

# PSO Newsletter Fall 2010

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## Welcome to the first PSO newsletter of the school year!

It seems like just yesterday that we were bringing our children to UNCSA for the start of the school year and now it is already Intensive Arts time. We hope that parents of returning students feel a difference in their ability to be connected with the school and other high school parents this year and that new parents feel welcome in our community of UNCSA families.

From welcome letters sent to new families to parent hospitality suites at move-in to the high school directory, the PSO has been busy facilitating a close-knit community of UNCSA parents and also fundraising for the High School Academic Program (HSAP). If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to join and become involved in the PSO. Read on to find out what the PSO has accomplished so far in its second year of existence....

## Upcoming Events

### PSO General Meeting

Friday, Dec. 10, 2010  
1:00 – 3:00 PM  
303 Gray Building

### Teacher Appreciation

“Sweet Treats”  
March, 2011

### PSO General Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2011  
303 Gray Building

### Family Dinner

Prom Night  
Saturday, April 9, 2011

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The UNCOSA PSO Newsletter is published three (3) times each school year and distributed to all high school parents to keep you up-to-date on the PSO's activities.

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter or want to join or become involved in the PSO, please contact a PSO officer or chairperson.

**Membership**

Currently 57 families have joined the PSO. Last year we had over 70 PSO members and our goal this year is to have at least 80 members.

At the alumni panel discussion during Family Weekend, UNCOSA alumnus and 3-time parent, Martha Mount, stated that joining and becoming involved in the PSO is a great way to connect with other UNCOSA parents and the high school.

**Show your Pickle Parent Pride and join the PSO!**

Recommended dues are \$20 per family. If you join with a donation of \$40 or more you will receive an adorable Pickle Pin (we will send it to you via your student) to wear proudly as the parent of a UNCOSA Fighting Pickle. If you have already joined the PSO with dues of less than \$40, you can upgrade to the \$40 level to receive your pickle pin.

To join the PSO or add to your original dues, go to

<https://secure.imodules.com/s/444/index.aspx?sid=444&gid=1&pgid=298&cid=780>

and follow the directions to make a donation to UNCOSA, designating your gift to the PSO.



**New this year:** grandparents, alumni, and parents of alumni can become friends of the PSO. All dues are tax deductible. PSO dues provide seed money for various fundraising projects that directly support UNCOSA's HSAP. We are looking forward to meeting our 80-member goal! Contact Laura Murphy ([lauramurphy35@gmail.com](mailto:lauramurphy35@gmail.com)) with any questions about PSO membership.

**Hospitality**

Several high school families enjoyed a delightful dinner at Dioli's Trattoria on Oct. 29. The food was fabulous and it was a great opportunity for local and out-of-state parents to become acquainted. The PSO will be organizing another parent dinner on prom night, April 9, 2011. Look for more details in the spring.



To show our appreciation for all they do for our children, the **PSO Hospitality Committee** hosted a **back-to-school lunch on August 24** and an **end-of-semester breakfast on Nov. 23** for UNCOSA's dedicated High School academic and administrative staff. They enjoyed the meals very much. Thank you to the parents who donated items for the breakfast...we couldn't do this without you!

If you want to help with the next teacher appreciation event (Sweet Treats in March 2011) please contact Colette Griffin (colette@triad.rr.com). Local parents can bring in home-made desserts and out-of-town parents can donate cash or gift cards to national food retailers such as Starbucks, Panera, etc.

## Fundraising

**THANK YOU** to all the parents and faculty who participated in our fundraising activities on Family Weekend. The gift card raffle and pre-order of ornaments were a big success! A great big thank you to those parents who generously donated gift cards for the raffle. We raised \$1,294.99 and are off to a great start!

**Be on the lookout for our next fundraising event which will take place during Nutcracker performances.** We will be selling ornaments (including our exclusive UNCSA Pickle) and Nutcracker t-shirts before and after every show and during intermission. You will also have an opportunity to participate in two exciting raffles:

- 1) ABT Principal ballerina Gillian Murphy's autographed pointe shoes and
- 2) two prime seats for UNCSA's upcoming musical Oklahoma! plus an American Express gift card so that you can enjoy a nice dinner before or after the show. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00/ticket or \$20.00/5 tickets.

If you didn't order a pickle ornament during Family Weekend and you won't be attending Nutcracker and want to purchase one, contact Marcela Miller at [marcela4276@windstream.net](mailto:marcela4276@windstream.net) to place your order for this unique ornament.



With the monies we raise from these and other fundraising projects, we will be funding items from the HSAP wish list including: Physics' supplies, microscopes, new desks for French students, ink cartridges for classroom printers, and a fund to support SAT/ACT/AP exam fees for students in need.



