

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

We are delighted that 2015-2016 was another banner year for Uni High School.

In June 2016 we announced the extremely exciting news that anonymous donors made a historic gift of \$1,250,000 to Uni High. This gift will allow Uni to grow in the latest programmatic movements, such as in the use of coding—often called the new literacy—and best practices in the instruction of chemistry, the use of multimedia, and the hands-on work of Makerspaces. The generosity of our alumni, parents, and friends makes a difference! Every dollar ensures the continued excellence of the Uni High experience. The school is committed to developing tomorrow's leaders with the help of the recent transformative gift and all of our donors' loyal support.

We are so proud of the achievements of our students not only in academics but also in the arts, athletics, and community service. The Uni High ExploraVision team placed as international champion in Washington D.C. Five students were selected as Presidential Scholar Candidates and an additional 18 qualified as National Merit Semifinalists; the number of students named for both awards set new Uni High records. Students performed a tremendous rendition of *Romeo and Juliet* in the fall and *Fiddler on the Roof* in the spring. Thirteen students were selected for the ILMEA All-State Music Festival in January, another school milestone. Uni added to its successes in both team and individual sports, earning two team state trophies and an individual state championship. Several chemistry students continued their five-year-old initiative of teaching science to ESL (English as a Second Language) students at Martin Luther King Elementary. The list goes on, but these students' achievements are only possible with generous contributions and unflagging support from alumni, parents, and friends like you.

We added 66 graduates to our esteemed group of alumni, and Uni students will spread out to colleges such as the University of Southern California, Vanderbilt, the University of Chicago, Princeton, Harvard, and Johns Hopkins. Our students carry on a long tradition of excellence in many ways that contributed to Uni's being recognized once more in the *Washington Post* as a member of a select group of the finest public schools in the nation.

We thank you so very much for being a part of our Uni High family! We are beyond grateful for your support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Walkington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

Jeff Walkington, Ph.D.
Director