

## The University School Foundation

Dear University School Alumni and Parents,

My name is Christine Hutchinson and I have the honor of being the University School Foundation President for 2020 - 2021. I am writing today to let you know of an opportunity that you have to make a huge difference for the faculty and students at University School.

As many of you know, the Foundation typically holds multiple annual events including a fall festival, a spring gala, family engagement nights, and this year a Virtual Town Hall. The purpose of these events is to come together as a school community to support the students, teachers, and staff of University School.

While it is easy to see our Foundation in action by highlighting events like those above, it may be difficult to see the day-to-day impact that the Foundation has on University School and our children. I wanted to take a moment to highlight some of those items to help you understand the importance of your continued support.

Last year you all helped us raise approximately \$13,000 from our fall fundraiser (the first ever at University School!), Barnes & Noble Event, Family Engagement Dinners, and T-Shirt Sales. Because of your generosity, the Foundation was able to support our school with the following needs:

- New office furniture in the main office
- 2 new water fountains with water bottle refill stations for the middle and high school
- A new color printer for the library
- Supplies for robotic teams
- A new monitor for the kiln in the art room
- Sealing and striping of the outdoor basketball court and four-square areas
- Financial oversight for the athletic teams
- Teacher appreciation events
- And so much more!



As incredible as your support was in helping us raise \$13,000 last year, it took over \$23,000 to provide these needs to our school. And now with the pandemic, our school needs have only increased! Our teachers and students need new online learning aids, technology upgrades, and safety supplies for their classrooms. This year, we are working with ETSU to install an outdoor classroom where students can learn in a safe, socially distanced space. **In other words, our teachers, staff, and students are counting on all of us coming together to help them!**

Due to COVID-19, the Foundation was unable to host our annual spring events. The spring gala is the main source of revenue for the Foundation. If the Foundation is going to continue to meet the needs of University School, we need your support now. This Friday, October 23rd we will have our first major fundraising event of the year, the Fall Mask Bash. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 in order to support the growing needs of our school.

Want to get involved? **Become a [Sponsor](#)** for the **Fall Mask Bash** or sign-up to attend. You can also contribute your tax-deductible donation to University school directly on our [website](#). Sign up for our [online auction](#) from our website or download the **Auctria app** on your mobile device from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). And stay up-to-date with the University School Foundation's news and events by following our [Facebook page](#). Your support and participation with this event will ensure that the Foundation continues to meet the needs of University School now and in the future.

University School is one of the premier schools in the state of Tennessee. Because of you, I know we can carry on this proud tradition. Thank you for continuing to support the University School Foundation.

With Gratitude,

*Christine Hutchinson*

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Foundation President 2020-2021



*It's game on for the Buccaneer Bots in their 1<sup>st</sup> robotics competition*