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2020-21 SCHOOL PROFILE

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ACCREDITATION

Six year Accrediting Commission for Schools Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

2014 National Blue Ribbon School

2017 California Gold Medal School

The School

University High School is a charter high school designed to provide a classical education in a small school environment (480 students), and because we are located on the campus of California State University, Fresno, our students also have access to the resources of a major university. Music is a required cornerstone of our program and the student's core requirements include a number of courses taught by the university. We are a high school of choice; students must apply and be able to provide evidence of two years of musical experience. Due to the size of our application pool, student admittance is determined by lottery. In recent years, approximately 55% of students who applied were admitted. These students come to UHS from over 30 different zip codes and represent three different counties; many of our students commute 45 minutes to an hour each way and there is no school-supported transportation system.

Student Commitment

University High School students significantly out-perform all other area high schools on state-mandated, standardized tests, university going rates and university graduation rates (NCAA data) and the curricular program we require of all students has no comparison for its rigor. In 2020 we were named a California Gold Medal school, the 4th best California high school, the 11th best charter high school in the Nation and the 55th best public high school in the Nation (US News). Niche.com also gave our school an A+ grade and 3rd Best Teaching Staff of 1,761 California schools. Our expectations for student performance are high at UHS, and while our students perform well, grade inflation is not part of our culture. We draw students who are ambitious and seeking to challenge themselves, and who hope to receive the most rigorous preparation for the college environment.

COVID-19

As of mid-March 2020 our school currently remains closed to in-person teaching. Amid school shutdown our teachers quickly continued teaching their curriculum remotely through Zoom, Google Classroom and other web-based programs. The curriculum and grade expectations were not lowered or changed. Students also continued with their dual enrollment college courses online. For Fall 2020 our school remains closed but both high school and college courses continue to be taught synchronously Monday through Friday.

Advanced Placement & College Courses

Advanced Placement courses are ONLY offered in 11th and 12th grade, unless students arrive at our school having completed advanced math in middle school. Students are required to take 3 AP Courses (AP Language, AP Literature and AP Gov or AP Econ) and 7 Fresno State courses. Students will earn a minimum of 23 college units through Fresno State and have the option to take up to three additional Fresno State courses during their senior year. These additional courses are not mandatory.

Advanced Placement

Calculus AB	Macroeconomics	U.S. Government & Politics
Calculus BC	Microeconomics	U.S. History
English Language & Composition	Music Theory	
English Literature & Composition	Statistics	

College Courses

Biology 10 Life Science	Computer Science 39**	History 21 World History II
Biology 12 Animal Science	History 20 World History I	Modern Language*

* Modern Language: two consecutive semesters of the same language.

** Or other counselor approved college science course.

2020 - 2021 Graduation Requirements

The following is a summary of the required curriculum for all our students, which exceeds most university entrance requirements.

English	4 years	Social Studies	3 years
Mathematics	4 years	Musicianship	4 years
Science	3.5 years	Performing Groups	4 years
Foreign Language	3 years	Physical Education	4 years

Mission Statement UHS's culture will be caring, supportive of learning, promote understanding and encourage students to foster personal development. Students will feel confident to express themselves as they mature into young adults. UHS will address the academic, personal, and social development of the students while providing a solid academic foundation for a college career, with the goal that all graduates are prepared to enter the adult world where they will be ready to pursue any goal to which they aspire. In short, UHS will continually work to create for its student's nothing less than the best high school experience possible.

Class Rank & Grading

UHS does not use class rank to distinguish students. The highest GPA for this graduating class of 109 students is 4.3066. We use a 4-point, weighted, GPA scale. Only AP courses and Fresno State college courses listed on our transcript receive grade augmentation. Over half of the graduating class has a cumulative GPA of 4.00 and above. We do not allow students to add other college courses they may take outside of our program to their transcripts.

Letter Grade	Value	Regular	AP
A	90 and above	4.0	5.0
B	80 and above	3.0	4.0
C	70 and above	2.0	3.0
D	60 and above	1.0	1.0
F	50 and above	0.0	0.0

College Matriculation

Class of 2020: 116

100% attending college
 89% four-year college / 11% two-year
 12% attending college out-of-state

2019-2020 Test Results*

SAT

EBRW - Mean	625
Math - Mean	611
Mean Total Score	1235

ACT	Mid - 50%	Mean
ELA	24 - 30	25.6
English	24 - 33	28.7
Math	23 - 29	26.0
Reading	26 - 33	28.6
Science	22 - 28	26.2
STEM	23 - 29	26.2
Composite	24 - 30	27.1

Advanced Placement (AP)*

May 2020 Testing Period

Students enrolled in AP classes	225
Exams administered	495
Exams with score of "3" or higher	306

AP Awards

AP Scholar	43
AP Scholar with Honor	18
AP Scholar with Distinction	18
National Scholar	

* Sources: SAT Class of 2020 Scores by Institution, College Board K-12 Educators Score Reporting Portal; 2020 ACT College Readiness Letter; 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program; 2020 Advanced Placement Program, The College Board.

