



# UNIVERSITY ACADEMY PTO NEWSLETTER



February 2016

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Principal

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12<sup>th</sup> – Chill Yogurt "UA Day"  
15<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL,  
(President's Day)  
24<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL,  
(Teacher Planning Day)

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## On the Horizon:

04/16/16 – Run the Runway

Our PTO Website:  
[www.uaptoinfo.org](http://www.uaptoinfo.org)

Please Join us for FEBRUARY'S PTO meeting!  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016**      **8:00-9:00AM**  
**UNIVERSITY ACADEMY CAFETERIA**

Please come join us to stay up to date with current events, find out what activities are on the horizon, learn about volunteer opportunities (of every size), connect with other parents, hear about how the PTO is actively working to help give UA students the best educational experience possible, and so much more! We would love to have your support! If you can't make the meeting, please visit our website, [www.uaptoinfo.org](http://www.uaptoinfo.org)! It is constantly being updated to keep you current on all things related to UA's PTO!

### **SMITTY'S BARBECUE AND SALAD BAR SHARE DAY – Tuesday, February 2, 2016!**

Beginning this month, the **FIRST TUESDAY** of EACH month will be UA Share Day at Smitty's Barbecue and Salad Bar (on Hwy 231, just a smidge southwest of the 77 and 231 intersection). Just say you are with UA when you pay your bill and 10% will come back to University Academy! So if you need an idea for lunch or dinner the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month, think of Smitty's Barbecue and Salad Bar, and support not only one of our family-owned local businesses but also our school!

### **SPIRIT DAY – Tuesday, February 2, 2016**

Students can wear their UA school spirit t-shirts or Class t-shirts each Spirit Day. Students who wish to participate in Spirit Day are asked to bring in specific items to help benefit our different grades' Service Learning Projects. For February's Spirit Day, we ask that students bring in pet food for The Alaqua Animal Refuge. Priority items are adult dry food, canned food, puppy food, Little Champions, Friskies canned cat food, and Greenie pill pockets. They will take other brands but they prefer the brands on this list: <https://www.alaquaanimalrefuge.org/how-to-help/wish-list/>

### **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE – Friday, February 5, 2016**

Young ladies at University Academy, get your passports ready! The University Academy PTO is taking you on "**An Evening Abroad**" to visit some of the most magical and notable places around the world! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Father Daughter Dance will be held at the National Guard Armory – Panama City (adjacent to UA) from 6pm-9pm. Please bring the Passport themed invitations to the dance!

### **RUN THE RUNWAY – Saturday, April 16, 2016**

UA's Annual "Run the Runway" 5K/10K/Fun Run will be on Saturday, April 16th. This year's race will benefit our school's Arts and Music Program. The 5K & 10K are chip-timed events and the 1-mile Fun Run is open to every age and ability! If you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity or in helping with advertising, please email [uaptoinfo@gmail.com](mailto:uaptoinfo@gmail.com). If you would like to register for the race, please visit: <http://www.active.com/panama-city-fl/running/distance-running-races/university-academy-run-the-runway-2016?int=>





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## **CHILL YOGURT SPIRIT/SHARE DAY – Friday, February 12, 2016**

Please go and enjoy a frozen yogurt, gelato, or other delicious frozen treat at Chill Yogurt (located in the Walmart Shopping Center on 23<sup>rd</sup> St. in Panama City) and a portion of the proceeds will come back to our school. Just mention that you're with UA when you pay!

## **WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN UA's PTO for the 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR?**

UA's PTO is excited to announce the Nominating Committee for the 2016-2017 School Year. The Nominating Committee consists of three members, with this year's selections being: **Larry Weaver** (selected by the PTO Board of Directors), **Lindsay Haid** (selected by Dr. Crowe), and **Kelly Forehand** (selected by UA teachers and staff). The Nominating Committee's job is to recruit interested PTO members, interview them, and then choose one person for each of the following PTO offices: *President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer*. The Nominating Committee then presents their chosen candidates to the current PTO Executive Board of Directors and Dr. Crowe for approval. All four approved candidates will then be placed on a ballot for voting by the general membership. General members can vote for or against the chosen candidates. If you are interested in serving on the PTO as part of the Executive Board of Directors for 2016-2017, please let the Nominating Committee know!

## **On Going Events at University Academy**

### **UA PTO SCHOOL STORE**

The School Store is open in the UA lobby every Wednesday morning from **7:45-8:15am**. It's also available online 24/7 at <http://uaptoinfo.org/school-store/>. For your convenience, all online purchases are delivered to your child's homeroom class. Come check out our School Store in person or online for new items; we are constantly updating our merchandise! Get your SPIRIT on today!

### **PTO MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

Last October, we decided to feature a member of the UA PTO Leadership Team in each newsletter so that you can get better acquainted with our dedicated Moms and Dads who help make our PTO the wonderful organization that it is and who work selflessly to keep the wheels turning.

For January, we put **UA Treasurer, Valerie Voorheis** in the hot seat with the **FAST FIVE!**

1. **ONE favorite movie, book, song, band, food, etc. (pick one):** **Favorite Movie is CAST AWAY**
2. **If you were given a yacht, what would you name it?** **"It's Always Saturday"**
3. **How long have you been a part of UA?** **3 years**
4. **If you could have a super power, what would it be:** **To be invisible**
5. **Something FUNNY or UNIQUE about yourself:** **I collect snow globes and holiday Barbies.**

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