

APPENDIX V-18

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Erika Beltran '19 (& McCorkle Alumni!)

UHS is different from most high schools in the way it academically challenges students, but it is still a normal high school in regards to its fine arts, clubs, and the people you get to meet.

I have enjoyed my high school experience here at UHS, everyone around campus is very friendly, the teachers here do everything in their power to help students learn and are a wonderful support system, students are also another form of support for one another. This is the best school for students at McCorkle to attend for high school!

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Juan Serrano '21
(Booth Fickett Alumni!)

The reason I chose to attend (& stay!) at UHS is because of all the help and support they give me. Teachers at other schools might seem like the scariest adults alive, but not at UHS. The teachers here all want you to succeed and make you feel supported every day. UHS teachers will reach out and help you reach your goals and make sure you know how proud they are of you! All over our campus you will feel a positive vibe and see smiles on everyone's faces—everyone is supported in pursuing their dreams! I am a proud Booth-Fickett Alumni and I know how you might be feeling right now when you think about picking a high school. I am going to make it easy for you—pick UHS. Don't be afraid of UHS and don't listen to the rumors. UHS will make sure you are successful. Attending University High School is the best decision I have ever made in my life. I can't wait to welcome you to UHS next year when you choose to be a penguin!

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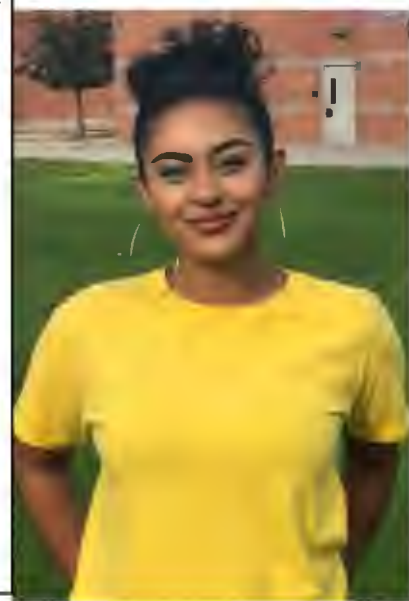
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I came to UHS because I wanted more than academics. I wanted to get amazing scholarships and meet new people. I wanted a "high school experience." I never anticipated liking it this much! I feel like I have so many opportunities here that I would never get anywhere else. UHS has an amazing support system and community from the teachers to the counselors to the students! I'm involved in so much and I love it. At BASIS I didn't have the opportunities to be involved on campus like I am at UHS. Here, I am President of the UHS Ambassadors, an Executive Leader for our amazing Penguin to Penguin program, and I am in multiple clubs. I feel like I have a great place to learn and grow as a person because I have so many options. My teachers want me to succeed and are willing to work one on one with me until I understand the material. BASIS gave me a great foundation for future endeavors and I'm glad I went there, but I feel like I made the best decision I could have possibly made by coming to UHS. For me, academics were more manageable and I never really feel like I am doing busy-work for no reason. There's a sense of community here that I have never found anywhere else.

Shivani Shaw '21 (& Basis Alumni!)



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When I was in middle school, it seemed like everyone knew where they wanted to go for high school. C.E. Rose is down the street from Pueblo, and many C.E. Rose families also went to Pueblo, so for my class of under 70 kids Pueblo seemed like the obvious choice. But for me? My dad went to Catalina Magnet and my mom went to high school in another city, so the choice wasn't as clear for me

I chose UHS because of the drive I noticed in the students. I had only met two UHS students before the entrance exams, but I noticed that they had a determination that I'd never seen before. They seemed so confident and proud of themselves, but were also humble and kind. I loved it! I also loved the welcoming atmosphere and how unique we are at UHS compared to other schools. I never thought high school could be such an open, diverse place. It really helped me open up and meet new people. Thank you UHS!



Kianna Lee '21 & CE Rose Alumni!

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Abraham Aguirre '21 (& Hollinger
K8 Alumni!)



University High School is an amazing place! Everyone is always kind and willing to help you here! Here at UHS you have so many opportunities to be great and successful. It takes dedication and hard work to be here, but we will all support you to make sure you have a great high school career. The best step you can take toward achieving your goals is attending University High School. I love this school and everyone here! Make the wise choice to come to UHS—join me in representing Hollinger! Let's Go Bulldogs!!!

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**Asmaa Abuelgasim Salih
'21 (& Dodge Alumni!)**



UHS is a great place! There are so many opportunities everywhere you look, from the classroom all the way UHS helps prepare you for your future. University High School is a fun, welcoming community, with many amazing people to help you on the way, including your teachers, peers, and your counselors.

UHS is an amazing school and I am so glad I am here!

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Ashley Tapia '21 (& Pistor Alumni!)

University High School has been nothing but a blessing since my first day of my freshman year. At first, I was very anxious that people wouldn't think I belonged here. Despite all of my fears, I attended UHS and I can truly say it changed my life. I chose to attend UHS because I knew it would ultimately help me succeed. Being ranked as the #1 public high school in Arizona obviously means something grand! Ever since I first heard about UHS I knew I was meant to be here; I knew that it would offer me the best education, even better than the private high schools my parents wanted me to consider. You immediately notice the difference in education because the teachers care so much about YOU, not just the class they teach. They believe in you and do everything they can to help you succeed! The environment is strictly positive and it opens your mind to the possibility of actually loving school each and every day. UHS is full of school spirit and we as students are all united, especially during difficult times, despite the differences that we all may have. There is nothing like working hard at school and knowing everyone is cheering you on each and every day.

