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University High School prepares for 40th anniversary celebration

Festivities to include an open house, alumni reception and the first ever 'home' game

IRVINE, Calif. – University High School will celebrate 40 years of excellence this November with a series of special events, including an open house, a pancake breakfast, a carnival, an alumni reception and a historic football game.

A website with news and information about University's 40th anniversary is accessible at www.uhs40.com. Those who log on can learn about upcoming events, register as alumni and nominate classmates to be considered for the school's brand new Hall of Fame.

"University High School has been an integral part of this community for four decades, mirroring the growth and diversification of our City while producing graduates who have gone on to excel in virtually every field imaginable," said Principal John Pehrson. "On the eve of this historic milestone, we are inviting all current and former Trojans to join us in honoring the past, present and future of this tremendous school. This will truly be a week to remember."

The three-day celebration will officially kick off from 3 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, with "Spirit Night." That evening, generations of Uni students are expected to descend upon the campus to decorate the grounds, reminisce about their high school years and participate with classmates in team competitions. The following Friday, Nov. 6, activities will include an Open House Walking Tour, dinner and performances from 4 to 7 p.m., followed by a ceremony for the school's first Hall of Fame inductees, a commemorative video screening on the football field and an alumni reception hosted by the Irvine Public Schools Foundation at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, guests will be treated to a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by a Kiddy Carnival that starts at 9 a.m. and an alumni mixer at noon. At 1 p.m., the Uni football team is set to make history by playing a game on its own field against Beckman High School. The Trojans regularly play their home games at the stadium at Irvine High School.

University High is located at 4771 Campus Drive. For a complete schedule of events, or to nominate a classmate for the University High School Hall of Fame, please visit www.uhs40.com. Those who wish to contribute to the celebration are encouraged to contact Christina Sanchez at csanchez@iusd.org.

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About University High School

University High School, home of the Trojans, opened its doors in 1970, about a year before the City of Irvine was formally incorporated. Renowned for its emphasis on academic achievement, Uni has been identified as a Blue Ribbon school and has twice earned California Distinguished School honors. In 2009, the campus scored an extraordinary 904 on the state's Academic Performance Index, which measures success on a scale of 200 to 1,000. Promoting the schoolwide motto of "Unity through diversity," Uni High also boasts a nationally recognized Model United Nations team, dozens of National Merit Finalists each year, as well as award-winning chess and math teams.

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