### Projector Replacement Project

Thank you to all parents who joined me in supporting the high school projector replacement project. As a result of your generosity and quick response, we exceeded our goal and 5 new projectors were purchased and installed by the end of October. Excess contributions will be used to purchase additional projectors (2 more have broken since October) and to buy bulbs for these projectors as they burn out. Bulbs cost several hundred dollars each and can put quite a strain on the HSAP's budget since these projectors are used daily by teachers. –Andrea

## A LITTLE FINANCIAL NEWS

As of November 9, 2010



The PSO has deposited a total of \$10,243 in our UNCSA Foundation account:

**\$1,890 in membership dues**

**\$1,758 from fundraising efforts**

**\$6,595 in projector replacement fund donations.**

**\*Official Financial Report will be furnished under separate report.**



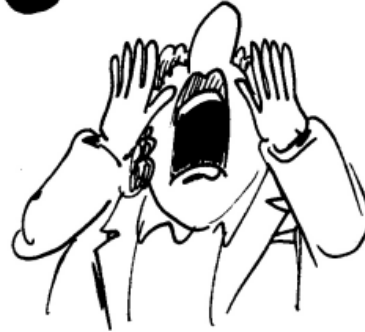
## Volunteers

**Thank you to all parents who volunteered their time, talents and money for PSO fall activities.**

With your help we had a successful gift card raffle and ornament sale and staffed a PSO information table at Family Weekend and also staffed an Ask-A-Parent table at UNCSEA's fall Open House.

Please don't be shy about volunteering for a PSO committee. It's a great way to connect with other UNCSEA parents. Many tasks can be accomplished from afar via e-mail and telephone...perfect for out-of-town families. Volunteers are moms and dads, local and out-of-state. We belong to drama, dance, music and visual arts students. We are just as diverse as the wonderful UNCSEA student body!

# Volunteers!



We are still receiving **PSO volunteer forms**. If you sent one and you haven't been contacted yet by someone in the PSO, please contact Martha Mount, Volunteer Coordinator at [marthamount@mac.com](mailto:marthamount@mac.com). If you haven't had a chance to fill out the PSO volunteer form yet, it's not too late.

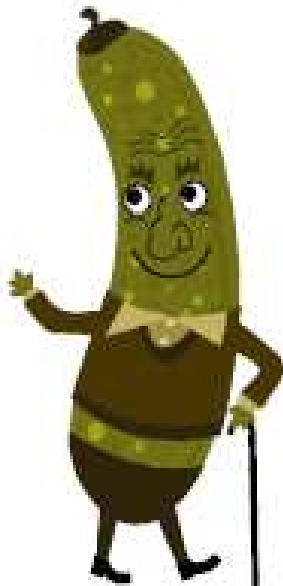
Go to <http://www.uncsa.edu/parents/PSO/volunteer%20form.pdf> and print the form, complete it and send it to the address at the end of the form.

### **PICKLE PARENT PRIDE!**

The High School Academic Office occasionally needs parent volunteers to monitor academic classes for planned teacher absences and to assist in the office with answering telephones and other administrative duties. Contact Martha if you are interested in this opportunity.

**Look for PSO volunteer ushers at upcoming Stevens Center performances.** If you would like to learn more about volunteer ushering, contact Russell Scott, Stevens Center House Manager at 336.723.6320 or [scottr@uncsa.edu](mailto:scottr@uncsa.edu).

This is a great way to support the school and see a performance for free.



## Social Networking

This year, we are using Yahoo! Groups as our private on-line parent network. We now have twenty-seven members in our uncsapso group. Two threads of discussion are ongoing to date – recommendations for Winston Salem restaurants and how out-of state parents get their ballet dancers home after the Nutcracker.



**Coming Soon:** a place on our Yahoo! Group site where members can click on a link to each of the recommended restaurants' websites.

If you are not a member of our uncsapso Yahoo! Group, the simplest way to join is to email Laura Murphy at [lauramurphy35@gmail.com](mailto:lauramurphy35@gmail.com). Ask to join and include your name, and the gender, grade and art of your student. Laura will send you an invitation to join the PSO Yahoo! Group, which will link you right up with our group. You will also receive a welcome email explaining how to use the site and what other group members have a student in your child's art.



## Directory

Thanks to the formatting and editing efforts of parents Ginny Furth and Michelle Morehouse, in conjunction with the HSAP, we were able to produce the first-ever UNCSA High School directory.

You should have received a directory via e-mail on Oct. 28. If you did not receive one, please contact Ginny Furth at [vfurth@csc.com](mailto:vfurth@csc.com).

## Family Support Network

The most important task of the Family Support Network (FSN) is to personally welcome new families to UNCSA. This year, we will be contacting new 2011-12 UNCSA high school families as students are admitted to give them the opportunity to ask questions and get information to make an informed decision on committing to attend UNCSA. Thanks to the parents who filled out FSN surveys and to those of you who have already volunteered.

We need parents from every art department so please consider volunteering. You will be asked to contact 3-5 families between January and August, either by phone, email or snail mail (your preference). Surveys and volunteer forms are available online:

New Family Survey/Volunteer

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BCK75FP>

Returning Family Volunteer

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BCH5J3Q>

If you have further questions, please contact Karen Ramshaw at [karenramshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:karenramshaw@yahoo.com).

## 2009/10 PSO Project Updates

This summer, PSO funds raised in the 2009-10 school year were used to renovate room 303 in the Gray Building from a computer lab into a classroom, including structural modifications and furniture.

Sarah Greer is enjoying teaching math classes in this bright new space!



The PSO will also be making a donation to the High School Teacher Endowment Fund using last year's funds.

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*Have safe, relaxing and  
fun holidays and enjoy  
your time with your  
UNCSA student!*



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