Class of 2021

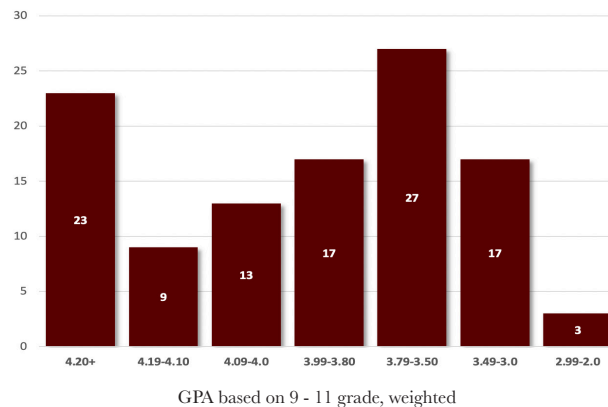
Students: 109

Total Students in School (9 - 12): 487

PSAT / NMSQT

Class of 2021 Commended: 2
 National Merit Semi-Finalists: 0

Class of 2021 GPA Distribution



48 Book Program & Electives

Over the course of four years, students are given a book every month that they are held responsible for reading and understanding; students must also participate in Socratic seminars about these books in their English class. This reading requirement is in addition to the 10 books that students read as part of the English curriculum. Students are gifted these books, many of which are written at the college level, so that they may build a personal library. UHS runs two intersessions, one after each semester. A choice of electives, based on student and staff interests, is offered at this time. The elective session is generally two weeks long; students select two electives and attend each class for three hours every day, for a total of 6 hours a day. A selection of past electives includes Culinary Arts, Anatomy and Health Careers, History of Fresno County, Chess Variance, Sailing, Ski and Snowboard, travel to Costa Rica and Belize, PG&E Alternative & Renewable Energy, Sound Engineering, Criminal Profiling, Robotics, Video Production, as well as Dramatic Production (students rehearse, create sets, make costumes, and produce an entire show themselves, in less than two weeks).

Extracurricular & Code of Character

Students at UHS take on average 8-10 classes per semester and many students attend school from 8am to 5pm each day, leaving little time for studying and extra-curricular activities. Due to the intensity of our program, many of our most competitive clubs (Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad, Speech and Debate, Mock Trial, Math Team) meet in the evening, after school and on weekends. Participation in these activities requires extreme dedication and passion from involved students.

Our continued success and integration with the college campus requires a more mature behavior from our students, and as such we expect a higher standard of behavior from all students. Every year students are required to sign a Code of Character and we have a Character Education Program and Teacher/Student Committee that oversees and promotes positive student behavior on campus.

Student Ethnic Backgrounds: 1.4% American Indian, 8.2% Chinese, 1% Japanese, 1.2% Korean, 2.2% Vietnamese, 5.1% Asian Indian, .8% Laotian, 7.2% other Asian, 10% Filipino, 30.1% Hispanic, 3.7% African American, and 28.3% Caucasian. 17% of our student body will be the first in their family to attend college.

College Matriculations 2009 - 2020

UHS students were accepted to, and **are attending**, the following colleges and universities:

Academy of Art University
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

American University

Arizona State University

The University of Arizona
The Art Institute of Seattle
Azusa Pacific University
Baldwin Wallace University

Bard College

Barnard College

Baylor University

Benedictine College
Berkeley City College
Berklee College of Music
Bethel College-KS
Biola University
Boise State University
Boston University
Bowie State University

Brigham Young University, Provo

Brigham Young University, Idaho

University of British Columbia

Brown University

Bryn Mawr College
Cabrillo College
Cal Maritime

California Baptist University

California College of the Arts (San Francisco)
California Institute of Technology

California Lutheran University

California State Polytechnic University -

Pomona

California Polytechnic State University, San

Luis Obispo

California State University, Bakersfield
California State University, Channel Islands

