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*“University School is
academically oriented and
college preparatory
focused”*



University School is a **school of choice**. Faculty members at University School receiving tenure are required to have advanced degrees and experience. Staff members are required to have extensive knowledge and expertise in their profession.

Students attending University School can have confidence that they are receiving exceptional leadership, exceptional instruction, and exceptional service.

Who are these people who make University School exceptional? Let’s meet them! For this newsletter we asked each staff member some questions: How long have you been at University School? How many years experience do you have? What are you doing at UH that you hope will make a difference? What are your goals? What is the most important thing that you hope our students learn from you? What would you recommend most about UH? What/Who inspired you to become a teacher or to serve in a school? Whose behavior do you strive to model? What hobbies do you enjoy outside of school?

See answers below and you will know why our staff is EXCEPTIONAL!



Administration—Providing exceptional leadership...



**Dr.
Troy**

Knechtel—This is my 3rd year as Director of University School. I have been an educator for 28 years. What is important to me is that our graduates are fully prepared to not only go to college, but graduate with a degree. Students at University School enjoy a safe and challenging learning environment. I love teaching regardless of the subject. In my current role as director, my staff are my students. My hobby outside of school is cartooning (www.kartoonknuggets.com).



Mrs.

Ariane Day—I have been an educator for 17 years, previously teaching French and German for 12 years and currently serving as Assistant Director for 5 years. I want to make a difference by treating students with respect and I hope that they will in turn learn to respect others. I recommend University School because of the educational opportunities we offer and also because of our caring and talented teachers and staff. I fell into teaching somewhat by coincidence, but have loved being an educator and working with students! My hobbies include spending time with my family, hiking, biking, sewing, knitting, and learning the guitar.



Faculty—Providing exceptional instruction...



**Ms.
Sky**

Bridges —I have been an educator in public school for 7 years. I have spent the last 3.5 years at University School teaching French 1, 2, 3, and 4. This year I am also teaching World Religions. Beyond the subject matter, I hope that students will learn life lessons and develop practical tools to help them in their lives. University School is an amazing place to teach. While the focus here is on academics and students have the opportunity for dual-enrollment just across the street at ETSU, the small size of our student body also lends itself to building strong teacher-student relationships in a family-type setting. My mother was my inspiration. She had a tremendous heart for people and was my most effective teacher. I, too, have a heart for people and want to make a positive difference in the lives of those around me. My hobbies include learning about herbs, plants, and trees that are native to Appalachia, gardening, yoga, meditation, and volunteering at Holston Valley Medical Center as part of a pet therapy team with Brenna, my Standard Poodle.



Dr.

Erica Preswood —I have been at University School for the past 5 years, making a total of 17 years experience. I teach 7th and 8th grade English and Language Arts (ELA), with an emphasis on integrating technology into the classrooms. The family atmosphere at University School is wonderful! When I'm not teaching I love to read (...lol) and also attend sporting events and concerts.



Ms.

Sharon Squibb —I have been teaching Visual Art 9-12 at University School for 17 years, for a total of 20 years experience. My goal is to unlock the “artists within” and to foster an appreciation for creativity. As an alum and now an instructor, I value University School’s family environment and staff dedication to student learning and growth. When I received my MFA, I taught for the first time and discovered I had the ability to help people learn how to make art and to explore creative expression. I love performing in Musical Theater and also playing golf.

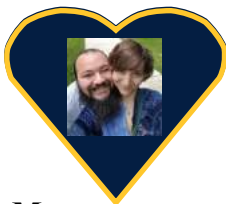


Mrs.

Sharon Cradic —This is my 16th year at University School, for a total of 21 years in my current profession. I teach K-8 Physical Education. My favorite aspect of University School is that we are a K-12 school. My inspiration for teaching comes from the fact that I really love working with people. When I'm not at school, I enjoy hiking, working with youth group at church and going to the beach!

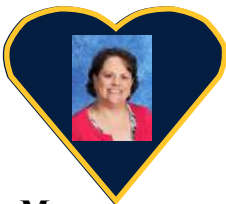


Faculty—Providing exceptional instruction...



