

University High School

Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)
Information Booklet

2019-2020

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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 ~

2018-2019 Senior Academic Achievements

- **19 AP Scholars**
- **11 AP Scholars with Distinction**
- **9 AP Scholars with Honor**
- **1 National Advanced Placement Scholar**
- **1 Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma**
- **3 WVU Scholarships of Distinction – Level 5**
- **14 WVU Scholarships of Distinction – Level 4**
- **34 WVU Scholarships of Distinction – Level 3**
- **31 WVU Scholarships of Distinction – Level 2**
- **9 WVU Scholarships of Distinction – Level 1**
- **2 Engineering Excellence Level 1 Scholarship**
- **6 Engineering Excellence Level 2 Scholarships**
- **1 College of B&E Deans Scholarship Level 1 Scholarship**
- **4 College of B&E Deans Scholarship Level 2 Scholarship**
- **2 College of Media Deans Scholarship Level 1 Scholarship**
- **3 Davis College Deans Scholarship Level 1 Scholarship**
- **100 Promise Scholarships**
- **1 US Presidential Scholar**
- **3 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists**
- **Various other scholarships from other colleges and universities.**
- **1 President's Volunteer Service Award**
- **2 United States Air Force Academy Appointments**

2018-2019 Underclassmen Student Awards

- **4 AP Scholars**
- **1 Student was awarded a United Daughters of War of 1812 award**
- **2 Students received 2nd place in Hospitality and Tourism Event at WV DECA Career Development Conference and International DECA Competitors**
- **3 Shelley Marshall Writing Contest Winners – 1 1st place, 1 2nd place, and 1 3rd place**
- **1 Student received a Daughters of the American Revolution Award**
- **2 Students received the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Award**
- **1 Student received a Helping Hands Award**
- **7 Students were chosen to attend American Legion Mountaineer Boys State**
- **7 Students were chosen to attend American Legion Auxiliary Rhododendron Girls State**
- **19 awards at TSA State Conference TSA, 6 members were inducted into the TSA National Honor Society, 7th place in National Leadership, and WV Community Service Award**

2018-2019 Sports Awards

- **2018 WVSSAC Girls Cross Country State Champions**
- **2019 WVSSAC Boys Basketball State Champions**
- **2019 WVSSAC Girls Basketball State Runner-Up**
- **2019 WVSSAC 500 Free Swim State Champion**
- **2019 WVSSAC Long Jump Track and Field State Champion**
- **2018 OVAC Boys Soccer Champions**
- **2018 OVAC Boys Cross Country Champions**
- **2018 OVAC Girls Cross Country Champions**
- **2019 OVAC Girls Basketball Champions**
- **2019 OVAC Boys Basketball Champions**
- **2019 OVAC Boys Tennis Champions**
- **2018 TRAC Boys Soccer Champions**
- **2019 TRAC Girls Basketball Champions**
- **2019 TRACs Basketball Champions**

2018-2019 Band/Music Awards

- **Symphonic Winds: Selected as 2019 WVMEA Honor Ensemble, Straight Superior (I) Ratings at Region 10 Band Festival (26th consecutive year)**
- **Concert Band: Straight Superior (I) Ratings at Region 10 Band Festival (13th consecutive year)**
- **Jazz Ensemble: Straight Superior (I) Ratings at Northern Region Jazz Festival (19th consecutive year), placed third overall in WVMEA Honor Jazz Competition**
- **2018 University Showcase of Bands most successful to date.**
- **Three students selected to the 2019 WV All-State Band/Orchestra**
- **Five students selected to the 2019 WVU Invitational Honor Bands**
- **Two students selected to 2019 Governor's Honors Academy**
- **One student selected to the 2018 Cumberland All-Area Jazz Ensemble**
- **One student selected to the 2019 WVU Honor Jazz Ensemble**
- **One student selected to receive the John M. Brosky Aspiring Music Educator Scholarship**
- **One student selected for Andrew Farris Memorial Scholarship for Color Guard**
- **One student selected for John Phillip Sousa Band Award**
- **One student selected for Louis Armstrong Jazz Award**
- **One student selected for Patrick Gilmore Band Award**
- **Two students selected to receive the Directors Band Award**
- **Seven members of the Class of 2019 selected to march in the Pride of West Virginia. Each year, 20+**

UHS Band alumni march in the WVU Marching Band

- **UHS Orchestra participated in the Spirit of American Concert**
- **Ten students selected to WVU Honors Orchestra**
- **Six students selected to WV All-State Orchestra**
- **Established first-ever UHS Mariachi Ensemble**

2018-2019 Teacher Awards

- **Dustin Talton – TRAC Boys Soccer Coach of the Year**
- **David Price - 2019 TRAC Girls Basketball Coach of the Year**
- **Joe Schmidle - 2019 TRAC Boys Basketball Coach of the Year, USA Today WV High School Coach of the Year**
- **Erica Diaz – Scholarship to participate in a WW1 class through the National History Day WW1 program**
- **Whitney Lenhart – FFA 5 years of service recognition at FFA State Convention**

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

2019-2020 PTSO Officers

President: Neera Bhatia and Michelle Ritchie

Vice President: Molli Hamilton

Secretary: Mary Warden

Treasurer: Megan Zeni

LSIC Parent Rep: Jennifer Lyons

Local School Improvement Council (LSIC)

When: 7 -8 times/year - 1st 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: Julia Ramberg

Email: juliaeramberg@hotmail.com

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

Finance/Audit

When: As needed

Coordinator: Megan Zeni

Email: wvzenis@yahoo.com

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: Bonnie Snider

Email: bds26508@aol.com

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

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: Bonnie Snider

Email: Bds26508@aol.com

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 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 DOES NOT DIRECTLY SPONSOR any Senior Class activities, but it is involved to the extent that the PTSO assists with communication about the coordination of Senior Class Activities such as the After Prom Event.

Volunteers Needed: To assist with Senior Class Activities - 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: Bonnie Snider

Email: bds26508@aol.com

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

Staff Appreciation /Hospitality

When: *Several times during the year*

What: The PTO 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 PTO 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: Jill Wolter

Email: wolter.jill@gmail.com

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

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

** Information subject to change **

UHS utilizes an automated call-out system as a parental involvement tool that helps teachers, administrators, and other school personnel increase and improve communication within the school and community, while reducing the resources needed to maintain that communication.

This system will deliver absence notification calls to student's homes and messages.

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>

Thank you!

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For their donations and support for UHS!**

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Barnes & Noble
Biafora's Landscaping
Carmike Cinemas
Central Supply
Cheat Lake Rotary
Chic Fil-A (Morgantown Mall)
City Neon
Cottrell's Country Store
CTL Engineering

Custom Electric
F & M Contractors
John Howard Nissan
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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

