



UNIVERSITY ACADEMY PTO NEWSLETTER



March 2016

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Principal

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1st – Smitty's BBQ Share Day
11th – Chill Yogurt "UA Day"
15th – Spring Picture Day
21st -25th – NO SCHOOL
(Spring Break)
28th – School Resumes

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6th – Pensacola Opera at UA
7th – Report Cards
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16th – Run the Runway

On the Horizon:

05/14/16 – Mother/Son Picnic

Our PTO Website:
www.uaptoinfo.org



Please Join us for March's PTO meeting!
TUESDAY, March 1, 2016 **6:00-7:00PM**
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! 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, March 2nd 2016

The ***FIRST TUESDAY*** of EACH month is 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 that 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 1st Tuesday of every month, think of Smitty's Barbecue and Salad Bar, and support not only one of our UA family-owned local businesses but also our school!

SPIRIT DAY – Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Students can wear their UA school spirit t-shirts or Class t-shirts each Spirit Day (the 1st Tuesday of each month). 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 March's Spirit Day, we ask that students please bring ***new or gently used books*** to donate to a special project the 2nd Grade is working on to benefit Waller Elementary School! The 2nd grade will be donating all of the collected books to Waller Elementary School in honor of the student they recently lost. UA understands how difficult it is to experience the loss of a friend and classmate, and the 2nd Grade wants to show Waller how much we understand their grief and how deeply we care.

Florida State Assessments (FSAs) – March and April 2016

Grades 3-6 will be participating in FSA testing throughout the months of March and April. **There will NOT be any special test day breakfasts provided to students at school**, only a **light snack** for students on the days they are testing, so **PLEASE** ensure that you feed your child(ren) a satisfying, nutritious and protein rich breakfast before coming to school on the days they will be testing!

CHILL YOGURT SPIRIT/SHARE DAY – Friday, March 11, 2016

Please go and enjoy a frozen yogurt, gelato, or other delicious frozen treat at Chill Yogurt (located in the Walmart Shopping Center on 23rd 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!

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 (physically challenged and strollers are welcome)! If you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity or in helping with advertising, please email uaptoinfo@gmail.com. If you would like to register for the race or would like more information, please visit: <http://www.active.com/panama-city-fl/running/distance-running-races/university-academy-run-the-runway-2016?int=>



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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!

3RD ANNUAL MOTHER/SON PICNIC – Saturday, May 14, 2016

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for UA's Annual Mother/Son Picnic! Planning is already in progress and it is sure to be a fun and memorable day for UA's young men and the special maternal figure in their lives. More details to come!

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 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 March, we put **Communications Chair, Amy Garrison** in the hot seat with the **FAST FIVE!**

1. ONE favorite movie, book, song, band, food, etc. (pick one): **My favorite food is a nicely prepared steak, but I really love authentic ethnic/international cuisines.**
2. If you were given a yacht, what would you name it? **"Ohana" (Hawaiian for Family)**
3. How long have you been a part of UA? **1.5 years**
4. If you could have a super power, what would it be? **To heal people (i.e Baymax).**
5. Something FUNNY or UNIQUE about yourself: **I was dropped off at the entrance of an orphanage in Seoul, South Korea, when I was 6 months old and adopted by my family in the United States 3 months later. I have a special place in my heart for those who foster and/or adopt!**

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