Mr.

Zachary Alegria —This is my 1st year at University School and my 6th year as a teacher. I teach K-12 Elementary and Instrumental Music. I hope to instill the mantra within students that *Quality Practice = Quality Performance*. Being able to see that “moment of clarity” when a student fully understands a concept makes being a teacher something special. I also love the fact that our school offers so many opportunities and extracurricular activities for students! My hobbies include video games, hiking, Fantasy Football, and travelling to big cities!



Ms.

Aleeta Shaw —I have been at University School as the School Counselor for 17 years, for a total of 27 years career experience. I want students to know that no matter how down or dark they feel that it does get better and that someone to talk with is ALWAYS available in the Counseling Office. The thing I value most about University School is the lifelong friendships and memories that are created here. My mom was a Kindergarten teacher at my K-8 school and continued to teach throughout my time in high school and college. My one goal was NOT to work in a school ;). I struggled to find a career path until I worked a summer job as a camp counselor and found my calling. I also love to make jewelry and read.



Mrs.

Holley Ziglar —I have completed 22 years in my current profession, including 7 years here at University School. I am the RTI K-12/504 Coordinator. I enjoy helping students gain confidence, improve academics, experience success, and feel genuinely valued. I love that University School teachers genuinely care about the students and will do everything they can to help students grow. My mother, paternal grandfather, and paternal great-grandmother were all teachers who have inspired and challenged me to be the best teacher I can be. My hobbies include cooking, reading, movies (especially Hallmark ones), jigsaw puzzles and working with kids at church.



Mrs.

Amanda Milhorn —This is my 1st year at University School; I have been teaching for 6 years. I teach 7th & 8th grade Math and 8th grade Algebra I. I enjoy teaching our students mathematics, but I also try to teach perseverance and how to have a growth mindset. I want our students to know that it is okay to make mistakes. We just have to learn how to keep working through them and keep on trying. I became a teacher because of my second grade teacher, Mrs. Burluson. Even though I was a very shy student, she did not overlook me. She took the time to get to know all of her students. When I am not working, I enjoy going to church, reading, cooking (and eating), working on puzzles, and jogging.



Faculty—Providing exceptional instruction...



Mrs.

Pamela Cromie —This is my 12th year at University School, for a total of 20 years experience. I have been teaching 7th and 8th grade Science for the past 3 years. Most important to me is helping students develop personal qualities like increasing academic knowledge, developing collaboration skills, and strengthening personal integrity are important aptitudes I want my students to embrace. However, another goal of mine is to convey the importance of work ethic. A work ethic that is more than “the benefit and importance of work.” But a work ethic that encircles being honest, following school rules, respecting others, being dedicated, accountable, and a concern for the well-being of others. The one thing I recommend most about University School is that students accept one another’s differences and “quarks.” I have always wanted to be a teacher and it is probably because I have had so many inspiring teachers in my educational years. My hobbies outside of school include WVU football and basketball, reading, movies, and hanging out with friends on my front porch.



Mrs.

Andrea Lowery —I have been teaching at University School for 7 years, and this is my 5th year teaching 4th grade. I have always loved working with children. I love seeing their faces when they learn something new. When I am not working, I love spending time with my family.



Mrs.

Kelli Barnett —This is my 15th year as the 2nd grade instructor at University School. I love having second graders and then continuing to watch them grow into adults over the next 10 years. That is really special. I’m also currently working on my EdD in school leadership and am currently learning more about exceptional teaching through my dissertation. I love the community we have here at University School. My inspiration for teaching came from one of my high school math teachers who was phenomenal at teaching math and was a phenomenal human being. My hobbies include reading, drawing, painting, house fixing-up and watching my kids play sports and make music.

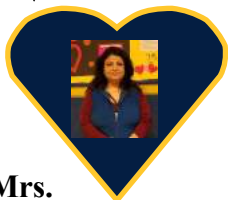


Ms.

