 WVMEA Honor Ensemble and performed in Charleston as ● part of WV Music Educators Association (WVMEA) Conference March 6, 2020.
- **Percussion Ensemble:** Selected as 2020 WVMEA Honor X-Ensemble. And performed in Charleston as part of WVMEA Conference March 6, 2020. ● **Jazz Ensemble:** Straight Superior (I) Ratings at Northern Region Jazz Festival (20th consecutive year), placed fourth overall in WVMEA Honor Jazz Competition
- (Region 10 Band Festival was cancelled, so no ratings for Concert Band or Symphonic Winds in 2020.)
- 2019 University Showcase of Bands was most successful to date and included The Pride or WV ● Eight band students selected to the 2020 WV All-State Band/Orchestra
- Eleven band students selected to the 2020 WVU Invitational Honor Bands
- Five orchestra students selected to WVU Honor Orchestra
- Ana Lasker selected to 2020 Governor's Honors Academy
- Three students selected to WV All-State Orchestra
- Two students selected to the 2020 WVU Honor

Jazz Ensemble

- **Meghan Salosky selected for Andrew Farris Memorial Scholarship for Color Guard**
- **Jessica Brandel selected for John Phillip Sousa Band Award**
- **Evan Chapell selected for Louis Armstrong Jazz Award**
- **Owen Hamilton selected for Patrick Gilmore Band Award**
- **Six members of the Class of 2020 selected to march in the Pride of West Virginia. Each year, 20+ UHS Band alumni march in the WVU Marching Band**

● **2019-2020 Teacher Awards**

- **Paige Fronczek--Secondary Art Teacher of the Year**
- **Kristi Wyant--Created a wellness website that was featured for all PE/Health/Wellness/Physical activity specialists in the state by the West Virginia Board of Education**
- **Jessica Eades--Selected to moderate a panel at National Council for Teachers of English 2020 in Denver, CO**

In our best efforts to recognize UHS achievements, we have compiled a representative list of awards. Please note this is not an exhaustive list.

~ Our Mission ~
Upholding High Standards
Honor
Attitude
Wisdom
Knowledge
Service

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

2020-2021 PTSO Officers

President: Neera Bhatia and Michelle Ritchie

Vice President: Molli Hamilton

Secretary: Mary Warden

Treasurer: Kendryn McDonough

**LSIC Parent Rep: Tiffany Gillen, Michelle Ritchie, and Molli Hamilton,
Chair. Mary Warden, Member-At-Large**

Email contact: uhshawksptso@gmail.com

Social Media Coordinator: Charmin Lerfald

Local School Improvement Council (LSIC)

When: 7 -8 times/year - 3rd Thursday each month @UHS
Media Center, 6 pm

What: A state mandated advisory group comprised of the principal, 3 parents, 3 teachers, 2 school personnel, a school business partner, one member at large, and a student representative who is routinely the Student Body President. Members serve alternating 2-year terms. Parent representatives are elected by the UHS PTSO at the beginning of each school year. Meetings are open to everyone. Agenda items need to be submitted one week prior to the monthly meetings. Past meeting minutes are posted on the UHS website.

Contact: Mrs. Kimberly Greene, 304-291-9270, or the LSIC Chairperson or any LSIC Member – see UHS website for current membership roster.

PTSO COMMITTEES

Beautification/Environmental

When: *Throughout the school year*

What: The PTSO will arrange several projects throughout the school year to improve the appearance and contribute to an environmentally friendly campus at University High School.

Volunteers Needed: Various tasks

Coordinator: Volunteer needed

Email:

Coordinator Responsibilities: Oversees and coordinates outdoor space improvement projects based on the master plan.

Finance/Audit

When: As needed

Coordinator: Volunteer needed

Email:

Coordinator Responsibilities: A third party volunteer who assists PTSO Treasurer in compiling an audit report, if necessary.

Fundraising

When: *As needed*

What: Plan and organize school fundraising events.

Volunteers Needed: To help organize different fundraising events throughout the school year. Fundraisers in the past have included a Craft Show, Ford Event, and Coupon Book Sale. After determining school needs and goals, members may write grants and request donations to support those needs and goals. Find corporate sponsors for activities or events.

Coordinator: Volunteer needed

Email:

Coordinator Responsibilities: Oversee and organize fundraisers and/or determine school needs with Principal, PTSO President, & LSIC Chairperson.

Enrichment

When: *Throughout the school year*

What: *Work with UHS Principal and Leadership Team to identify*

and facilitate opportunities for UHS Students.

Volunteers Needed: Various tasks

Coordinator: Volunteer needed

Email:

Coordinator Responsibilities: Work with UHS Principal and Leadership as well as parent volunteers to plan and coordinate enrichment opportunities for the school and its students.

Lucy's Dreamweavers

When: Various times throughout the year

What: The PTSO sponsors a donation closet for students and families in need.

Volunteers Needed: for various organizational tasks.

Coordinator: Volunteer needed

Email:

Coordinator Responsibilities: Coordinate with UHS Staff and parent volunteers as well as community organizations in order to maintain the closet.

Public Relations/Communications

When: Throughout the school year

What: Works with UHS Principal and PTSO President to communicate PTSO activities and events throughout the UHS Community.

