



# Next Level

THE CAMPAIGN FOR  
UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL



**A**t San Francisco University High School, we prove the transformative power of education. And our vision is audacious: to continually expand what the high school experience makes meaningful.

With your support, the Next Level campaign will bring this bold vision to fruition, keeping our community at the fore of secondary education. Together, we'll continue to transform our program, the spaces that unite us, and our ability to inspire a more inclusive, more diverse community.

That's what being a leader in the space of secondary education means: to constantly advance *how* and *why high school matters*.

WHEN YOU SUPPORT THE NEXT LEVEL CAMPAIGN,  
YOU'RE NOT JUST ENHANCING UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL;  
YOU'RE TRANSFORMING ALL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

**C***I was exposed to a world of knowledge that I'd barely begun to explore, filled with discussions on topics I'm fascinated by.*

– FRANK, CLASS OF '21







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he Next Level campaign advances the University High School community's priorities across multiple fronts.

**CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION** to redesign existing facilities and build the California Street STEM and Community campus.

**PROGRAM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING** that keeps UHS teachers and students at the forefront of educational evolution.

**FACULTY SUPPORT** that fuels care and innovation, attracting and retaining world-class teachers.

**STUDENT FINANCIAL AID EXPANSION** to help dismantle the barriers that block talented students from University High School and increase our community's socio-economic and cultural diversity.

**FLEXIBLE OPERATING SUPPORT** so that we can make the most of opportunities and respond nimbly to challenges.

# We have, today, reached the tipping point.

The intention and ingenuity of our school community is well established. We are now primed to launch into transformative action.

With your support, we can do far more than keep pace. Our inspired students and faculty can and will upend the status quo. Together, we will leverage all the intelligence and intentionality that underpins our Strategic Design. We will lift up our school and the high school experience.

*I'm deeply connected to the notion that we should live a life larger than ourselves and that giving back is important—and those are things I learned at UHS.*

— MATT FARRON, CLASS OF '98, SB '84,  
CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR, FORMER TRUSTEE



# Next Level Inspiration

The students of the future demand a new paradigm. As the world changes, University High School needs to keep delivering ascending levels of inspiration.

Education at UHS isn't about filling in bubbles or memorizing equations. It's about discovering who you are and who you can become as part of an interconnected community. This is why we focus on helping each student have a transformative—not transactional—experience. A life of wisdom and growth depends on these critical years of exuberance and exploration.

And our kind of transformational education relies on equally inspired educators.

Fueling that brilliance—and revitalizing the life-long impact a secondary education should impart—requires next level faculty support.

This campaign:

- Increases our teachers' financial security;
- Rewards faculty with time to reflect and create via our sabbatical program; and
- Funds professional development, like the Lamott Endowment for Interdisciplinary Teaching and Curricular Innovation awards. These annual grants fund the work of inspired teachers in creating curricula that encourages team teaching and interdisciplinary work.

**IT IS THIS KIND OF TEACHER ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT THAT KEEPS UHS A NEXT LEVEL SCHOOL WITH A NEXT LEVEL FACULTY.**

*UHS has helped me become the version of myself I had dreamed of.*

– MIRANDA, CLASS OF '22







*My sense of self was jumbled, but UHS helped me cement who I am. Through the rigorous classes and the community I was able to find a much stronger sense of belonging than ever before.*

- DEVAN, CLASS OF '20

**Why High School**

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## Next Level Connection

UHS is a school where connections spark our imaginations and elevate our intelligence. This is a place of people. Here, the connections we draw together—and that draw us together—take us to the next level.

We don't take the strength of those connections for granted, however. It is easy to assume that simply sharing physical space will unite us, but cohesion is the result of curation and care—whether we're talking about UHS, San Francisco, or the country.

The Next Level campaign campus transformation plans elevate our facilities and our use of them to catalyze connection. Through the new California Street campus we will provide—for the first time—the right space for our whole community to be together.

We see this focus on connection throughout the facilities improvements planned, taking the school a step higher across each level of our campus.

- Increasing the area of our campus by more than 50%, with spaces devoted to flexible classrooms, fabrication and collaboration spaces, STEM labs, and social hubs
- Dramatically elevating the space—and experience—for our student-athletes
- Customizing our spaces to meet the creativity and energy of our community, while making the student experience across our campus more cohesive

*We can build life-sustaining community space into every building.*

—NASIF ISKANDER, DEAN OF FACULTY,  
ASSISTANT HEAD OF SCHOOL





# In order to take our connections to the next level, we're working towards educational equity.

Significant barriers still block many talented students from opportunity, here and across the country.

And yet, the transformational high school experience we aspire to share with every UHS student depends on us fostering inclusive opinions, building a community of those with diverse experiences, and constantly investing in student belonging and thriving.

One way the Next Level campaign helps UHS to enrich the student experience is by funding Educational Promise scholarships. These scholarships—until now funded informally—cover the full cost of tuition, supplies, activities, and summer enrichment for selected Summerbridge students admitted to UHS. A restricted endowment will fund four concurrent Educational Promise scholarships every year.