Kristen Johnson —I have been teaching at University School for 17 years, a total 22 years in my field. I currently teach English 10 and Literature and Film. The most important thing I would like for my students to learn is how to think for themselves, to research a situation from all angles, and to work well with others, even if they don’t agree on things. I love the small class sizes at our school. Outside of work, I enjoy riding, reading, writing, and crafting.



Faculty—Providing exceptional instruction...



Mrs.

Mahua Chakraborty — I have been teaching or working in my field for 14 years which includes 11 years teaching at University School and 3 years teaching in India. Apart from teaching, I have worked 5 years in a research lab in the department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. I currently teach Advanced Placement Chemistry, Honors Chemistry and Physics to High School students. Most important to me is that I am preparing students to be globally competent. I challenge all my students (the high achievers and the under achievers) to give their best in the subjects I teach. The students realize that they have to put in sincere effort to get through my classes. The challenges also help my students to develop strong work ethics, which I believe is an essential component to be successful in life. What I recommend most about University School is that UH is a school of choice. Both the students and their parents choosing UH are well aware of the fact that they are going to be challenged. We give our best to prepare them for college. Being on the campus of ETSU, it is easy for our students to dual enroll for college classes. The faculty also gets the privilege to collaborate and work with professors from the Clemmer College of Education. I have always had a great passion to teach kids and am thankful that I have been given this wonderful opportunity to serve our school. Making a difference in students' lives gives me a lot of satisfaction. During my time off from work I enjoy reading, listening to music and cooking.



Ms.

Meg

Robinson —This is my 2nd year at University School. I have been teaching for 8 years. My subjects include English 9, English 11, and Speech and Communication. I love teaching writing, and I hope that what I teach my students will help them communicate clearly and professionally in college and beyond. What I recommend most about UH is our close-knit, personal environment. I come from a long line of educators, and I also had outstanding English teachers when I attended University School. My hobbies are reading, hiking, yoga, and listening to podcasts.



Mrs.

Ellen

Pitts —I have been an educator for 40+ years, teaching K-8 Art at University School for the past 11 years. I began teaching Special Education after a mentor teacher taught me about discipline in the classroom and how it influences learning. After 10 years, I returned to teaching art, after finding that I had a passion for making sure that all students receive the same level of devoted instruction and opportunities to learn. I want students to know that they are all created beings with the capacity to express themselves through visual art. I endeavor to provide many opportunities for students to create through various mediums and to experience success. I hope that students take with them a sense of self-evaluation, personal discipline, craftsmanship, discernment, and the ability to work respectfully in a group. My hobbies outside of work include camping, hiking, canoeing, kayaking and art. My passion is creating stained-glass projects in my ever-developing art studio.



Faculty—Providing exceptional instruction...



**Ms.
Erin**

Doran, EdS—I have taught 3rd grade at University School for 7 years, and been in education for 16 years. I love being able to teach all subject areas. My goal is to teach my students to persevere when problems get tough, to think critically, and to always ask questions. I love that UH has self-contained elementary classrooms. I enjoy building strong relationships with my students and being able to watch them grow academically and socially. I was inspired to become a teacher after being a student in Ms. Paar's botany/zoology class. She truly engaged students with her teaching style, established positive relationships with students, and loved her content. She enjoyed coming to work each day. I hope that my students see those same characteristics in their teacher. Outside of school, I enjoy being outdoors with my husband and two boys. We like to hike, bike, and travel.



**Mrs.
Kimberly
Summey-**

I have been teaching at University School for 10 years and have been an educator for 20 years. I have taught from 7th grade general math to Pre-Calculus in the past. I currently teach Pre-Calculus, Advanced Algebra & Trig, and Algebra 2. My goal is to teach students to not compare themselves to others. Most of the time, there is a discontinuity between the way you perceive individuals and the way they really are anyway. The UH family is special. Teaching seemed like a good fit for me because I have helped many friends with math most of my life. I might have a slight Disney addiction...and I love playing cards with my friends and family.



