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**Congratulations
to our newest
Alumni,
Class of 2019
Graduates!**



University School has officially received a **Certificate of Accreditation** by the NCA Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, the Northwest Accreditation Commission and the SACS Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.

In May, 2019, University School completed a 5 year review process which was designed to:

- Evaluate learning environments by focusing on students
- Reveal strengths and weaknesses using measurable data
- Identify trends by comparing classroom observations across subjects, grade levels and other filters using our education technology
- Implement powerful tools for professional development, peer learning and ongoing improvement
- Ensure the quality of education remains at the forefront through a variety of diagnostic and improvement tools ([AdvancED Website](#))

Congratulations University School students, faculty, staff, and administration on achieving this level of certification, demonstrating an on-going standard of excellence in classroom instruction.



We are proud to announce that **University School achieved Reward status for the 2018-2019 school year!** According to the [Tennessee State Website](#), “*Reward status is the top distinction a school can earn in Tennessee. Reward schools are those that are improving overall student academic achievement and student growth for all students and for student groups, and they are identified annually. In 2018, 318 schools in 85 school districts – about 20 percent of schools in the state – earned Reward status.*” News articles concerning the announcement have been released in the [Johnson City Press](#) and on [WJHL](#).



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Alumni In the News



**UH Alumni
accepted to
Quillen
College of
Medicine's
Class of 2023**



Congratulations to three of our UH Alumni who have been accepted to East Tennessee State University's Quillen College of Medicine's Class of 2023!

Haley Bradshaw, UH Class of 2015, graduated from the honors program at ETSU in May of this year, with degrees in Chemistry and Foreign Languages. She has a calling to become a physician specializing in pediatric cardiology and treat children with heart problems.

Mollee Rose Cohee, UH Class of 2015, graduated from University of Alabama, after studying Pre-med.

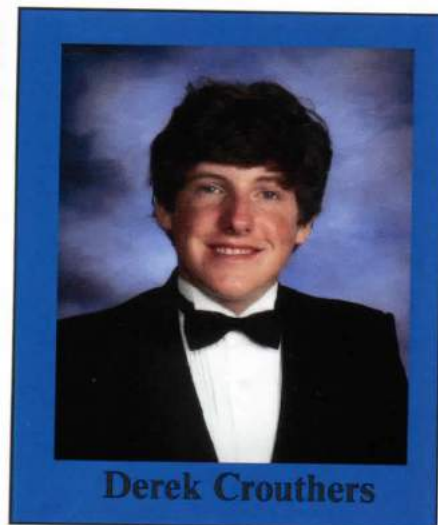
Westley Ongtengco, UH Class of 2014, graduated from East Tennessee State University, after studying Health Sciences.



Derek Crouthers
Quote: "Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway."
Most likely to be: Pharmacy/
grenade shop owner in Alaska.

Clubs/Sports/Organizations: Spanish, French, Chi Sigma Chi.

Derek Crouthers, UH Class of 2009, graduated from University of Tennessee at Memphis Medical School in May 2019. He is currently in his second year residency at St. Francis in Memphis, specializing in sports medicine.



Derek Crouthers



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Alumni News

Class of '89

UH Class of 1989, It is time for our **30 year class reunion!** We need updated contact information for class members! Please contact Robin Ayers Reynolds, 122 Brownlow Dr., Rockwood, TN 37854, (865) 466-7636, email ifloss4u613@icloud.com.

Class of '90

UH Class of 1990, if you are interested in starting to plan a **30 year class reunion**, please contact Tammy Baldwin Bales, (423) 202-4174.



Old Yearbooks For Sale

We have some old University School Yearbooks for sale. The cost will be \$10 for High School Yearbooks and \$5 for Elementary/Middle School Yearbooks. If interested in purchasing one or more of the books, please either email Ms. Hammonds, hammondse@etsu.edu, or

contact the front office. These are on a first come, first serve basis and quantities are limited. Once we have sold them we are out. The following years are available: **Elementary/Middle School books:** 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2018-2019.

High School books: 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019.

K-12 Book: 2009-2010.

Alumni Contact

University School is continuously updating our Alumni Database. Anyone who graduated from University School or attended our school is encouraged to complete a contact information form by going to USBucs.com, click on the Alumni Tab, and update Contact Information. Stay connected to USchool!

 Alumni [Facebook page](#)

Social Media



Social Media Links on the bottom of our webpages!



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Homecoming 2019

Save the date! University School Homecoming 2019 will be on **Friday, December 6th, 2019**. A special invitation is extended to all alumni who graduated from or attended University High during the 1990's!

Giving for Calendar Year 2019 - Thank You!

Dr. Muhammad and Naveen Ramzan Ali

Drs. John D. and Sharon James McGee '86

Dr. William A. and Elizabeth Bridgforth '66

Dr. Mitchell and Sandra Robinson

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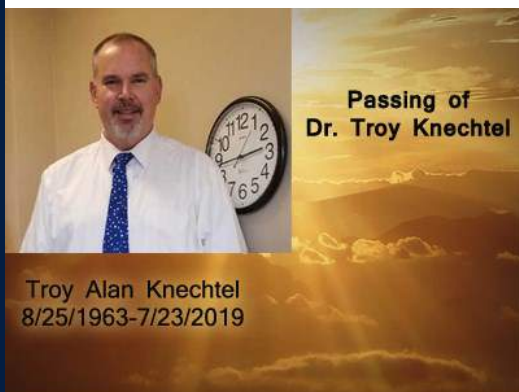
Call (423) 439-4242 and a staff member will assist you with your gift.

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Please designate the gift for University School

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Troy Alan Knechtel
8/25/1963-7/23/2019

It is with great sadness that we share with you the news of the passing of **Dr. Troy Knechtel**. Dr. Knechtel was diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) last year. We are grateful for his leadership and all he did for University School. He will be remembered for his love for the students, his support of the faculty and staff and, his vision for the school. We will never forget him greeting each student as they walked into the school in the morning, rain or shine. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, his friends, and the many people whose lives he has touched.

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