



December-January Highlights

By Gia Patel and Neissa Filias

Senior Class Event- Winter Wonderland (12/20)

On December 20th, the Senior Class Council organized a fundraising event in the UHS cafeteria with a captivating 'winter wonderland' theme. The event featured engaging activities, including a Gingerbread House competition, a cookie decorating station, and a hot chocolate bar, providing students with a delightful and festive experience.



Mean Girls Production (January 19-21)

On January 19-21, the Union High School Performing Arts Company (UHSPAC) successfully staged a captivating production of the musical "Mean Girls."

Emotions ran high as many performers acknowledged the possibility that this could be the last production of 2024. Seniors, in particular, described the experience as 'bittersweet,' bidding farewell to the stage while holding onto cherished memories."

UHSPAC Presents...

Mean girls

at Kean's Wilkins Theater!

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UHSPAC presents Mean Girls at Wilkins Theater, Kean University!

Get ready for a spectacular high school production that promises laughter, talent, and a dash of high school drama! UHSPAC proudly presents "Mean Girls," featuring a stellar cast of talented young performers at Kean University's Wilkins Theater.

Show Dates and Times:
Friday, January 19 at 7:30pm
Saturday, January 20 at 7:30pm
Sunday, January 21 at 10:00pm

Meet some of the cast!
Jaxon said, "My first UHSPAC experience was fun. I had a lot of fun working with my upperclassmen. I am excited about performing my first UHSPAC production in a college theater." Jaxon Golden, a talented freshman who previously wowed audiences as the Donkey in his middle school's production of Shrek Jr., takes on the supporting role of Kevin G., head of the Mathletes. Don't miss his remarkable performance!





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Talk With the Director
Bridget Sloan, a science teacher at Burnet Middle School, brings her directing expertise to UHS after successful stints with three middle school shows. She talked about how this year's experience was "a unique challenge having to transport our show to a new location", but despite roadblocks, "the students, both cast and crew, have done an incredible job! Their professionalism has allowed the transition to go smoothly and has made the experience fun!" Witness the hard work of the students and celebrate their talent under Bridget's guidance.

Don't Miss Out!
Join us for an unforgettable night of theater, laughter, and high school nostalgia. Purchase your tickets now and support these rising stars at Kean University's Wilkins Theater. Let's make this UHSPAC production of "Mean Girls" a memorable experience for all! Visit uhspac.org or scan the QR code to buy tickets now! Tickets will also be available for purchase at the Box Office in Wilkins Theater. See you there!



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UNION HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY
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MEAN GIRLS



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BOOK BY TINA FEY MUSIC BY JEFF RICHMOND LYRICS BY NELL BENJAMIN

BASED ON THE PARAMOUNT PICTURES FILM MEAN GIRLS

JAN 19 - 21, 2024
FRI & SAT AT 7:30PM, SUN AT 1PM
UHSPAC.ORG

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1000 MORRIS AVE, UNION, NJ 07083

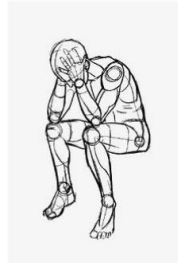
TUPS Parents Academy (January 18)

On January 18, the TUPS Parents Academy conducted a seminar at the UHS Library to explore the profound effects of stress on both physical and mental health. The event underscored Union's commitment to prioritizing the well-being of not only the community but also each individual. This seminar is part of a series of initiatives organized by TUPS, exemplifying the significance of collective and individual well-being within the Union community.

January 18, 2024 7PM at the UHS Library



The TUPS
Parent Academy
Presents:
I can't take all this
stress!



Learn how stress is impacting our physical and mental health, and how to better manage daily stressors.

7th & 8th Grade Info Night

Held in the UHS big gym was the yearly info night for middle schoolers. Students were introduced to an array of extracurriculars at Union High including sports such as track and extra curriculars including dance team.



Winter Coat Drive (January 2-February 1)

The UHS Empower Club is proud to announce their Winter Coat Drive, taking place from January 2 to February 1. This initiative aims to support families in need by accepting both new and gently used coats. In alignment with Union High commitment to community service, the UHS Empower Club, along with other affiliated clubs, remains dedicated to making a positive impact and exemplifying the value of compassion and assistance.



Plans of UHS Fashion Show (Senior Class Council & Student Council)

The Senior Council and Student Council are delighted to announce their collaborative effort in organizing the 2024 UHS Fashion Show. This annual tradition, featuring our very own UHS students as models, is eagerly anticipated by the entire school community. As plans unfold and additional details are solidified, I am enthusiastic about delving into this project and providing updates. This is an exciting and memorable event



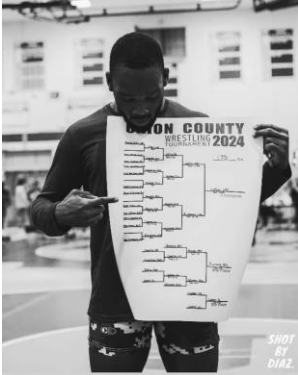


Athletic Accolades...

UHS Wrestling

This past Saturday our high school hosted the Union County Wrestling Tournament. 16 Union County schools competed in the day long tournament. UHS Senior Daniel (Dan) Collin won the Union County Championship at the 175 pound weight class defeating Joey Acinapura of Cranford by pin. Dan is the first Union County Champion since 2017. Union's Aziel Azeredo finished second in the 138 pound weight class and Union finished fifth in the team standings. The Union High School Wrestling team is currently 10-4 and ranked 4th in North Jersey Section 2 Group 5.

Alissa Alcindor is the top ranked female wrestler at 235 in NJ. Earlier in January she finished first in the Elizabeth Lady Minutemen Tournament and first at the Bergen County Girls Wrestling Invitational. Christine Pierre- Louis finished third at these two tournaments for Union.



UHS Track

- 1) The Union High School Track throwers competed in the Pioneer Shot Put night. Esther Amadi and Baba Olowe finished in first place.



- 2) The Union High School Track Program competed at the Union County Championships 1/19

-The Girls 4x400m of Muscat, Kidd, Onwunali, and Portuondo earned 2nd place

-Caleb Duvelson earned 2nd in the Shot Put with a PR of 49-0

-Mikarla Portuondo earned 4th in the 400m with a PR of 59.48 and 6th in the 200m.

-Cassidy Kidd earned 6th in the 800m



Congratulations to long time Union High School Track Coach Bill Soranno

Coach Soriano has been inducted into the New Jersey Scholastic Coaching Associations Hall of Fame Class of 2024. Coach Soranno coached track and cross country at UHS for over 30 years and accumulated hundreds of wins, over 30 county champions, section champions, and group state champions.



Union Student Representative

Samantha Turner, a senior at UHS is a member of the UHS Field Hockey, Basketball, and Track team. She represented Union at the “National Women and Girls in Sports” Day at Rutgers University, during the Rutgers Women’s basketball game on Sunday January 14th.



December Athletes of the Month

1. Arian Betances- Boys Swimming
2. Frances Batulan- Girls Swimming
3. Samad Alim- Bowling
4. Gabriel Hargrove- Wrestling

Please be sure to follow the UHS Sports page, @Unionhs_sports to keep up with all of Union's latest achievements.



Union Bowling

Samad Alim is competing in the Union County Boys Bowling Championship today at Jersey Lanes in Linden. Samad was in 6th place qualifying for the finals. Only the top 15 bowlers in the county qualify for the finals.

Mikayla May is competing in the Union County Girls Bowling Championship today at Jersey Lanes in Linden. Mikayla is ranked 6th in the county.





Thank you.