

From: Adele Iwanusa, Principal

The National Merit Scholarship Program an annual academic competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships. More that 1.4 million juniors in nearly 21,000 high schools entered the 2008 competition by taking the PSAT in Oct. 2006. Ursuline Academy is proud to announce the names of the 5 semi-finalists in the 2008 competition: **Natalie Adler, Erika Kohnen, Marie Magner, Melissa Mauntel, Michelle Phan**. These seniors will continue in the scholarship competition and we wish them the best of luck. In addition, 14 Ursuline Academy students were listed as commended students in the National Merit Program. These students are honored by the National Merit Competition for their academic promise and may be candidates for Special Scholarships offered by corporate sponsors. Congratulations to the following students who were named as commended students: **Michelle Amiott, Natalie Blizniak, Lindsey Brockman, Sara Doyon, Ellen Funk, Kathleen Geyer, Chelsea McGill, Chelsea Pflum, Rachel Soltys, Erika Sterusky, Lisa Taylor, Courtney Thomas, Hannah Wallach, and Allison Webb**.

Congratulations to **Itse Charles**, a National Achievement Scholar. The National Achievement Program is conducted by the NMSC and recognizes promising African American high school students. Congratulations, Itse!

We are pleased to announce that senior **Stacy Buschhaus** has been selected as one of the six scholarship winners for the Better Business Bureau of Southern Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana's "Student of Integrity Program." Stacy will be recognized on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, during the BBB's Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics program at Cincinnati's Music Hall. Congratulations, Stacy, for your commitment to and understanding of integrity, and thank you for representing Ursuline Academy in the entire Cincinnati community.

School Calendar Updates and Changes

Oct. 8 – No School – Columbus Day

Oct. 16 – **Photo retakes**, early dismissal 1:48 – Staff Professional Development

Nov. 16 – No Student Classes – Staff In-Service Day (**Calendar Change**)

Nov. 17 – High School Placement Test

Jan. 18 – Father/Daughter Dance (**Calendar Change**)

from the Assistant Principals

Yearbook orders – Have you ordered your yearbook for NEXT YEAR yet? There are still 153 students who have not. If you are not sure if you've ordered or would still like to order, please see Mrs. Brinkmann. Cost of the yearbook is \$65 which will be billed to your account. NOTE: there are still some yearbooks from last year. Please bring a check for \$65 made out to Ursuline Academy to Mrs. Brinkmann if you would like to purchase one of those.

Red Ribbon Breakfast - October is Red Ribbon Month. This annual campaign is sponsored by the Northeast Community Challenge Coalition, a community wide organization that promotes

healthy youth and is committed to reducing risk behaviors, including underage use of alcohol, tobacco, and other illegal drugs. This year's breakfast will be held at Embassy Suites, 4554 Lake Forest, in Blue Ash on Monday, October 22. Registration and continental breakfast 8-8:30 am, with the program beginning at 8:30 and ending at 10:30. The featured speaker will be General Arthur Dean, Chairman and CEO, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. Registration - Individual: \$15 /person, Student \$5/person (payable in cash or check at the door). Please RSVP by Oct. 18 to NECC, 489-2587. Proceeds benefit the Howard Barns Youth Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Freshman Initiation Week - Oct 1-5. We are all looking forward to this fun week, planned by Student Council. This year's theme is Holidays, so the freshmen will be celebrating Holidays all week. On Monday, they will dress in green with their uniforms to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Tuesday will celebrate Easter with some baked goods for the seniors. (Treating the seniors is a common theme.) On Wednesday, freshmen will celebrate Halloween (a little early) and bring candy for the seniors. On Thursday, freshmen will tell the seniors why they are thankful for them and also practice their "gobbling" skills. Friday will conclude with Christmas, and freshmen will wear Santa hats or reindeer antlers and bring Christmas cookies for, you guessed it, the seniors. Activities are voluntary, and it is all in good fun, as we welcome our freshmen to UA. Monday October 22, 2007