**Mr.
Justin
Penley**

—I have 14 years of teaching experience, including the last 10 years at University School. I currently teach High School Wellness, but have also taught Middle School Language Arts and Science. I also coach High School Boys Basketball and High School Boys & Girls Golf. My goal is for students and players to develop a strong work ethic, perseverance, commitment, accountability, while learning authentic, practical ways to live a healthy life. What I like most about University School is that we have a family and educational atmosphere that produces students prepared to succeed in college and in life. I have been inspired and encouraged by too-numerous-to-name mentors over the years that taught me the value of hard work, determination, and the importance of striving for a well-rounded life. When not teaching or coaching, I most enjoy spending time with my family, playing and watching sports, and working toward achieving a doctorate degree in education, which I hope to finish by the end of this school year.



**Mr.
Bryan Weems**—I teach Middle School Social Studies. This is my third year of teaching at University School and my eleventh year in education. I appreciate the close knit group of students and family at University School. I feel we offer the best learning experience in East Tennessee, and I am excited to be a part of this community. I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling to new places, attending sporting events, and going to live concerts.



Faculty—Providing exceptional instruction...



Ms.

Tammy Dycus—This is my first year at University School and I am currently teaching High School Math. I have been an educator for 28 years. I want my students to know that I am on their side to help them be successful. I love the small private school feel of University School, as well as the high expectations. My high school math teacher inspired me to become a teacher. My hobbies outside of school include crocheting and genealogy.



Mrs.

Noell Howe—I have been teaching for the past 19 years, the last 13 years as the 1st Grade Instructor for University School. My students know that I believe in them and think they will go far and do wonderful things with their lives. I love UH because it feels like a family. After I graduated college with my English degree, I signed up to be a substitute High School English teacher. Somehow my application got mixed up and I got my first call from George Washington Elementary School. I accepted the job and I met Dr. Pam Evanshen who was the vice principal at the time. She noticed that I really seemed to enjoy working with small children and encouraged me to go back to school and study Early Childhood Education. I took her advice and lived happily ever after in my unexpected profession. My hobbies outside of school include working with my church and my husband in local, national, and international mission work with the United Methodist Church.



Ms.

Lisa

Reis—My name is Lisa Reis and I currently teach 6th grade Math and Science. This is my second year at University School and my seventh year teaching Middle School Math. I strive to make all of my students feel valued as individuals and to push them to do their personal best. I want to challenge them and to teach them that they all have something to offer. I love teaching at University School because of our family environment and the partnership we have with the university. Outside of school I enjoy hiking with my family and spending time outdoors.



Mrs.

Evelyn Hammonds—I have been teaching at University School for 10 years, with a total of 18 years as an educator. I currently teach English 9, Junior AP English Language and Composition, Journalism and Contemporary Issues. I'm trying to introduce students to a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction essays and books. I want them to develop a lifelong habit of reading. My hobbies include reading and hiking.



Ms.

Theva Trainor—This is my second year at University School. I've worked as a Speech Language Pathologist for the past 12 years, 11 of which has been in the school system. The one thing that strikes me about UH is the family atmosphere. I want to foster not only better communication, but also self-confidence in tackling all life has to offer. I was inspired to become a Speech Pathologist because of my experience. I stuttered as a young child, and remembered the difficulties it caused not only in communication, but with self-esteem and friendships. Outside of school, I love to read, cook and travel. Over the past few years, my family and I have traveled to New Zealand, Australia and China.



Faculty—Providing exceptional instruction...



**Mr.
Tim**

Erwin —I am in my 34th year of teaching technology. This is my 21st year at University School as the Technology Coordinator and an Instructor. I mainly work with grades 9-12, however, over the years here at UH I have worked with K-12. As we explore different kinds of software, programming languages and other uses of technology in class the most important thing that my students can take from the class are strong problem solving skills. If I can teach them to be strong problem solvers they can learn any new software or programming language the future might bring. If you had asked me if I was going to be a teacher, I would have said, “No Way!” I was content to blend in with the crowd and had no desire to be the one standing in front of the group. When I was in college I majored in computer science and worked as a computer lab tutor. After graduating with a BS degree in computer science I was writing software for local businesses. It was then that God’s plan and “sense of humor” showed me where I was to focus my talents. He opened a door at my local High School teaching computer science. That was the beginning of my “teacher” adventure. So, after getting certified to teach and eventually my Masters in Education, I now find myself enjoying the daily challenges of sharing my technology problem solving skills with my students. I have always believed that ALL young people can learn! We just have to figure out how to define the concepts in a way they can process. Now, after nearly 34 years, that desire to share the knowledge that God has allowed me to have is just as strong as that first day I stepped into the classroom. I also enjoy teaching Sunday School, woodworking and bowling. :)



