**UNI HIGH AWARDS**

- **Wylde Q. Chicken Award**
  The award was established “to recognize Uni students who exhibit spontaneous creativity. Unbidden originality. Thinking outside the box. Coloring outside the lines of the coloring book. The nontraditional, the unconventional, the unexpected. Extraordinary acts in ordinary circumstances.”
  Arch Robison

- **June Mank Award**
  June Mank was the bookkeeper for University High School from 1972-1988. She served on the Champaign City Council from 1979 until 2001. In her spare time she drove cancer patients for treatment, meals on wheels, and served on various neighborhood committees, plus church activities. This award is given to a student who most shares June’s supportive role in the interest of Uni High. The student may have a long-term commitment to a single project, a short-term commitment to a variety of projects, or is engaged in service to the school without being asked.
  Wyatt Bensken

- **Director’s Award**
  The Director’s Award is awarded to that Uni High student who, in the opinion of the Director, has made a spirited contribution to Uni High as a model student and citizen.
  Freddie Stavins

- **Student of the Year**
  The Student of the Year Award goes to a student who meets the following criteria: demonstrates respect for the dignity and worth of the individual; is sensitive to the needs of his/her school and community and initiates constructive action without seeking self-glorification; is willing and able to operate as a leader or follower as the situation demands; is not bound by tradition, and has a strong interest in and commitment to their academic program.
  Sarah Vaughn

- **Matt Wilhelm “Service With A Smile” Award**
  Matt Wilhelm, Class of 1999, was a dedicated member of the Uni student body who was constantly helping others. No matter what he was doing, from serving on Student Council to assisting fellow students with their homework, Matt always contributed with little fanfare and with an unforgettable smile. Each year, the Matt Wilhelm Memorial “Service with a Smile” award shall go to the member of the Uni student body who, like Matt, went above and beyond the call of duty to serve the Uni community.
  Andrew Richardson

- **Ella Leppert Award**
  This award is named in honor of Dr. Ella C. Leppert, a long-time social studies teacher at University High School, and recognizes outstanding teaching at Uni High.
  Karl Radnitzer
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

- National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing Contest
  Nafisa Syed, Silver Key for her poetry submission

- Illinois Association of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing Contest
  Erin Berl, First place in Prose for her essay “Quiet Power”

- Rosemary Laughlin Contest in Creative Writing
  Rosemary Laughlin is a former long-time and beloved English teacher, and the award is named in her honor.
  Poetry:
  Chloe Yang – First place for her poem “Bag of Stars”
  Nafisa Syed – Second place for her poem “Wanderer”
  Eva Ping – Honorable Mention for her poem “Love Is Dead”

Prose:
  Katie Tender – First place for her story “A Guide to Your Final Journey”
  Jonny Yockey – Second place for his story “We Play Games”
  Kathryn Powell – Honorable Mention for her story “The Benefits of Being a Licensed Artist”

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

- Illinois All-State Music Selectees
  Chelsea Edwards, violin
  Petra Rantanen, cello
  Darren Liu, cello
  Bissy Michael, alto
  Kaila Simpson, alto
  Juliana Trach, soprano
  Kody Carmody, baritone

- Insect Fear Film Festival
  1st Place 6th-7th Grade – Lark Moreno
  2nd Place – 8th-10th Grade – Adina Johnson
  3rd Place 8th-10th Grade – Hailan Shanbhag
  Cutest – Tori Aber
  Most Bio-diverse – Sarah Zhang

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

- Emma Koenker Foreign Language Award
  To honor an outstanding student who reflects Emma’s love of international culture and her profound respect for the unique qualities of all inhabitants of the global community.
  Miriam Ferede

- P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) International
  Women helping women reach for the stars
  Chelsea Edwards

- Rotary Youth Leadership Award
  Young people (primarily high school sophomores and juniors) are selected each year to attend Rotary-sponsored leadership camps. In an informal atmosphere, groups of outstanding young people spend time in a challenging program of leadership training, discussions, inspirational addresses and social activities designed to enhance personal development, leadership skills and good citizenship. The following students represented Uni High:
  Brigitte Dietz
  Sam LeRoy
  Sally Pennacchi

- Subbie Buddies / Transfer Buddies
  Peer mentors who provide support, advice and encouragement during a student’s transition to Uni.

