

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL HISTORY

The first semester of the program that is now The University School began in spring 1982 with five preschool children. That first class was held in a classroom in the School of Nursing. The idea developed in what was then The University of Tulsa's Department of Special Education. During that semester, Dr. Hollingsworth was hired to be the teacher for the 1982-83 school year.

Year 1: 1982-1983

- The University of Tulsa Preschool Enrichment Program moved to 206 Lorton Hall. Monday/Wednesday morning and Tuesday/Thursday afternoon sessions – twelve students each.
- Used campus Art Department, Music Department and McFarlin Library for enrichment activities.
- Spring 1983-Dr. Hollingsworth began the thematically based Friday Rainbow Art Program.
- Parents requested kindergarten be offered for the following year.
- Program administrated through the College of Education and its dean, Dr. Bruce Howell.
- Dr. Hollingsworth became Coordinator of the Gifted Program and began planning the kindergarten.

Year 2: 1983-1984

- Program changed its name to the Gifted Enrichment Program of The University of Tulsa Stoia Learning Center.
- Began *Word Works*.
- First semester-the kindergarten used Lorton Auditorium as a classroom
- Second semester-the kindergarten moved upstairs in Lorton.
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Year 3: 1984-1985

- Building at 622 South Harvard Court housed the Early Childhood, Primary I, and Primary II classes and staff offices.
- Crowded conditions prompted a request for an additional building. Several months into the school year the playground was completed.
- During the second semester, The University of Tulsa and the Stoia Foundation decided to go their separate ways.
- The University of Tulsa's Provost Office took over the oversight and administration of the gifted program on campus and appointed Dr. Hollingsworth as Director of The University of Tulsa School for Gifted Children.

Year 4: 1985-1986

- Summer 1985 Marti Sudduth was appointed Office Manager and Admissions Officer.
- The newly acquired building, 579 South Gary Place, was ready soon after school started.
- Fall 1985, held a "Colloquy for the Gifted," attended by public school teachers and administrators, psychologists, professors and business leaders.
- Dr. Hollingsworth's article published in a national journal for gifted education, *Roepers Review*, concerning the University School Enaction Curriculum.
- First University School t-shirts sold.
- The Directory of Tulsa Area Private Schools was published—Dr. Hollingsworth & Sharon Block, co-chairs.
- Spring 1986—First Winter Drama Festival for area schools held at the School of Nursing Auditorium.
- First Convention for Parents & Teachers of the Gifted, University of Oklahoma Tulsa Medical College with Dr. Stephen Glenn and Dr. Bob Block, keynote speakers.
- Student art exhibit in Westby Center.
- Read-a-thon earned several sets of encyclopedias for the school.

Year 5: 1986-1987

- Fall Staff Development trained teachers to use Talents Unlimited which develops the skills of Productive Thinking, Decision Making, Communication, Planning and Forecasting.
- Additional training was provided later by Talents Unlimited consultants from Arkansas.
- Fall 1986--the Network News Quarterly began.

- The University of Tulsa approved a Masters Degree in Education with Gifted Ed. specialization with Dr. Kelble and Dr. Hollingsworth teaching these graduate classes.
- Spring 1987—2nd Annual Winter Drama Festival.
- 2nd Annual Conference for the Parents and Teachers of the Gifted—Dr. Julie Powell-Ward.
- Began fund raising for the renovation of building at 563 South Gary Place.
- Building fund drive included a folk concert, popcorn sales, garage sale, and family donations.
- First Creative Producers' convention in the Great Hall of Westby Center, Linda Meyer, chair.

Year 6: 1987-1988

- Building at 563 South Gary Place not ready until the second semester, so Intermediates were housed in Oliphant Hall with the computers still in Lorton Hall.
- A short article about University School was published in the September 1987 issue of a national publication, *Gifted Children Monthly*.
- 3rd Annual Convention for parents and Teachers for the Gifted at the OU Medical School—Dr. Dale Doty, keynote speaker.
- Sharon Block and Alicia Parent joined our staff.
- Spring 1988--\$5,000 grant received from the Grace and Franklin Bersen Foundation to acquire a basic library and to access the LIAS system which ties the school to the University library.
- 3rd Annual Winter Drama Festival in Allen Chapman Activity Center.
- 2nd Annual Creative Producers' convention.
- Linda Meyer became Administrative Assistant and Marti Sudduth became Assistant Director.

Year 7: 1988-1989

- Fall 1988—University School nationally recognized for service and leadership with a Merit Award from Gifted Children Advocacy Association. One other program in the US was so recognized.
- Intermediate I became a separate class from the Older Intermediates.
- David Melton, author and publisher was the keynote speaker for the 4th Annual Convention for Parents and Teachers of the Gifted in October.
- Dr. Hollingsworth served as President of the Oklahoma Association for Gifted, Creative and Talented and as such presented Mr. Melton at an OAGCT meeting in Oklahoma City.
- Dr. Hollingsworth and Marti Sudduth helped plan OAGCT Convention in Tulsa that featured Sylvia Rimm and Judy Galbraith.
- 4th Annual Winter Drama Festival.
- 3rd Annual Creative Producers' Convention.
- Students sang for TU Trustees and UNICEF Press Conference at Children's Medical Center.
- Spring—published The Directory of Tulsa Area Schools for 1989-1990.
- Dr. Hollingsworth and son Stephen co-authored *Smart Art*.
- Marilyn Howard trained winning Computer Challenge teams.
- Super Science Summer.