**Ms.
Terri**

Knight, Librarian Extraordinaire. I started teaching at University School the year the Morris Worm was one of the first computer worms to be distributed via the internet, the Los Angeles Dodgers won the World Series and the Washington Redskins won the XXII Super bowl. I started my first teaching job the year Jimmy Carter was inaugurated as the 39th President of the United States and the Atari 2600 gaming system was released. I taught 5th Grade at University School and Ms. Kelli Barnett was one of my student teachers. I have been the librarian since 2006. My work in the library is to encourage students to become self-motivated readers and researchers. Students need to understand that through reading and research they will find the information and the inspiration to change their lives and change the world. University School offers the opportunity to be involved in a number of different activities and create your own destiny. I was encouraged by family, friends, and educators to work with children and literature. I work closely with the Washington County Humane Society and foster dogs and cats while they are waiting for a permanent home. I also enjoy reading and traveling.



Mrs.

Dedra Lamb —This is my 2nd year teaching Kindergarten at University School, for a total of 10 years as an educator. I love University School because it is a big family. My dad inspired me to always do my best. He showed me that hard work and dedication will help you achieve your goals in life. I love watching my kids play sports, coaching soccer, and photography.



Faculty—Providing exceptional instruction...



**Ms.
Gina**

Bailiff—This is my 20th year at University School, currently teaching English 12, AP Literature and Composition, Media Literacy and Leadership in Literature. I've been fortunate to have many teachers who have inspired me over the years. An example would be my third grade teacher, Ms. Lyons, who nurtured a love for reading and encouraged my growth as a writer at a young age. Outside of school I enjoy gardening, hiking, cooking, and, of course, reading.



Ms.

April Sims—This is my 5th year at University School, for a total of 15 years teaching. I teach High School Math (currently Algebra I and II and Geometry). I want to make my students love math, or at least, hate it a little less. I want them to learn how to persevere with a problem and see success. I love that a child can enter University School in Kindergarten and go all the way through High School. Our kids end up having an entire school support them and cheer them on. That doesn't happen anywhere else. My High School Math teacher, Mr. Andrews, inspired me to become a math teacher. He was very engaging and helped me to learn to love math. My hobbies include reading, watching movies, spending time with family, and cooking.



Mr.

Rayne Price – I have been teaching at University School for the past 15 years. I currently teach High School Science—Biology, Physical Science, and Environmental Science. I hope my students leave my room with a better understanding of the life surround them. What I like most about University School is our year round schedule, dual enrollment opportunities, and September break. I had a Middle School Science teacher and also a High School History teacher that made me want to be a teacher. When I am not teaching, I am running my kids all over East Tennessee to take part in extracurricular activities.



Ms.

Kim

Allison— My career as an educator has spanned 15 years, with the last 10 years at University School. I am currently the K-12 Interventionist. It's important to me that students know I care about them and their future! I love the University School family atmosphere. Because I grew up with a sibling with a head injury, and saw the impact my mom, educators, and therapists had on him along the way, I was inspired to become a Special Educator myself. Outside of school, I like to spend time with my daughters, play and listen to music, knit, and hike.



Faculty—Providing exceptional instruction...



**Mr.
John**

Bolton —This is my 5th year at University School serving in multiple positions: 6th-8th grade Physical Education (1 year), Assistant Athletic Director (2 years), Baseball Assistant Coach (5 years), and Girl's Basketball Assistant Coach (5 years). Through many different avenues, I feel like I have the ability to work with students on life skills and how to be an overall good person and leader. I recommend that all of our University School family get to know everybody you can. It truly does become like a second family. My dad inspired me to become a teacher. He never taught, but his background in physical education and his drive to love others well fuels my desire to do the same. My hobbies outside of school include Young Life, travel and sports.