  TRANSFER BUDDIES
  Tristan Gurtler
  Andrew Nguyen
  Quyen Nguyen
  Donna Xia

  SUBBIE BUDDIES
  Darrian Boyd
  Roberto Chapa
  Jia Curry-Bild
  Linus Erbach
  Isaak Haberman
  Joy Jin
  Angela Li
  Bruce Li
  Chas Newman
  Ema Ondrejckova
  Raebekkah Pratt-Clarke
  Alice Rietz
  Dong-Ha Son
  Tommy Song
  Kaila Simpson
  Katie Tender
  Neil Tewksbury
  Selena Wang
• National Japanese Exam Awards
The Third Annual National Japanese Exam was available for Level 2 and 3 Japanese students only.
Level 2: Silver- Sarah Lee, Angela Li, Robert Money, and Dong-Ha Son
Bronze- Tiye Baraka, Kavi Naidu, Chas Newman and Katherine Tender
Level 3: Silver- Joy Jin, and Grace Lilly
Bronze- Isabel Morford-Cheibub

• Japanese Speech Contest
The Japanese Speech Contest was held at the Consulate General of Japan in Chicago on March 16, 2013. Angela Li received the honorable mention for her “Manga and Anime” speech.

• National French Contest Winners
This year, all students from all four levels of French competed in the American Association of Teachers of French’s National French Contest. More than 100,000 students competed in the contest, which tests their skills in reading, writing and oral comprehension of French. The Uni students who were ranked as national winners are:

Level 1 National Ranks: Carissa Hwu (1), Adina Johnson (2), Katherine Liu (2), Martin Grosman (2), Sarah Zhang (2), Sherry Qui (2), Mikhail Sigalov (3), Annemarie Michael (4), Caroline Gillette (4), Reneta Herrera (4), Varun Chopra (4), Zina Dolan (5), Ailin Valdivia-McCarthy (7), John Harden (7), Timmy Purnell (9)

Level 2 National Ranks: Iulianna Taritsa (1), Anna Dmitrieva (2), Bryan Hwu (2), Chelsea Edwards (2), Surya Lombela (2), Natalie Hummel (3), Anthony Wu (6), Katherine Popetz (6), Lilly Bralts-Kelly (6), William Ahlgren (6), Tyra Greer (7), Athena Feng (8), Ellen Rispoli (8), Lina Florez (10)

Level 3 National Ranks: Mary Feser (6) Chloe Yang (8) and Julia Miller (10), and Honorable Mention for Gyuri Han (11), Quintin Pittendrigh (12), and Shaleen Agrawal (13)

Level 4 National Ranks: Isabelle Fitzpatrick (7) and Lara Orlandic (9), and Honorable Mention for Peter Ivanov (13) and Sam LeRoy (13)

• National Latin Exam (Gold Medalists)
Latin I – James Boyle, Emily Gibson, Sally Pennacchi, Matthew Reeder, Daniel Vardy
Latin II – Joaquin Malik, Elissa Mullins, Pranav Pamidighantam, Monica Pardeshi
Latin III – Vinay Koshy, Alice Hu, Megan McBride, Thomas Song
Latin IV – Daniel Stelzer, Jiliania Walch

• Illinois Latin Tournament (State Qualifiers)
Latin I – James Boyle, Emily Gibson, Sally Pennacchi, Matthew Reeder (Top qualifying paper at the junior high level)
Latin II – Elissa Mullins
Latin III – Vinay Koshy
Latin IV – Daniel Stelzer (Qualifier for all 4 years of Latin)
• Illinois Latin Tournament (Finalists)
Latin I – Emily Gibson (Excellent rating), Matthew Reeder (Superior rating, top paper at the junior high level)

• Medusa Mythology Exam
Olive Crown – William Givens, August Kasten

• National Spanish Contest Winners 2013
The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 6 through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. The exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 156,000 students participating in 2013. The Uni students who were ranked as national winners are:

Level 1:  Gold- Ariana Kamberelis, Samuel Guo, Jackson Vaughan
         Silver- Erin Berl, Alexandre Geubelle, Lucia Lombardi, Raphaele Mboyo, Aja Trask
         Bronze- Carmen Gewirth, Daniel Meling