Volunteers Needed: To assist coordinator as needed

Coordinator: Volunteer needed

Email:

Coordinator Responsibilities: To organize and work with the committee to write press releases, develop a local media list, promote UHS throughout the greater Morgantown Community by submitting articles to local media. Develops a UHS PTSO advertisement for publication.

Senior Class Activities

When: Several times during the year

What: The PTSO assists with coordination of Senior Class Activities. The volunteers do not have to only be Senior parents. All parents are encouraged to participate so that they can be familiar with upcoming events for their future Seniors, especially volunteering for the After Prom, which is a 100% community supported and funded

event.

Coordinator: Volunteer needed

Email:

Coordinator Responsibilities: Coordinates volunteers for Senior Class activities as needed.

Staff Appreciation /Hospitality

When: Several times during the year

What: The PTSO sponsors dinners and other activities during the year to show appreciation for the UHS staff. This is a rewarding committee that allows you to make a positive impact on the staff's morale.

Volunteers Needed: To prepare a food dish or donate drinks/paper products for an event.

Coordinator: Debbie Mulhall

Email: jdkrm5@comcast.net

Coordinator Responsibilities: Oversees all teacher appreciation activities.

Student Recognition

When: A few times during the year

What: The PTSO and the UHS Leadership Team developed the Academic Wall of Excellence to promote and recognize UHS student academic achievements. In coordination with the UHS Leadership Team, ensure the Academic Wall of Excellence and Wall of Fame stay current.

Volunteers Needed: To assist in planning a yearly school event to recognize the new honorees.

Coordinator: Volunteer needed

Email:

Coordinator Responsibilities: Work with Principal and UHS Leadership Team and assist with the development of this initiative in support of UHS' school culture.

Nomination Committee

When: when needed

What: Publicize PTSO positions available and recruit volunteers to fill positions as needed. Work to prepare a list of nominees. This also includes LSIC nominations to be filled by PTSO members when position is available.

Volunteers needed: To assist coordinator in recruitment of volunteers to fill positions when needed.

Coordinator: Volunteer needed

Email:

Coordinator Responsibilities: Work with UHS Principal and Leadership Team and to coordinate recruitment and fulfillment of positions for positions on the PTSO and LSIC when needed.

What Makes UHS Special

Student Enrichment

Clubs

Academic Bowl
Comedy Club
Current Events
Dead Poet's Society
Debate Club
DECA Club (Marketing)
FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)
FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America)
FCT (Fellowship of Christian Teens)
Feminist Student Union
FFA (Future Farmers of America)
Friends of Rachel
Genealogy Club
Hacky Sack
Historical War Gaming and Chess Society
HSTA (Health, Science & Technology Academy)
Interact Club
Key Club
LGBTQA+
Magic: the Gathering
Manga Club
Model UN
National Art Honor Society & Art Club
Peace, Love, & Equality

Photography Club
Pokémon Club
RAZE
Release of Negative Energy
RONE
Ski Club
Social Gamers' Alliance
Star Wars Club
Student Council
Students Affirming Gender Equality
TSA (Technology Students Association)/VEX – Robotics Club
UHS Rocket Science Association
Ultimate Frisbee Club
Wild Hawks
Youth in Government

Invitation Only Clubs & Honoraries

Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honorary)
National Honor Society
TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use)

Curriculum

UHS offers Honors & AP Classes, dual credit, and WVU Access courses.

UHS is a comprehensive high school and offers Career Technology Education (CTE) classes in, but not limited to: business, marketing, agriculture, technology education, pre-engineering, personal wellness, and JROTC

Athletics

Baseball
Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Track
Volleyball
Wrestling

Other Activities

Hockey

Parent/Student Volunteering

PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization)

LSIC (Local School Improvement Council)

Athletic Boosters

Band Boosters

UHS Foundation

For the Family

Automated School Messenger Calls
UHS School Store (Hawk Zone)
Schoology
Facebook Page (*University High School*)
School Counselors
School Nurse
UHS Website – hawks.mono.k12.wv.us
Twitter@UHSHawks

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UHS Website

Driving directions to UHS can be found on the UHS Home Page at

<http://hawks.mono.k12.wv.us/3/Content2/782>

Daily Announcements, a Calendar of Events, Faculty information, Bell Schedules, Transfer Policy, parking information, lunch information and much more can also be found on the website listed above.

Athletic information can be found at

<http://hawks.mono.k12.wv.us/3/Content2/606>

The UHS softball and baseball games are played at Mylan Park. Our Swim Team competes at the WVU Natatorium. Please go to the Athletic Page for more detailed information.

Band information can be found at

<http://uhsband.net/index.php>

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For their donations and support for UHS!**

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*My Bank! First United Bank & Trust**

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Benedum Collaborative Professional Development

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Notes

UHS Directory

Main office: 304-291-9270 Fax

Line: 304-291-9248 Athletic

Director: 304-291-9274

Guidance Office: 304-291-9276

Transportation: 304-983-8204

Nurse: 304-284-2854

Band Director: 304-291-9275

Safe Schools Hotline:

1-866-723-3982