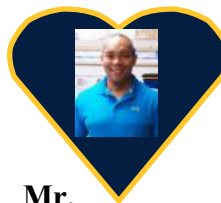
Mrs.

Lindsay Lester – This is my 4th year at University School, currently the 5th grade instructor. I have been in the education field for 9 years. One thing I hope my students learn from me is to never give up on themselves. Since we are a K-12 school, I love that I get to continue to watch my students grow and learn long after they leave my classroom. I also love the family atmosphere here at UH. My sister, Erin Doran, inspired me to become a teacher. She is the 3rd grade teacher here at University School. I was attending ETSU as an art major when I went to visit her for the weekend in Knoxville. I arrived early, so I went to visit her 3rd grade classroom. It was such an inspiring experience to watch her teach and see her students doing amazing things in the classroom. This experience made me fall in love with the idea of being an educator. When I returned from my visit, I changed my major to Education and it's one of the best decisions I have ever made. I enjoy spending time with my family, music, art, reading, and going to the movies.



Ms.

Jessica Lee Bragg —This is my 8th year teaching at University School. I teach Advanced Placement United States History, US Government, and US History. Currently I am involved in research with the Clemmer College of Education working towards methods of teaching that increase reading comprehension for our students. This is a concern for many students, so I hope my research team can work towards finding ways of helping students increase their reading comprehension. I attended UH as a student for many of the reasons I would still recommend it today. Our school is small enough that you can develop personal relationships with each of your instructors. You won't get lost in the crowd! Our low population also lets anyone participate in our sports program while balancing our college centered coursework. I decided to become a teacher because I love learning, and I want to try and give this passion onto the next generation. I also think that if our students are armed with the truth and confidence in their ability to find more truths, our world can be a better place. I enjoy watching movies at home with my husband and two cats!



Mr.

Samuel Smith – I have been teaching Spanish I, II, III, and IV at University School for 3.5 years, for a career total of 19 years. I would recommend UH because it is a good school with many great people. My aunt who taught school for over 40 years was my inspiration. I am a hiker and an outdoor person.



Staff—Providing exceptional service...



Ms.

Penny Erwin—I currently maintain our University School Website (USBucs.com), Social Media and Alumni Database/Communication and Newsletters. I have been employed at University School for 12 years, and was also previously employed at ETSU for 12 years as a Computer Programmer/Systems Analyst, and was a Financial Systems programmer in industry for a couple of years before that for a total of 26 years in my profession. I have a passion for utilizing technology as a communication tool to equip parents with the knowledge they need to support their children. I strive to post as much information as possible on our school website to provide parents and students needed resources to be involved and to be successful. It is so easy for me to “make our school look good” because University School excels at preparing our students to be not only academically ready for their next step, but, also provides worldwide social awareness skills. To get a break from technology, I enjoy reading, cooking, playing the piano, and teaching in our church Patch the Pirate Club children's ministries. Oh, and of course, my favorite activity is walking the beach!



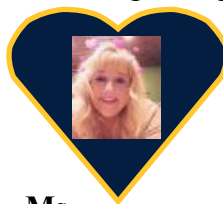
Ms.

Connie Taylor —I have been working in Food Services for 14 years, including working here at University School on the Cafeteria Staff for 8 years. I love the kids! My desire is to feed all students and encourage them to try different foods. My hobbies include reading and cooking.



Ms.

Sandy Robinson—I have served University School for the past 18 years as a Counseling Assistant. I also have 9 previous years teaching. I strive to be helpful to students, faculty and staff, and to always speak to everyone I meet and greet each person with a smile. I hope that I help to foster an atmosphere of friendliness and kindness. I believe UH is truly a unique place with a close-knit family feel, where all students are valued and encouraged to achieve their own level of success. Public education is in my blood. My dad was a teacher and coach for nearly 35 years, as were his siblings. I am so proud of my own two children for following this tradition that I believe is essential to who we are as a nation. I would have to say that my dad has always been my inspiration to educate, inspire, guide, and genuinely extend kindness to students and fellow educators. My hobbies include reading, home decorating, baking, shopping, hiking in the mountains, beach combing and spending time with family and friends.