Level 2:  Gold- Natalie Dullerud, Mariam Arif
         Silver- Jessica Kittle, Grace Lilly, Joon Young Park, Michael Rajlich
         Bronze- Simone Gewirth, Haneen Jaber, Keisha Patel, Benjamin Schiffer, Panagiotis Voulgaris

Level 3:  Gold- Nafisa Syed, Esther Johnson
         Silver- Alice Chang, Tristan Gurtler, Pengyu Li, Ashley McFarquhar, Gillian Moore, Sally Pennacchi
         Bronze- Nicholas Shapland

Level 4:  Gold- Bryan Hwu
         Silver- David Bergvelt, Brooks Hauser, Randall Hornbaker, Valerie Makri, Sierra Maniates-Selvin, Chas Newman
         Bronze- Diego Gundersen, Tanisha Afnan

• AATG National
German 2:
Gold- Lyle Regenwetter (1st in state), Robert Stavins, Berit Hudson-Rasmussen
Silver- Priya Bhatt, Aarthi Lakshminarayanan, Luie Siegel, Maddie Brown
Bronze- Maia Vardy, Nicholas Liu, Siena Roberts, Alyson Gerdes, Jonath Koslofsky, Madeleine Nelson

German 3:
Gold- Adina Johnson (4th in state), Linus Erbach (5th in state), Thea Kammerling (6th in state), Ansel Higgs, Juliana Trach, Patrick Stein, Cole Petrucci
Silver- Katherine Liu, Ema Ondrejckova
Bronze- Ailin Valdivia-McCarthy

• National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended
In late September, more than two-thirds or about 34,000 of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT® receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Commended Students are named on the basis of a nationally applied Selection Index score that may vary from year to year and is below the level required for participants to be named Semifinalists in their respective states.

Caroline Beshers
Kody Carmody
Andrew Ferguson
David Gong
Leif Hague
Gabrielle Kozlowski
Stirling Lemme
Andrew Lumetta
Alejandro Mestre

Halley Pollock-Muskin
Charlotte Popeutz
Shiyu Qiu
George Ruan
Veronika Sowers
Frederick Stavins
Juliana Trach
Sarah Vaughan
Maria Wang

• WCIA “Best of the Class”
The “Best of the Class” the top seniors graduating from high schools in the WCIA 3 viewing area. Uni High is allowed to submit all students (at the end of 7th semester) who have achieved a perfect 4.00 GPA.

Caroline Beshers
Chelsea Edwards
Leif Hague
Brianna Hajek
Sunjay Koshy
Elizabeth Michael
Sherry Qiu
Petr Rantanen

George Ruan
Paul Seeley
Maxim Sigalov
Juliana Trach
Sarah Vaughan
Maria Wang
Juliana Zuo

• Illinois State Scholars
State scholar designation provides honorary recognition with no monetary award. Approximately the top ten percent of graduates from approved high schools are announced as State Scholars each year.

Grace Anastasio
Robert Berl
Caroline Beshers
James Boyle
Henry Carlton
Kody Carmody
Vickie Chang
Chelsea Edwards
Jack Gillette
David Gong
Andrew Graham
Leif Hague

Brianna Hajek
Emma Hoyer
Nealay Kalita
Sarah Keeley
Tarak Koric
Sunjay Koshy
Gabby Kozlowski
Ryan Kuck
Stirling Lemme
Daniel Lian
Andrew Lumetta
Elizabeth Michael

Liam Moersch
Pol Pollock-Muskin
Charlotte Popeutz
Shiyu Qiu
Evan Ramos
Petr Rantanen
Edu Roth
George Ruan
Paul Seeley
Maxim Sigalov
Christopher Sliar
Veronika Sowers
Frederick Stavins
Juliana Trach
Sarah Vaughan
Maria Wang
Patrick Wong
Yulun Wu
Juliana Zuo
National Merit Scholarship Program - Scholarship Recipients
NMSC notifies approximately 8,200 Finalists at their home addresses that they have been selected to receive a Merit Scholarship® award. Merit Scholarship awards are of three types: National Merit $2500 award; Corporate-sponsored; College-sponsored.
National Merit $2500 Scholarship: Chelsea Edwards, Sunjay Koshy, Edo Roth, Max Sigalov