California State University, Chico

California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, East Bay

California State University, Fresno

California State University, Fullerton

California State University, Long Beach

California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Monterey Bay

California State University, Northridge

California State University, Sacramento

California State University, San Bernardino

California State University, San Marcos

California State University, Stanislaus

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Davis

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, Merced

University of California, Riverside

University of California, San Diego

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of California, Santa Cruz

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

The Catholic University of America

Chapman University

Charleston Southern University

University of Chicago

University of Cincinnati

The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina

City College of San Francisco

Claremont McKenna College

Clovis Community College

Cogswell College

Colby College

Colgate University

University of Colorado at Boulder

Colorado Christian University

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University

Columbia University

Concordia University - Irvine

Concordia University - Portland

University of Connecticut

Corban University

Cornell University

Covenant College

Cuesta College

University of Dallas

University of Dayton

University of Denver

DePaul University

Dominican University of California

Drake University

Drew University

Drexel University

Duke University

Eastern Mennonite University

Eastern Washington University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University,

Prescott

Emerson College

Emory University

University of Evansville

Foothill College

Fordham University

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Fresno City College

Fresno Pacific University

Full Sail University

Fullerton College

Gardner-Webb University

George Fox University

The George Washington University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Gordon College

Goshen College

Grand Canyon University

Grove City College

Hampton University

University of Hartford

Harvard College

Harvey Mudd College

Haverford College

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Hillsdale College

Hofstra University

Holy Names

Hood College

Hope College

Hope International University

Howard University

Humboldt State University

University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Illinois Wesleyan University

Indiana State University

Indiana University at Bloomington

Irvine Valley College

Ithaca College

Jefferson (Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson

University)

Johns Hopkins University

Johnson & Wales University (Denver)

Johnson C. Smith University

Kalamazoo College

Kansas State University

Kent State University

The King's College

La Sierra University

University of La Verne

Lake Forest College

Lee University

Le Moyne College

Lewis & Clark College

Liberty University

Linfield College

Lipscomb University

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University Chicago

Loyola University New Orleans

Marist College

University of Mary Washington

University of Maryland, College Park

Marymount Manhattan College

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Lowell

McGill University

University of Miami

Michigan State University

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Mills College

Minnesota State University, Moorhead

University of Minnesota, Morris

University of Missouri, Kansas City

The University of Montana, Missoula

Monterey Peninsula College

Moravian College

Mount Holyoke College

Mount Saint Mary's University (Doheny)

Nazareth College

Nebraska Wesleyan University

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

University of Nevada, Reno

University of New Hampshire at Durham

University of New Mexico

New York Institute of Technology

New York University

North Dakota State University

North Greenville University

Northeastern University

Northern Arizona University

Northland College

Norwich University

University of Notre Dame

Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences

Oberlin Conservatory of Music

Occidental College

Ohio Northern University

Oklahoma State University

Oregon State University

Pace University, New York City

Pacific Lutheran University

Pacific Union College

Pacific University

University of the Pacific

Patrick Henry College

Paul Mitchell Beauty School

Pennsylvania State University

University of Pennsylvania

Pensacola Christian College

Pepperdine University

Pitzer College

Point Loma Nazarene University

Point Park University

Pomona College

Portland State University

University of Portland

Princeton University

University of Puget Sound

Purdue University

Queens University of Charlotte

College of the Redwoods

Reed College

Reedley College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhode Island School of Design

Rice University

University of Richmond

Rider University

University of Rochester

Rutgers University - Camden

Sacramento City College

Saint Anselm College

Saint Mary's College

Saint Mary's College of California

Salem College

San Diego State University

University of San Diego

San Francisco Conservatory of Music

San Francisco State University

University of San Francisco

San Jose State University

Santa Barbara City College

Santa Clara University

Santa Fe University of Art and Design

Scripps College

Seattle Pacific University

Seattle University

College of the Sequoias

Simon Fraser University

Skidmore College

Snow College

Sonoma State University

University of Southern California

Southern Methodist University

Southern Oregon University

Southern Utah University

Southwestern University

St. Bonaventure University

St. Edward's University

St. John's University

St. Olaf College

Stanford University

Stony Brook University

Syracuse University

Tabor College

The University of Tampa

Temple University

Texas A&M University

Texas Christian University

Texas Tech University

The University of Texas, Arlington

The University of Texas, Austin

The University of Texas, Dallas

The University of Texas, San Antonio

The Master's University

The New School

The Ohio State University

University of Toledo

University of Toronto

Towson University

Tulane University

Union College (New York)

United States Air Force Academy

United States Coast Guard Academy

United States Naval Academy

University of Oregon

Utah State University