

Academy Action

University Heights Academy provides educational opportunities that allow all students to achieve to the highest of their abilities.

“A Tradition of Excellence”



University Heights Academy celebrated the class off 2022 during a graduation ceremony held in the Blazer gym this past May. The class boasted 38 seniors that earned a record-breaking 1.2 million dollars in scholarships—not including KEES money. Sam Cotthoff, Piper Hancock, and Emma Perry earned Salutatorian honors, while Haiden Hauret, Walter Kunnmann, and Lauren Sisk were Valedictorians. Senior Sarah Davis was named the D.A.R. Citizenship Award winner as well as being honored with the Head of School Award. Griffin Moore was selected as the Norman J. Wiedmer Faculty Award honoree. The Class of 2022 also contained the 1000th graduate of UHA, Hailey Mason. Congratulations to this amazing class of students!

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New Faculty & Staff for the 2022-2023 School Year

The University Heights Academy Board of Directors has selected former Indian Hills Principal Tonya Oakley as the Head of School for UHA for the 2022-2023 school year. Oakley was principal of Indian Hills from 2015 to 2021, when she retired from the public school system. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education, a master's in gifted and talented education and her Rank I certification from Murray State University. Also joining the faculty and staff for the new school year are Tana Loden and Ansley Grace. Mrs. Loden will be the new lower school music teacher and will also be teaching the 9th grade PE class. Mrs. Grace will be teaching middle school social studies and health. UHA is delighted to welcome these new additions to the Blazer family.

2022 Graduates Achieve Honors

Congratulations to 2022 graduate Sam Cotthoff on being named one of ten scholars across the nation as a Brown Fellow at Centre College. This prestigious four year merit scholarship program is based on high achievement and intellectual independence and curiosity. Sam has received a full ride to Centre and participate in leadership programs to include an international project as well as multiple state experiences. He has also been selected as a member of the track and field team for Centre. Best wishes to Sam as he continues his student athlete career at the next level.

Mason Price and Ray Farmer, two additional 2022 Blazer graduates, have committed to serve in the Armed Forces. Price committed to The United States Air Force, and Farmer has committed to the Marine Corps. We are Blazer Proud of both young men.



UHA Student Selected for Prestigious Gatton Academy

Upper school student Livi Ray has been accepted to the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science for the fall term. Students are chosen through a rigorous application process based on academic excellence, interviews, honors, and extracurricular activities. The academy is Kentucky's first two-year residential STEM school for gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors. Students come from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky to conduct research with professors, study abroad, and attend college classes. While challenged academically, students thrive in a supportive environment designed specifically for them.



UHA Students Selected for Elite Summer Programs

Congratulations to the following rising seniors for their honorable acceptances into elite summer programs:

Olivia Smiley was one of three students from Christian County that were selected to represent Pennyryle Electric Cooperative this summer. Olivia will go on a week-long all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.. She earned this honor by receiving the top score out of surrounding counties on a test given to the students who represented PECC in the recent Kentucky Electric Cooperative Frankfort Youth Tour.



Julia Burke was accepted in the Governor's School of the Arts for her talents in Visual Arts. Julia will participate in an intense three week summer program in art instruction. GSA students are selected through a rigorous application process to include auditions and reviews. Participants make up approximately 200 of Kentucky's finest artists annually.



Chaney Guffey was accepted to the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs. GSE is a three week residential summer program that immerses students in a creative space and arms them with tools needed to unleash their entrepreneurial spirits for the betterment of Kentucky.



Katelyn Bennett and Mallory Aldridge were selected to participate in the Governor's Scholars Program. This five week summer program strives to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Kate and Mallory competed and were selected based on a rigorous application process.



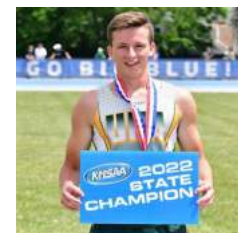
Blazer Sports

2022 Senior Ethan Alexander advanced to the tennis state tournament by reaching the semifinals of the 2nd Region tennis tournament for the second year in a row.



The Lady Blazer Track & Field Team saw 2022 senior Piper Hancock winning the 400 meter run at the regional meet and advancing to the state tournament. 2022 senior Jaila Batey also qualified for state, as well as 8th grader Emma Dill, and the 4x400 & 4x200 relay teams of Piper Hancock, Emma Dill, Aliviah Acree, and Audrey Grise.

The Boys Track & Field Team had the following students qualify to compete at state as well: 2022 seniors Connor Dill (region winner) Mason Price, Trey Wyatt, Chase Hendricks, Sam Cotthoff (region winner), and Trey Wyatt, along with Cole Glover (region winner), Luke Shouse, Ethan Hale, and Griffin McCoy. The boys team finished in the Top Ten at state with senior Connor Dill winning a state championship in the 110 meter Hurdles. Congratulations to these talented student athletes!



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August 9th
Lower School Open House:
5:30-6:30
New Student Orientation for MS & US:
6:30

August 11th
7:50 a.m.