WHEN WE WORK TOWARDS EQUITY—IN PART THROUGH INCREASED FINANCIAL AID AND EXPANDED ENROLLMENT—WE TAKE OUR COMMUNITY, OUR IDEAS, AND OUR POTENTIAL TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

*Our financial aid program aims to build and sustain an excellent learning community by offering comprehensive support that allows students from socio-economically diverse backgrounds to engage fully in the UHS experience.*

— NATE LUNDY, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID





## Next Level Leadership

By putting our bold ideas into practice, we take full advantage of our potential and demonstrate thought leadership that benefits students and families from coast to coast.

University High School unites a community of leaders. And that leadership demands we step up. We have to continue doing the research, analyzing the data, and enacting the strategies that prove most effective for UHS students. Flexible operating funds raised through this campaign keep us constantly learning and ready to react.

WHEN WE BUILD AND SHARE THESE TRANSFORMATIONAL STRATEGIES— THAT'S LEADERSHIP.

## Next Level Opportunity

You have the opportunity now to catalyze our position as the school poised to revitalize the life-long impact of a secondary education.

Without your support, UHS will miss this critical opportunity to embrace our full potential. We need you, now, to help take University High School to the next level.

We need your partnership in building up our physical spaces, as our campuses reach new heights. We need your investment in continuing to build up our students and faculty intellectually and emotionally, as they ascend to new levels of growth. And the positive influence UHS has on the evolution of secondary education depends on your engagement, as we work to advance our next level ideas.

University High School has the foundation, built upon our shared values. We have the plan, collaboratively constructed by our community.

IT IS TIME TO TAKE UHS TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

## What we need, now, is you.

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TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT TODAY.



Together, we are  
lifting UHS to the

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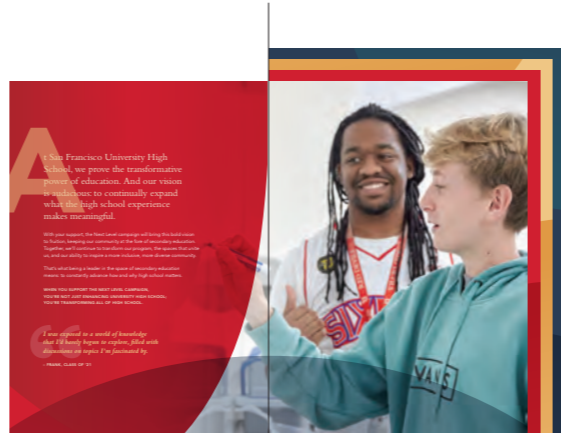


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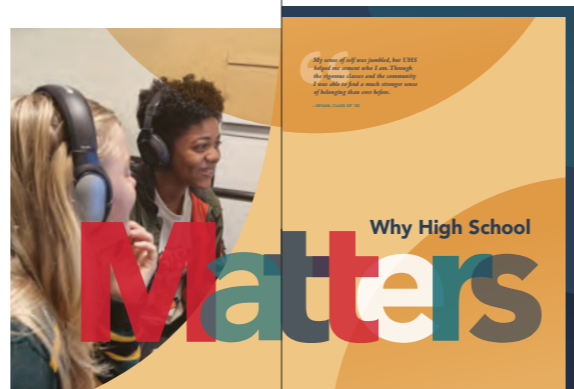
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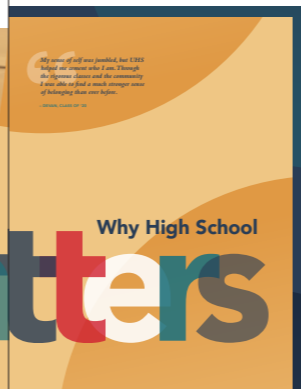
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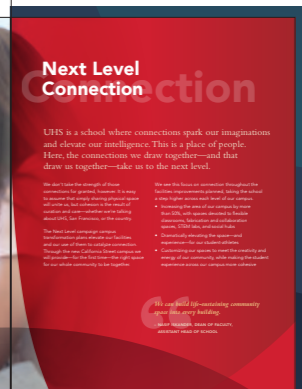
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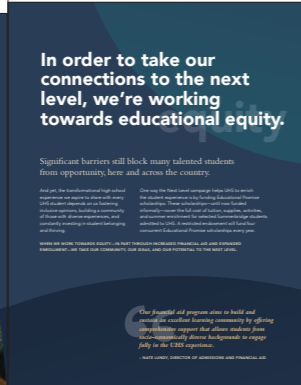
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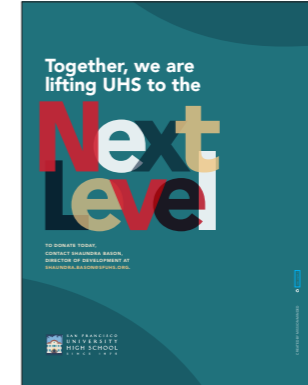
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