Mary Bender, Tom Barhorst

Community Service News

What are you waiting for? Community Service Kick-off

We had a very successful Community Service Kick-off on September 25. This all-school assembly is an opportunity to challenge all of our students to get involved in serving others. It's a chance to highlight projects that we will be doing this year as well as to celebrate the service already done by our students. This year's kickoff included a reflection from Senior Katie Giuliano on her three week visit to Uganda this past summer. She visited there with an organization called Embrace the Children after helping to raise \$25,000 to build a well for a village in Uganda. The most surprising thing about her trip was the generosity of the people she met who had so little. Katie challenged all of us to give generously of our time and of all we have this year. Alex Hill, Caroline Linke, Emma Kokenge, and Kelli Magloci shared stories and reflections from Ursuline's summer service trip to San Antonio. Our theme for community service this year is "What are you waiting for?" which reminds not to wait until tomorrow to get involved. We can start today making the world a better place through our service, work, and action.

Jewelry Makers and Gift wrappers needed! Each year, Ursuline Academy purchases Christmas gifts for low income families served by Hope Emergency Center in Brown County. We raise money to buy these gifts through a jewelry sale at school and through gift wrapping on a Saturday afternoon at Barnes and Noble in Kenwood. We will be making jewelry afterschool on October 25th and on November 29th. If you would be able to teach our freshmen how to make jewelry on either of these days, please contact Ruthie Barnes at rbarnes@ursulineacademy.org or by phone at 791-5791, ext. 2225. We will also need parents to help at the gift wrapping station at Barnes and Noble on Saturday, November 24, from 11a.m.-3 p.m. If you would like to help with gift wrapping, please contact Ruthie as soon as possible.

Make a Difference Day is coming—October 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ursuline Academy will again be making a difference through service as part of the Annual National Make a Difference Day on October 27. This is a family friendly event that includes breakfast and lunch as well as service at various agencies around Cincinnati. We truly encourage our students to do this day of service with their families. Registration forms will be distributed to students in the next week or so, and we will work to get all Make a Difference Day info on the website as soon as it is ready, but mark your calendars now for this family service event!

Congratulations to **Katie Giuliano '08**, selected as the Rotary Club's student of the month for October. Katie was nominated for her efforts raising money to build a well in Uganda, which she visited this past summer. She is having a benefit concert next Friday, October 12 to continue to raise money for water projects in Africa.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Both **sophomores** and **juniors** will be taking the **PSAT/NMSQT** (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) on **Wednesday, October 17**. This test measures verbal and mathematical aptitude and gives students the opportunity to find out what the SAT is like. Although the new SAT has a written essay, there will be no essay on the PSAT. For further information and tips on how to prepare for these tests, please consult the following websites: www.collegeboard.com or www.PrincetonReview.com. Although calculators are not necessary to answer the questions, students are advised to bring a calculator to the testing session.

For sophomores, the PSAT/NMSQT is a practice test designed to familiarize the students with the format and experiences of a college entrance exam. These results are not reported to any college. Students will receive a practice test in guidance groups. Please encourage your daughter to complete this practice before October 17.

For juniors, the PSAT/NMSQT also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. By taking the test, juniors enter competition for scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and can become National Merit semi-finalists. Many people do not realize that only 2% of test-takers are designated as high scorers. Semi-finalists and commended students are selected from that group.

Sophomores will also take the **PLAN**, a preliminary version of the ACT College entrance exam, on **Friday, November 9**. There will be an information class with test-taking tips conducted during guidance groups. The PLAN report will provide scores in English, math, reading and science. It also includes a career interest survey and a questionnaire about study habits. The PLAN is given as a practice for the college entrance ACT that the students will take in April or June of their junior year. The scores are reported only to the student, her parents and her guidance counselor. Both PLAN and PSAT/NMSQT scores should be available sometime in December and will be interpreted in group guidance sessions in January.

On **March 10- 14** the sophomores will take the **OGT** (Ohio Graduation Test) in all subject areas. This test is one of the requirements for graduation. For further information consult the website: www.ode.state.oh.us.

Juniors should have completed their **Career Shadowing** assignment over the summer. For juniors who did not, they should schedule their shadowing experience during one of the days students are off school. All Career Shadowing packets must be turned in by the end of 1st semester.

The **PrepHQ** website is regularly updated with current college counseling information, including a frequently updated list of colleges whose representatives will be visiting UA this fall. Specific information concerning an individual student's applications, deadlines, colleges, etc. is

found there. **Check often.** (You will need your daughter's login and password.) Freshmen will be registering for PrepHQ during the month of October.