National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists
Less than 1 percent, or about 16,000 out of the 1.5 million juniors across the country who entered the 2013 program by taking the 2011 preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) earn the semifinalist designation. In Illinois, 719 students qualified as semifinalists.
Erin Berl
Henry Carlton
Vickie Chang
Chelsea Edwards
Jack Gillette
Brianna Hajek
Sunjay Koshy
Bissy Michael
Liam Moersch
Evan Ramos
Petra Rantanen
Edo Roth
Max Sigalov
Yulun Wu
Julia Zuo

National Achievement Scholarship Program
The National Achievement® Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students. Black students may enter both the National Achievement Program and the National Merit® Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and meeting other published requirements for participation.
Henry Carlton, Finalist
Miriam Ferede, Outstanding Participant
Andrew Richardson, Outstanding Participant
Kaila Simpson, Outstanding Participant

National Hispanic Recognition Program
Each year, the NHRP identifies nearly 5,000 of the highest-scoring students (from a nationwide total of more than 200,000 juniors) in the United States and U.S. Territories who take the PSAT/NMSQT and designate themselves as Hispanic/Latino.
Alejandro Mestre, Scholar

Illinois Optimist Oratorical Contest
Erin Berl First place Regionals and State Finalist

DAR/SAR Good Citizen Award
Alliance Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Piankeshaw Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution sponsor the Good Citizens program for high school seniors each fall. Participating high schools can honor two young persons in the senior class who demonstrate qualities of good citizenship.
Grace Anastasio & Wyatt Bensken

German 4:
Gold- Arch Robison (1st in state), Kathryn Powell (2nd in state), Gloria Ha (4th in state), Jonathon Yockey (5th in state)
Silver- Lucas Newman-Johnson, George Gunter

Math Department
Parkland/ICTM Regional Math Contests- Uni placed 1st overall
Individual Awards:
Algebra 1: 1st place – Ben Schiffer; 2nd place – Monica Pardeshi; 3rd place – Lyle Regenwetter; Parkland medallion – subfreshman Anthony Wu
Geometry: 1st place (tie) – David Dlott and Cole Petruzzi; Parkland medallions – Alice Hu, Joy Jin
Algebra 2: 1st place (6-way tie, with five of the six from Uni) – Nathan Beauchamp, Tristan Gurtler, Divya Joshi, Max Li, Arch Robison
Precalculus: 2nd place – Max Sigalov

Team awards:
Algebra 1 Team: 1st place (Danny Liang, Nicholas Liu, Monica Pardeshi, Lyle Regenwetter, Ben Schiffer, Robert Stavins)
Geometry Team: 1st place (Vikram Bagchi, David Dlott, Alice Hu, Joy Jin, Cole Petruzzi, Nafisa Syed, Donna Xia)
Algebra 2 Team: 1st place (Nathan Beauchamp, Diego Gundersen, Tristan Gurtler, Divya Joshi, Max Li, Arch Robison, Troy Xu)
Precalculus Team: 2nd place (Jack Gillette, David Gong, Evan Ramos, Max Sigalov, Patrick Wong, Julia Zuo)
Calculator Team: 2nd place (Diego Gundersen, Divya Joshi, Max Li); Parkland ribbon (Robert Stavins, Alice Hu, Megan James, Sherry Qiu, Evan Ramos)

Freshman/Sophomore 8-person Team:
1st place (Nicholas Liu, Monica Pardeshi, Lyle Regenwetter, Ben Schiffer, David Dlott, Joy Jin, Cole Petruzzi, Nafisa Syed) and Parkland Ribbon (Lilly Bralts-Kelly, Danny Liang, Robert Money, Pranav Pamidighantam, Iulianna Taritsa, Haneen Jaber [yes, only 7 people… and they did well!])
Junior/Senior 8-person Team: 2nd place (Tristan Gurtler, Gloria Ha, Arch Robison, Troy Xu, Jack Gillette, Sherry Qiu, Max Sigalov, Patrick Wong)
Freshman/Sophomore 2-person Team: 1st place (Lyle Regenwetter & Ben Schiffer); Parkland medallions for both our other teams (Nicholas Liu & Cole Petruzzi, Monica Pardeshi & Robert Stavins)

Junior/Senior 2-person Team: 2nd place (Max Sigalov & Julia Zuo)

Oral Competition: 2nd place (Arch Robison, David Gong)

