

*Irvine Unified School District  
END OF THE YEAR REPORT  
University High School*

**SCHOOL TARGETS FOR 2007-2008**

- A. **To further link the state standards, assignments, assessment, ESLRs (Expected Schoolwide Learning Results) and the California Standards Test (CST).** UHS completed linkage maps (document linking content, standards and ESLRs and CSTs) across the curriculum. These maps will be used and modified annually in an effort to best support student learning while addressing the standards.
- B. **To refine the ESLR process with more standardization and communication of the student attainment of ESLRs.** UHS implemented a process whereby students are given the responsibility to work with their teachers to assess their own attainment of the ESLRs. All seniors took part in reporting on their attainment of the ESLRs.
- C. **To improve the literacy skills of all students with an emphasis on “reading to learn” and “the writing project.”** UHS provided staff development for teachers in the areas of literacy, standards, student support and technology in an effort to increase student learning specifically in reading, writing and math.
- D. **To investigate how UHS can better support all students.** UHS utilized a Student Support Committee to look at ways to better support all students. A group of teachers developed a plan to maximize a peer tutoring program to be implemented in the Fall of 2008. UHS also continued implementation of the IMPACT freshmen mentoring program which resulted in an increase of 9th grade involvement by 15%.

**SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2007-2008**

- Administered an extraordinarily high number of Advanced Placement Exams (1563 exams for 691 students) with an 87% pass rate (score of 3, 4 or 5) for the 2006-2007 school year.
- Received top Academic Performance Index (API) at 888 from the State of California. UNI met the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) goals.
- Received positive reviews of ASB activities including blood drives, Homecoming, Spirit Week, intercultural week, fine arts week, staff recognition, and Election Convention.
- UHS continued to win top honors in performing arts and academic competitions.
- Several UHS individual student awards including USAMO National Finalist, National Biology Olympiad Finalist, Seimens Foundation Award Recipient, County and State Science Fair Winners, PTSA State Reflections winner, etc.
- UHS wins Orange County Science and Engineering Fair
- US News and World Report top 100 schools in the Nation ranking (#76)
- UHS is named to OC Register Top 10 Schools ranking (#3)
- UHS Science Olympiad advances to state competition again
- UHS Future Business Leaders of America group advance to State and National Competition
- UHS Model United Nations earns best club delegation award again at three major annual conferences
- UHS recognized 10 students as *Summa Cum Laude* with a grade point average of 4.40+ and 62 *Magna Cum Laude* with a grade point average of 4.00 to 4.39 and 57 seniors earning 3.75-3.99 grade point average earning the *Cum Laude* designation.
- Thirty one UHS students were recognized as National Merit Finalists.
- UHS earned CIF Championship: Boys Tennis, CIF Finalist: Girls Basketball
- UHS earned Pacific Coast League Championships: Football, Boys Tennis, Girls Swimming
- UHS earned spots in CIF Play-Offs: 15 out of 22 individual and team sports
- UHS Staged magnificent productions of the plays *Resurrecting Antigone*, *A History of American Film*, and the Musical *Into the Woods* as well as the Dance production *Open Your Eyes*. Other performing groups such as the Marching band, the bands, dance, the orchestra, and the drama productions continued to receive the highest praise from both audience and judges alike.