Kim Jewett Fiser, our school psychologist, will be visiting freshman guidance groups to introduce herself, explain her role and let new students know how to access her support. During her visits she will lead the freshmen through a relaxation technique they can easily make use of during school. Additionally she will be distributing questionnaires in all grade-level guidance groups to elicit student input on support group needs for the year. Mrs. Jewett is available to all students, parents and teachers for consultation about social, emotional, behavioral and/or academic concerns. You can reach her by email at kjewett@ursulineacademy.org or by phone during the school day at 791-5791, ext. 1268.

Patt Zurlinden, Language/ Learning Consultant, will be visiting freshman guidance groups to introduce herself and present "Study Strategies That Work". She will also continue to meet with students on Tuesday and Thursday each week. Mrs. Zurlinden will be available to develop curriculum-based interventions (test taking and study strategies, written language, time management, etc.). Individual and/or group sessions can be scheduled. Mrs. Zurlinden can be reached at 791-5791, ext. 1266 or by email at pzurlinden@ursulineacademy.org.

Another special service that will continue this year is the **Student Assistance Council**. This group utilizes a collaborative approach to problem solving in order to offer help for students whose learning and/or life issues are interfering with educational progress. Generally all normal channels of assistance have been utilized before a counselor, teacher, administrator or a parent refers a student to SAC. The Council is comprised of the Assistant Principal, 9th and 10th grade counselors, the school psychologist and others as needed.

Seniors who would like to retake either the SAT I or the ACT this fall or who need to take the SAT II are reminded to register by the following deadlines:

Test	Test Date	Registration Postmark Deadline
ACT	October 27	Late registration only
ACT	December 8	November 2
SAT I/II	November 3	Late registration only
SAT I/II	December 1	October 30

AP Scholars

There were 59 Ursuline Academy students who have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement exams given in May of 2007. The following 28 students qualified for the **AP Scholar Award** by completing three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher: **Meghan Ashbrock , Courtney Baldasare, Isabella Biedenharn, Claire Ellerhorst, Kathleen Geyer, Ann Gilligan, Molly Good, Jillian Harbin, Lauren Harrell, Mary Hill, Caroline Hils, Abigail Holtmeier, Molly Hughes, Michelle King, Ashley Ma, Catherine Merchak, Meredith Mock , Lauren Morehouse, Ashley Morgan, Kristen Mullen, Mary Myers, Angela Ridgley, Kathryn Robertson, Mary Sanitato, Kathryn Schlechter, Kristen Tappel, Lisa Taylor, Jenna Wlotzko.**

The following 20 students qualified for the **AP Scholar with Honor Award** by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams: **Julie Broderick, Anne Donelan, Audra DeChristopher, Katherine Doellman, Katherine Gorsuch, Sarah Kraemer, Caitlin Lynch, Jacqueline Mader, Andrea McKinnon, Katherine Mills, Deesha Patel, Emma Paxton, Emily Rentschler, Elizabeth Shadley, Rebecca Shaffer, Lydia Sieber, Giovanna Walters, Allison Webb, Christine Widmann, Maria Widmann**

The following 11 students qualified for the **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** by earning an average grade of at least a 3.5 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams: **Holly Bird, Morgan Graybill, Erin Hickey, Alice Ladrick, Kelsey Lindenschmidt, Natalie Perin, Pamela Uecker, An-Sofie Verrijssen, Alison Weber, Michelle Wirth, Laura Wooley.**

Congratulations ladies! You make us all proud!

Dr. Hinkle's ninth grade English students are "*Vocabulary Book Level E*"...Expressing themselves on their classroom graffiti board. They are keeping their ears and eyes open 24/7 in order to hear their vocabulary words spoken and written in the "real" world -- in the newspapers, on TV, at the Friday night football games and around the dinner table. You, Mom and Dad, just may be quoted!"

Thanks for the Memories....25
Ursuline Academy's Ultimate Auction
November 17, 2007 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

The Ultimate Auction is only 6 weeks away and so much has happened in the past month. Four gift gathering parties were held, theme & décor committee has been planning, holiday committee has been busy making beautiful arrangements, and invitations went in the mail.