- ICTM State Math Contest- Uni placed 8th overall

Individually:
- Ben Schiffer, 5th place, Algebra 1
- Max Sigalov, 5th place, Pre-Calculus

Team prizes:
- 2nd place, Algebra 1 Team (Danny Liang, Nicholas Liu, Monica Pardeshi, Lyle Regenwetter, Ben Schiffer, Robert Stavins)
- 5th place, Algebra 2 Team (Nathan Beauchamp, Diego Gundersen, Divya Joshi, Max Li, Arch Robison, Troy Xu)
- 9th place, Pre-Calculus Team (Jack Gillette, David Gong, Sherry Qiu, Evan Ramos, Max Sigalov, Julia Zuo)
- 8th Place, Freshman/Sophomore 8-person Team (Nicholas Liu, RJ Money, Monica Pardeshi, Lyle Regenwetter, Ben Schiffer, Joy Jin, Cole Petruzzi, Nafisa Syed)
- 8th Place, Jr/Sr 8-person Team (Gloria Ha, Arch Robison, Mariam Saadah, Troy Xu, Jack Gillette, Sherry Qiu, Max Sigalov, David Gong)
- 9th Place, Calculator Team (Robert Stavins, Alice Hu, Nathan Beauchamp, Evan Ramos, Julia Zuo)
- 6th Place, Freshman/Sophomore 2-Person Team (Lyle Regenwetter & Ben Schiffer)
- 8th place, Freshman/Sophomore Relay Team (Nicholas Liu, Nafisa Syed, Danny Liang, Donna Xia)
- 4th place, Freshman/Sophomore Relay Team (Monica Pardeshi, Cole Petruzzi, Robert Stavins, Alice Hu)
- 6th place, Jr/Sr Relay Team (Nathan Beauchamp, Troy Xu, Max Sigalov, Julia Zuo)

- American Mathematics Competition 8th Grade (subfreshmen only):
  Samuel Guo and Sarah Zhang

**PARENT/FACULTY ORGANIZATION**

- **Colin Thorn Award**
The University Laboratory High School Parent-Faculty Organization has established an award for those volunteers who make a special contribution to the School. The Thorn Award is presented to a non-student (parent, faculty member or friend of the University Laboratory High School) whose unpaid, volunteer service stands out as demonstrating extraordinary dedication to the welfare, enrichment, and improvement of the students and their educational experience at the school over a substantial period of time.
  Tracey & Vic Malkovich

- **Sue Kovacs Award**
The University Laboratory High School Parent-Faculty Organization has established an award in honor of ex-Assistant principal Sue Kovacs. The award is given annually to a person who embodies the enthusiastic spirit of service which Ms. Kovacs displayed on a daily basis.
  Sally Walker

**STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

- **U.S. Presidential Scholars Competition**
The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.
  Jack Gillette, candidate
  Sunjay Koshy, candidate
  Edo Roth, candidate – advanced to Semifinalist

- **National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists**
The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®)—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements. In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified by mail at their home addresses that they have advanced to Finalist standing. All of Uni High’s Semifinalists advanced to Finalist standing.
  Erin Berl
  Henry Carlton
  Vickie Chang
  Chelsea Edwards
  Brianna Hajek
  Sunjay Koshy
  Bissy Michael
  Liam Moersch
  Evan Ramos
  Petra Rantanen
  Edo Roth
  Max Sigalov
  Yulun Wu
  Julia Zuo

- **Golden Apple Scholars Program**
$23,000 in scholarship monies to become a future teacher
  Emma Hoyer
• **Philip Anderson Award**

*Philip Anderson was a member of the University High School Class of 1940. He won the Nobel Prize in physics in 1977 for “fundamental theoretic investigation of the electronic structure of magnetic and disordered systems.” This award is given to a student for exceptional performance through their science career at Uni, outstanding performance academically and participation in science-related extracurricular activities.*

Chelsea Edwards

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**SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT**

• **James Tobin Excellence in the Social Sciences Award**

*The James Tobin Award for Excellence in the Social Sciences was established in honor of Uni graduate James Tobin, an economist who won the Nobel Prize in 1981. The Tobin Award is given each year to a graduating senior who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the questions and principles of the social sciences.*

James Boyle

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• The Department of Social Studies is grateful for the many contributions of students from the graduating Class of 2013 who have served as WILL interns:

