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UNCSA High School

Parent Support Organization Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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4:00-6:00 PM

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Dinner**
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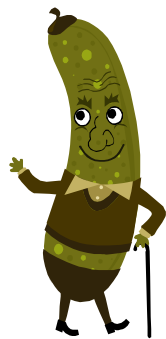
Welcome to the very first newsletter from the newly-formed UNCSEA High School Parents Support Organization (PSO). We'd like to share what we have accomplished so far and our plans for the school year.

To date, the PSO has held 4 meetings, approved by-laws, elected officers, established itself on UNCSEA's web site, and created a facebook group. We invite you to read on to find out what we have planned for the 2009-10 school year.

Membership

To date, over 40 high school families have joined the PSO. If your child was attending his/her local high school, you would probably join the local PTA so why not join the PSO if you haven't done so already? UNCSEA's academic program needs the same parental support as your local high school, so please consider joining the PSO on-line by going to <http://www.uncsa.edu/parents/hpspo.htm> and click on "Join the PSO". After filling out your personal information, scroll down to designate your "gift" of membership dues to the PSO. Your membership dues are tax-deductible! The friends that you make and the support that you give this unique school are priceless. We are working on a creating a PSO directory that will be distributed to members in November. Please contact Karen Hines, Membership Chairperson (hineskarenm@aol.com), with any questions or to volunteer for the Membership committee.

Fundraising



The Fundraising Committee is currently exploring several opportunities to provide financial support to the HS academic program. We plan to use monies raised to fund high school wish list items that teachers and administrators are the process of prioritizing. If you have a large item you can donate for a raffle, have any questions or suggestions or want to join the Fundraising Committee, please contact Donna Moser, Fundraising Chairperson, at dmoser527@triad.rr.com.

Support UNCSEA while you do your regular shopping. Go to <http://www.uncsa.edu/parents/fundraisers.htm> for a list of passive fundraising opportunities and sign up today! If your student shops at these retailers, be sure to link their cards to UNCSEA, as well. Some programs are local and some are nationwide and we welcome your suggestions for inclusion of additional programs.

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Facebook

Get connected with other UNCSEA parents from around the country by joining our Facebook group. Go to www.facebook.com and establish yourself on Facebook, if you don't already have a facebook page (ask your teenager if you don't know how to do this). Then join the UNCSEA High School Parents Support Organization group and start a discussion. Contact Collette Griffin, Facebook Chairperson, at colette@triad.rr.com, with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

The High School Academic Office, is looking for parent volunteers to monitor academic classes for planned teacher absences and to assist in the office with answering telephones and other administrative duties. If you are interested in these volunteer opportunities, please contact Christina Nakagawa, Volunteer Coordinator, at nakagawa4@aol.com.

UNCSEA is currently undergoing re-accreditation by SACs (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). As part of this process, SACs is looking for several UNCSEA parents to interview on Monday, Oct. 19, or Tues., Oct. 20 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at UNCSEA. If you are interested in meeting with the SACs committee, contact Jill Lane at lanej@uncsa.edu.

For Out-of-Town Parents

If you live a distance from UNCSEA and are looking for greater involvement with the school and other UNCSEA parents, here are some suggestions:

- 1) Join the PSO and attend meetings via teleconference. Meeting agendas and teleconferencing instructions are e-mailed to members one week prior to each meeting.
- 2) If you live in an area with a concentration of UNCSEA parents, host a social, organize a coffee, etc. to create a parent social network and support group. Brainstorm ways that you can support and become involved with UNCSEA from afar and share your ideas with the PSO.
- 3) Join the UNCSEA High School Parents Support Organization group on Facebook and have discussions with other UNCSEA parents from around the country.
- 4) Support UNCSEA while you shop by using UNCSEA passive fundraising links.
- 5) Volunteer for a PSO committee. Many tasks can be accomplished from afar via e-mail and telephone.

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The **next PSO meeting** is scheduled for **Friday, Oct. 2, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at UNCSEA in room 303 Gray Building**. A meeting agenda, minutes from the previous meeting, and teleconferencing instructions will be e-mailed to PSO members at least one week prior to the meeting. Contact Alix Hitchcock, Secretary, at hitchcac@wfu.edu with questions.

The PSO has planned the following events in conjunction with Family Weekend which is scheduled for 10/31 at UNCSEA. We hope that you will plan on arriving in Winston Salem a day early to participate in these events with other UNCSEA parents.

A **PSO meeting** will be held on **Friday, Oct. 30 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM** on UNCSEA's campus. Further details will be e-mailed to PSO.

To kick off Family Weekend, the PSO invites you to join other UNCSEA families for a **family dinner** on **Fri., Oct. 30, at 6:30 PM at Foothills Brewery, 638 West Fourth**

**We are on
the web!**

<http://uncsa.edu/parents/hspso.htm>

St, Winston Salem. <http://www.foothillsbrewing.com/> We suggest that you call ahead to make a reservation (336-777- 3348) and wear your favorite UNCSA apparel so that we can identify you as a UNCSA family. Contact Colette Griffin Colette@triad.rr.com for more information.

Stay Connected

When you ask your child what is happening on campus do they say "Nothing."? Parents can get campus activity directly by accessing UNCSA's Every Friday Email ("EFE") that is distributed each Friday campus-wide. Just go online to <http://news.uncsa.edu> for the archive of EFE's.

Dorm Life

Attached are letters from Leo Lawson, a parent who has spearheaded an initiative to raise funds to install hand sanitizer dispensers on every dorm floor, and from Jennifer Wells, Associate Director for High School Residence Life. Please read their letters and think seriously about responding to their requests as your generosity directly affects that health and well-being of all high school dorm residents.

(Attach letter from Leo Lawson regarding hand sanitizer dispensers, and from Jennifer Wells.)