The catalog for the auction is a huge undertaking. We need to have all items in the door by then of this week to guarantee making it into the catalog.

A few items that we still need are:

- Signed Jersey from a sports figure
- Frequent flyer miles
- St. X or Moeller spiritwear
- Tickets to College or Professional sporting events
- and any other tangible items

Volunteers are needed in so many areas. If you are able to help in any of the following, please click on the email link

Making or serving appetizers ~ Dana Hogan ~ ihohdana@aol.com

Watch over the silent auction tables ~

Beth Wenstrup ~ bethwenstrup@fuse.net or

Pam Rayome ~ pam.rayome@convergys.com

Help with gaming during 5:30-7:30 ~ Joan Valerio ~ jvalerio@fuse.net

Help with making meals during Wed.-Fri. of auction week for the volunteers who are setting up ~ Maureen McCroskey ~ JMcCroskey@cinci.rr.com

Online Auction will open on October 17th. Beginning Oct. 17th at 8 a.m. log on to www.ursulineacademy.org and follow the links.

Thank you to all who have donated to the auction either with a Sponsorship, Auction Item, or your gift of time.

Please call if you have any questions or would like to know more about the auction.

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2007 Auction Chair
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Ursuline Academy House Raffle Searching for a Builder Sponsor

If you are in the home building business, more specifically a builder, and would like to get additional advertising and exposure, please consider working with Ursuline's House Raffle. We are searching for a new Builder Sponsor for the 11th Annual House Raffle. Together we can try to raise the roof. For further information please contact Lori Haines at Ursuline 791-5794 ext 1218 lhaines@ursulineacademy.org

Parent Associations

The new school year is off to a great start thanks in part to the Parent Associations' many wonderful volunteers who have played active roles in several events to date. The freshman parents got a warm reception at the **Freshman Orientation Picnic** at which our bridge parents had a chance to dine with the freshman parents and offer support and advise to them. Thanks to **Kevin Malloy** and **Sheryl Weiner** and their committees for organizing the bridge parents at this well run event. We'd also like to thank **Madeline Gilligan, Ted Bergh** and their committee for the fantastic job they did chairing the **Ursuline Family Mass and Breakfast**. The mass was presided by Fr. Jack Wessling and was a beautiful celebration of Ursuline's 110 year Birthday.

Ann Anzalone made her annual stop at UA for the **Freshman Parents' Coffee** at which she presented study advise to the freshman parents. Thanks to **Diane Schings** and her committee for making this a nice event for our freshman parents. A special thanks, too, to our parent volunteers who provided the many breakfast goodies.

On Parents' Night we had our directory committee out in force handing out the much anticipated **Student Directories**. Thanks to **Laurie Tappel, Kathy Allard** and their committee for getting the directory through in such a timely fashion. Please pay special attention to the advertisers and when possible thank them for supporting UA by giving them your business. Also please note in your directories the following corrections:

1. Add "c" to all Albrinck emails - Emily ('09), Kelsey ('11), Natalie & Jeff
2. Carolyn Bender's ('10) dad is Eric Bender
3. Sarah Keller's ('11) home phone is 271-1051 and her email is spkeller@cinci.rr.com
Sarah's mother, Susan Keller's email is sskeller@cinci.rr.com
4. Diane Hill's (parent) email is dkhill@cinci.rr.com

5. Lisa Guay's ('09) email is guayl@cinci.rr.com (not #1)
6. Jordan Keller's ('08) home phone is 321-8727 and her mom is Beth TenOever-Keller
7. Sarah Kessler's ('09) parents' names are spelled Kessler
8. Christina Beer's ('11) dad's name is Bill Beer
9. Tara Leesar's ('10) temporary address is 11670 Currier Lane, Apt A Cinti, Oh 45249
10. Chelsea Kuchik's ('11) email is chichi@cinci.rr.com
Chelsea's mom is Holly Rebensdorf (add this to the Cross Reference section in the back)
Holly's cell # is 520-9700 and her email is hollyreb@cinci.rr.com
11. Add new student Maggie Schildmeyer ('09), cell # 683-3467
and parents, Terry & Peggy, cell # 623-3475, email terry000@fuse.net
10902 Shadow Glen Drive, Loveland, OH 45140 home phone, 683-3467
12. Mathematics Teacher, Brenda Kahan, is the Department Coordinator

Wow... what a busy month it has been!