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Sydney Harrington '21 (& Magee Alumni!)



UHS is such an amazing school, the teachers and staff here are so nice and always willing to help! Honestly, I didn't want to go to UHS at first, but now I would NEVER want to switch schools! The band and orchestra programs are incredible and the color guard is amazing! This school is definitely challenging, but it will prepare you to attend any college in the world! UHS is truly the best place for any student who has a dream!

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Tessa Calderon '21 (& a Miles ELC Alumni!)

I love UHS because not only can I get a great education and challenge myself academically, but I have also met fun new people! I love the community at UHS. It is a larger version of Miles ELC in many ways! Everyone here is very supportive and kind. There is also a great variety of fine arts, sports and clubs! UHS is the best school for Miles students because it offers a normal high school experience, but with an incredibly cloth community, a great education and an incredibly supportive group of staff and teachers!

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Sebastian Montano '20

High School is so different than middle school. I knew that before I even started 9th grade and I was scared to leave my friends I grew up with. Coming to University High School was a difficult transition, just like it will be to any high school you attend, however walking through the front door on my first day of school at UHS made me feel so welcomed and accepted. The administration, teachers and students are so helpful and dedicated to UHS and what we stand for. I choose to stay at UHS because although I had an amazing experience at St. Peter and Paul, I have truly developed a family here at UHS. The academics are rigorous, but there are so many resources on campus that are open to students. The faculty are available to help students with anything, and I mean anything!! UHS will always be my family and I am proud to be a penguin.

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Bianca Rodriguez '19 (& TCDS Alumni!)



University High School is definitely a school where there is a place for everyone, especially for students from Tucson Country Day! Not only does UHS challenge students but it gives students the opportunity to strive for more. The experiences here are one of a kind and I will never forget them. Being a student here has led me to become more confident in the way I hold myself up and speak to others. UHS gives students the ability to connect with others and lets them speak freely about what they love and are passionate about. All Tucson Country Day students should choose UHS! You will not regret your decision!

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I really love University High School. I came to the school because of the academic reputation and the kind students and teachers. I stay at UHS because the school is challenging and the only school like it that can prepare me for my future goals. The transition from middle school is a big change, but it has been incredibly satisfying knowing that when you work hard, you can achieve greatness at a school like UHS which is the top high school in the entire State of Arizona.



**Dorian Shay '21
(& Mansfield Alumni!)**

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Jennifer Ortiz '21 (& Safford Alumni!)

There is no other school like University High School. The experiences and opportunities I've had at UHS have been some of the best experiences in my entire life. The atmosphere is so friendly and lively! I'm so proud to be a penguin!!

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My journey through Khalsa Montessori School was an amazing experience. The small classes and close relationships with the teachers allowed me to learn key skills that have helped me begin my high school career at University High School. The middle school program, run by Alex Greengard and Naomi Mclsaac really prepared me for UHS. Lots of what they covered were the basis for my freshman and sophomore courses, so what I was learning expanded and went into more detail on the subjects; and I could use what I learned in seventh and eighth grade to relate to the current topics. They also taught me study and test taking skills that were a great benefit. University High School has so many wonderful opportunities for any type of student to pursue. Even though UHS is often seen as intense, I think the UHS community works very hard, especially between student and teacher, to nurture your learning experience and to help each student excel. -Abby

After going to Khalsa for most of my life, I'm so glad I chose UHS because I know it was the right choice for me. The sense of community among the students is almost as strong as it was in the small environment at KMS, because we all have something in coming with each other; the desire to learn and improve ourselves. Khalsa did a fantastic job at preparing me for UHS and I felt at home right away. I hope to see many former Khalsa as penguins next year! -Emma Cozzi '21 (& Khalsa Alumni!)



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Carolina Machado '19
(& Robbins K-8 Alumni!) standing in
front of the mural she created on
campus!!

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Thomas Monthofer '21

I heard all the rumors about UHS—that there would be so much homework! It would be too hard! But then I went to STEP UP Day and I learned the truth—University High School is incredibly accepting, the homework is manageable and every teacher is there to help you succeed. I love University High School and I am proud that this is where I go to school!

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Nick Mammana '19

(& Emily Gray Alumni!)



Most students at UHS enter unsure whether to follow their academic prowess or social aptitude.

Luckily, they do not have to choose at UHS. When I enrolled at UHS I was scared I would not be capable of maintaining a good academic standing, a sublime athletic career and a strong social life. Perhaps, if I had attended a different school those failures may be a reality. The only inarguable thing I can say is UHS has changed my life and given me ample opportunities to discover my true passions and develop my own unique beliefs—something you cannot find anywhere else!"

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University High School is such an amazing school. The teachers are so focused on teaching their students important and useful information and as the year goes by the begin to feel more like my parents rather than high school teachers. The students at UHS are so kind and understanding and even though this school is a lot of work, we all support one another through each step. The environment here is filled with positive and supportive energy!

David Dotson '21 (& Gridley Alumni!)



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**Mila Tomizuka '21
(& Doolen Alumna!)**



Doolen was the perfect school for me before attending UHS! Because I had so many amazing teachers at Doolen to prepare me and so many friends to also go to UHS, the transition into high school was not difficult for me! My Doolen teachers equipped me well with time management, study skills, and a work ethic that has helped me be successful at UHS. I love UHS because it is such a welcoming community, and everyone is willing to help each other do their best! My peers have been some of my best learning tools, and all of my teachers have been so supportive when I needed help with school work. Everyone at UHS has a common goal; to learn to the best of their ability, and the fact that we share that makes for an amazing community to be a part of.

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