

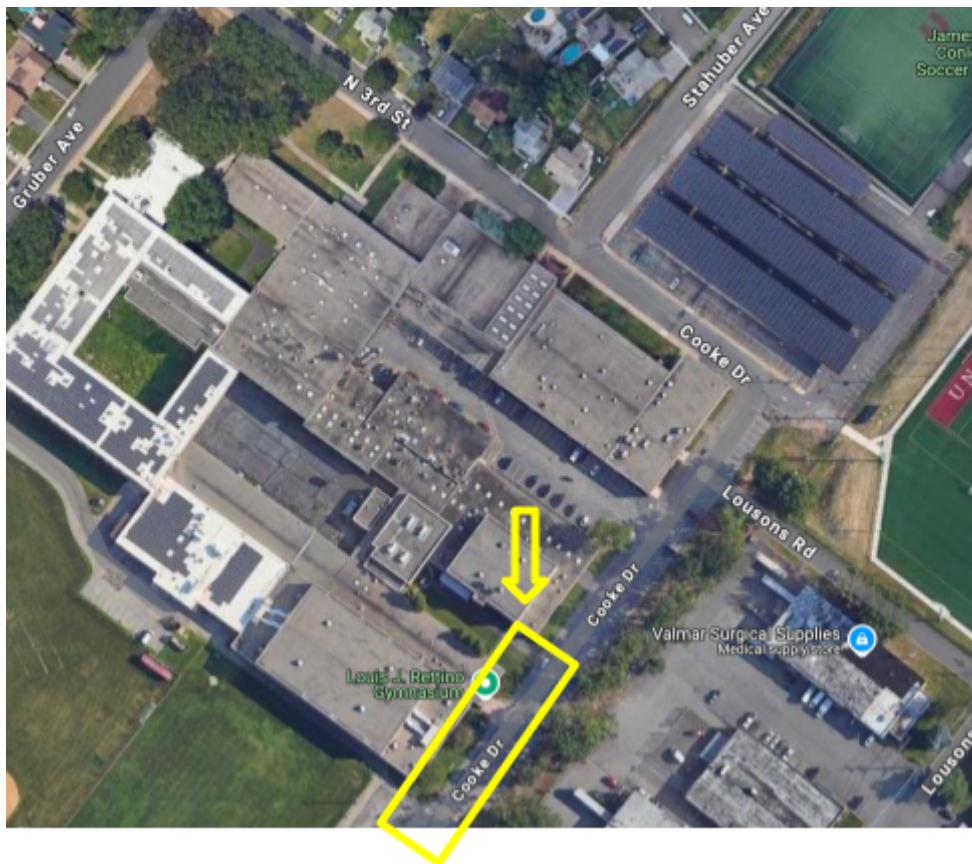
Proposal to use UHS Parking Lot for College Thesis Film

Project: Sweet Like Mango

Director: Victoria J. Smith - a proud graduate of 2021 from Union High School who now is currently a senior at Montclair State University pursuing a BFA in Film.

Project Description: Sweet Like Mango follows the journey of a successful artist, Yuri, who returns back home to reconnect with the family that he once left to follow his dreams. He seeks to make things right with his niece, Dee, and reconcile with his sister, Yolanda. He wants to be there for Dee in ways that he wasn't for Yolanda growing up.

Request: She is requesting the use of UHS Parking Lot to be used for a scene where Yuri drops Dee off at school.



When: One day - Either March 21st or March 22nd for approximately 4-6 hours.

Motivation: In Victoria's words she says, "Taking Ms. Sterling's TV Production class in 10th grade was the first time I realized I had a love for filmmaking, and it was in Ms. Mangrella's Script Writing class that helped discover my love for writing. It would be a dream come true if my creative journey came full circle by filming a scene of my thesis project in the school parking lot. UHS played a vital role in shaping my passion for storytelling, and it feels fitting to go back to where it all started.

This project is also special because the lead role is played by Khadija Sankoh, a fellow UHS alum. Khadija's creative journey also began at UHS, now she performs in Off-Broadway productions.

Our production would be conducted with the utmost respect for the school's schedule and property, along with proper permits and insurance from the school as well. Filming at UHS for my thesis would truly be meaningful to me and my team.”