Looking ahead....

Senior and Juniors should be receiving their invitations to the Mother's Club **Etiquette Advantage** Program to be held the evening of October 24th at Kenwood Country Club. Those in attendance will learn interviewing skills, polish their dining etiquette and brush up on conversational skills needed for upcoming college interviews. Space will be limited and reservations are on a first come first served basis.

The **Fall Faculty Luncheon** will take place on October 30. For those parents wishing to supply food please contact **Madeline Gilligan**, chairperson of the event.

After two busy months we will wind down in November to help support the 25th **Ultimate Auction** scheduled on **November 17**. We encourage everyone to get a table together and join in the fun!

The next Mothers' Club and Dads' Club meeting will be a joint meeting on **October 10, 2007**. If you have items that you would like to communicate to the Board, please contact **Sue Besl Price** at **368-9704** or **Brian Foes** at **583-8372**.

The Write Stuff

Congratulations to **Carly Schoenhof** '07 who won a \$50 savings bond for a poem entered in the Young Poets Contest in the spring. Carly's poem will also be included in an anthology, a copy of which will be given to Ursuline. **Jenna Yates '07** and **Ginny Walters '07** who submitted outstanding writing portfolios to Miami University in June, were awarded six English credit hours for their hard work. Miami is one of the only universities in the nation that recognizes strong writing in this way. The program is organized through Miami's English Department.

Marilyn Herring

Athletics

Swimming World Magazine named Ursuline's 2007-2008 swim team #10 in the Girls National High School Championship for Independent schools. The following Ursuline events hold one of the top times in the country: **Sarah Tanner** in the 200 Yard IM with a time of 2:01.85 and 100 Yard Butterfly with a time of 55.26; Ursuline's 200 Yard Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:35.79. The Ursuline community raised over \$4,000 for the **Volley for the Cure**. Thanks for all your support and sponsorship. **Fall sports tournament time is just around the corner. Come out and watch a sectional, district, regional or state match.**

We are accepting applications for the **Hall of Fame**. Please go to www.ursulinelions.com to nominate a former Ursuline Athlete.

The Varsity Golf Team set a team record at O'Bannon Gold course by shooting a 156, which is 12 below their previous record. **Olivia Capuano** was the medalist and shot a 37.

Congratulations to **Erika and Anna Kohlen** who both received 2007 US Squash Scholar-Athlete Award given by the US Squash Junior Squash Program. Anna and Erika demonstrated outstanding athletic and academic achievement to receive this prestigious award.

Classroom News

Algebra I: We are working on a project right now involving the real numbers and their classification. The students will be creating an article, poem, song, or newspaper and relating it to natural, whole, integer, rational, or irrational numbers. We are also finishing up a section on matrices. **Geometry:** We have been working with Geometer's Sketchpad. This week the students created an autumn picture and included such things as vertical and adjacent angles, as well as polygons and linear pairs. They had fun creating this while also learning more about different types of angles.

Sarah Ambrose

Freshmen and Sophomores Connect

As an outreach for the incoming Class of 2011, the Class of 2010 has welcomed each freshman by being a sophomore buddy to them. All freshmen were given a welcome card by their sophomore buddy. On the first day of classes they met each one so that the freshmen would have a friendly face to assist them through their transition to high school. The Class of 2010 is the first class to be a part of the Jewel family system at UA. This Jewel family system was started last year as a way for students to meet more of their classmates earlier in their school year to develop more relationships. Activities will be held throughout the school year that will incorporate both classes allowing for a better relationship between the grades.

This past June, the **Multicultural Department** hosted its first Learning to Lead summer camp. Girls in grades 3-8 who have a passion for learning attended a two-week camp. 25 girls from some of Ursuline Academy's underrepresented groups were a part of a fantastic learning camp experience. Each camper was paired up with a UA student which added to the success of the camp. The campers had sessions in science, math, geography, drama, literature, and music that were taught by our excellent faculty. They also learned belly dancing, worked on their research skills, and participated in several physical activities. The campers overwhelmingly enjoyed the experience and all said that they wanted to come back to this camp next year. All expressed their excitement about being a part of the Ursuline community.