Leif Hague, senior student producer, Military Personnel project and intern for four years
Sunjay Koshy, senior student producer, Military Personnel project and intern for four years
Sherry Qiu, intern for four years
Bissy Michael, intern for two years, team leader for one year
Wyatt Bensken, intern for two years
Vickie Chang, intern for two years
Stirling Lemme, intern for one year

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• In addition, the Department of Social Studies would like to acknowledge the excellent leadership of the Habitat for Humanity Club in 2012-2013 by the following students:

Wyatt Bensken, Class of 2013
Havah Berg, Class of 2014
Mara Dolan, Class of 2014
Bissy Michael, Class of 2013
Sarah Vaughan, Class of 2013
Jonny Yockey, Class of 2014

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**PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

• **Senior Athlete of the Year**

**MALE:** George Voulgaris, Patrick Wong  
**FEMALE:** Emma Hoyer

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• **IHSA Scholar-Athlete Award**

### ECIC Scholar Athletes

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| William Metcalf               |
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| Lucas Newman-Johnson          |
| Lara Orlandic                 |
| Kathryn Powell                |
| Dezy Powers                   |
| Alice Rietz                   |
| Arch Robison                  |
| Alana Rosenbaum               |
| Mariam Saadah                 |
| Vinay Shanbhag                |
| Lea Slauch                    |
| Alison Taylor                 |
| Jilliana Walch                |
| Troy Xu                       |
| Jonathan Yockey               |

### Tom Jolly Spirit of Uni Award

**Tom Jolly** was a local hospital chaplain who was very active in community fine arts and athletic programs. He was the father of Uni alums Michelle Jolly, Class of 1984, and Doug Jolly, Class of 1990.

This award should be given to a graduating senior who, during his/her tenure at Uni, has exhibited outstanding moral, ethical, and spiritual qualities. The student should also have worked to strengthen the Uni community by bringing various groups, clubs or populations together in order to improve the community and understanding among the various elements of the Uni community and/or with groups outside of Uni. The recipient’s activities should have been as broad as possible during his/her time at Uni in order to reflect the full scope of the “Uni experience.”

Wyatt Bensken and Kaila Simpson

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### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

#### ExploraVision

**ExploraVision** competition is jointly sponsored by the National Science Teachers Association and Toshiba. The competition, now in its 18th year, is the largest technology competition in the world, attracting up to 20,000 students per year. The goal of the competition is for teams of two to four students to use their imaginations, along with their research, writing and artistic skills to create a vision of a technology of the future. Each team selects a current technology and predicts the state and uses of that technology twenty years into the future, or develops an entirely new technology to address current and anticipated problems within that same time period.

Uni High has the best record of any school in this competition, with teams placing first four times and once placing 2nd, with Uni team members receiving $160,000 in scholarships.

One Uni team received regional honors, placing in the top six high school level teams in this year’s competition: TEVIA Tech (Tixel Enabled Visually Impaired Assistive Technology) Ryan Kuck, Edo Roth, Freddie Stavins

Projects receiving Honorable Mention were:
- EProSePS: Energy Producing Sewage Purification System
  Even Dankowicz, Nicholas Liu, Lyle Regenwetter, Benjamin Schiffer
- Honorable Mention, Grades 7-9
  The Plasma GasifiTrashCan: A Self Sufficient Trash Disposal Apparatus
  Alice Hu, Vinay Koshy, Darren Liu, Chloe Yang

Honorable Mention, Grades 10-12
- Additional Uni High projects were:
  - ArtECO2: Artificial Energy from CO2
  - Vikram Bagchi, Grant DeAtley, Immanuel Han, Pengyu Li
  - PreMyR Technology (Prenatal Myelomeningocele Repair Technology)
    Arch Robison, Gloria Ha

#### Illinois Science Teachers Association Award

The recipient of this award is a junior or senior selected based on his/her leadership qualities, independence of thought, ability to solve problems, good laboratory and study skills, high scholastic rank and desire for a career in science or a science-related field.

Gloria Ha

#### Bausch and Lomb Science Award

This award recognizes a junior who demonstrates excellence in all science classes and who has shown exceptional skill in laboratory experimentation, and who possesses the qualities requisite to a future career in the sciences.

Arch Robison