Ms.

Kim Curtis —I have been working in Food Services for 24 years, including working here at University School as the Cafeteria Manager for the past 5 years. My goal at UH is to feed the students a good, healthy, nutritious breakfast and lunch, and for them to enjoy it. What inspired me to be in this career is that I love kids, I love the honesty of them. My hobbies outside of school include cooking, gardening, and reading.



Staff—Providing exceptional service...



Ms.

Virginia Fulton, RN—I have worked as the School Nurse here at University School for 4+ years and have been a Registered Nurse almost 16 years. One of my main goals is to ensure that the students are healthy and ready to learn. I really appreciate the small, close-knit environment and the feeling of family. It had always been a desire of mine to be a school nurse, but the door never opened until I began working at ETSU and the opportunity at University School was offered to me. I enjoy doing fun activities with my daughter and our dog. I don't have much time outside of school at this time because I am back in school working toward my Masters' in Nursing Education.



Ms.

Myra McGhee—Welcome to University School! I have been an employee at UH for 21 years, and attended school here for 12 years, so I feel like I have been here all my life. I have been an Instructional Aide in Kindergarten for 20 years. I hope the students in the Kindergarten classroom learn compassion for others. What I like most about UH is the sense of a close community where the faculty and students care for each other. Outside of school, I enjoy day trips with my husband, spending time with my family, and reading.



Mrs.

Andrea (Andi) Ozment—I am currently working at University School as an Office Aide. I have worked at UH for 3 years, for a total of 10 years in this career. I hope that I show kindness to everyone. The academics at our school are great, especially for college bound students. Plus, UH has the best faculty and staff around! My mom worked in a school system and I remember that she really enjoyed it. I am currently attending school to obtain my teaching certification, which takes up most of my spare time. I also stay busy running my kids everywhere they need to be :)



SRO Cliff Hudson—I have been serving University School as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for 18 years, for a career total of 32 years. I also teach Health and Safety, D.A.R.E., Life Skills, Anti-Bullying, and Chess. I try to be an encourager to the students first, then to everyone else I meet. My goal is to have the student dream and believe they can create a better world, a better future for themselves...and everyone else. What I recommend most about UH is the dedicated and caring teachers, administrators, and staff, the year-round schedule, and opportunities here for the students because of the small school size. My wife, Myrna, says UH is my job and my hobby! However, I'm a lifelong learner—I love school and learning! Travelling, I love meeting new people and seeing new places. There are a lot of wonderful people in this world and a lot of beautiful places to see. I still love to read, see interesting movies, bowling, theatrical events, sporting events and biking. I tried and enjoyed kayaking and winter skiing, and lastly board games.



Coaches—Exhibiting exceptional determination...

Kudos to our University School Coaching Staff!

Working long hours preparing for the season, conditioning, practicing, creating schedules, facing the weather, showing up again and again to train and encourage our athletes.

Exhibiting sportsmanship, determination, endurance, strength, patience, and self-discipline. **Thank you for all that you do!**



Go Bucs, Go!

Thank you for reading this special edition of *US Bucs*. I think you will agree with us that University School administrators provide exceptional leadership, faculty members exceptional instruction, staff members exceptional service, and our coaches exceptional determination! How about you, our exceptional alumni? What would you recommend most about UH? Have any of our staff members inspired you to pursue your current career goals? We would love to hear from you! Email Usalumni@etsu.edu with your comments.

Alumni

Contact

Information

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Extra-curricular

University School faculty/staff continue a life-long learning adventure. This past few months we have faculty members receiving advanced degrees, attending conferences, researching leading edge technology integration into all classrooms, giving presentations, sharing, communicating, and building a network that not only supports our students, but gives them the tools needed to excel!

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