- Fundraiser at Paul Woodul's home.
- Judy Burton, Parent Association President.
- First year Curriculum Guide published.

Year 8: 1989-1990

- Dr. Bob Block—keynote speaker for 5th Annual Convention for Parents and Teachers.
- First reunion of the teachers involved in the National Science Foundation grant received by Dr. Bob Howard and Dr. Eileen Kelble.
- LIAS hookup completed tying school library to TU library via computer.
- Marti Sudduth trained seven classes of students for the Tulsa Run. Our banner was a winner.
- Recycled aluminum cans and recycled telephone books.
- 5th Annual Winter Drama Festival.
- 4th Annual Creative Producers' Convention.
- Two new curriculum programs began, Shurley English and Kumon Math. Kumon was paid for through a successful Read-a-Thon, chaired by Sharon Block.
- After school program offered violin, science, and a new course, Latin, led by Dr. Benediktson.
- Track and Field Day with Anderson Elementary School.
- Carol Burnett, Parent Association President.
- Eighth Grade Graduates: 1

Year 9: 1990-1991

- The University acquired an additional building at 539 south Gary Place which was ready a few months into the school year for Primary III and Intermediate I.
- Dr. Hollingsworth was an invited participant at the Theory Summit, Mt. Hood, OR.
- 6th Annual Convention for Parents and Teachers, Dr. Paul Schwartz, keynote.
- Teachers attended National Association for Gifted Children, Little Rock.
- 6th Winter Drama Festival.
- Introduced to Jim Fay's Parenting Styles.
- 5th Creative Producers' convention, Karen Keith, Outstanding Creative Producer.
- Harmon Foundation Grant for \$1,000 to support Drama Festival and Creative Producers' Convention.
- Super Science Summer.
- Dr. Hollingsworth spoke on Kumon at world Gifted conference, The Hague, Netherlands.
- University School Association President – Barbara Holleman.
- OAGCT – Dr. Barbara Clark – Tulsa.
- Eighth Grade Graduates: 2

Year 10: 1992-1993

- U.S. Department of Education Javits Grant awarded to University School for teacher training.
- 8th Annual Convention for Parents and Teachers—Dr. Foster Cline.
- 8th Annual Drama Festival.
- Awesome Architecture Week—Curriculum field testing.
- 7th Annual Creative Producers' Convention and Blood and Guts.

- Awesome Architecture Workshops for teachers and students: U.S. Department of Ed Javits grant.
- University School Association President—Debbye Zanerhaft.
- Eighth Grade Graduates: 2

Year 12: 1993-1994

- Javits Grant awarded for second year for \$206,000.
- 9th Annual Convention for Parents and Teachers, Dr. Sylvia Rimm.
- Teachers presented at NAGC in Atlanta, GA.
- Mother Nature Week – Curriculum field testing.
- 9th Annual Drama Festival.
- 8th Annual Creative Producers' Convention and Blood and Guts.
- Mother Nature Workshops for teachers and students: U.S. Department of Ed Javits grant.
- University School Association President – Linda Stearns.
- Eighth Grade Graduates: 2

Year 13: 1994-1995

- Javits Grant awarded for third year for \$206,000.
- Major building fund drive begun, chaired by Hilary Zarrow and Sally Donaldson.
- 10th Annual Convention for Parents and Teachers—Jim Fay.
- Fundraiser party at the Zarrow home.
- Teachers presented at NAGC in Salt Lake City, UT.
- 10th Annual Winter Drama Festival.
- Father Time Week – curriculum field testing.
- 9th Annual Creative Producers' Convention and Blood and Guts.
- Father Time Workshops for teachers and students: U.S. Department of Ed Javits grant.
- Baskets of Joy party at the home of Sue Fisher.
- Wild West party at the home of Bartlett-Howards.
- University School Association President – Susan Young.
- Eighth Grade Graduates: 2

Year 14: 1995-1996

- 11th Annual Convention for Parents and Teachers—Dr. Sylvia Rimm.
- Teachers presented at NAGC in Tampa, FL.
- 11th Annual Winter Drama Festival.
- 10th Annual Creative Producers' Convention and Blood and Guts.
- May 16—Official groundbreaking for new building located north of 4th Place between College and Evanston, University of Tulsa President Dr. Lawless, speaker.
- Summer Kumon—two age groups.
- Baskets of Joy party at the home of Gordona Duca.
- Australian Outback fundraiser at the home of the Bartlett-Howards.
- University School Association President – Sue Fisher.
- Eighth Grade Graduates: 6

Year 15: 1996-1997

- University School conducted the first NAGC Parent and Teacher Institute, Dr. Sylvia Rimm.
- Director presented at NAGC in Tampa, FL.
- Director and teachers presented at OAGCT in Tulsa.
- 12th Annual Winter Drama Festival.
- 11th Annual Creative Producers' Convention and Blood and Guts.
- Construction begun on new building, January 1997.
- Summer Kumon—two age groups.
- Baskets of Joy party at the home of the Drotars.
- Fiesta fundraiser at the home of the Bartlett-Howards.
- University School Association President – Barb Drotar.
- Eighth Grade Graduates: 8

Year 16: 1997-1998

- Teachers and parents packed to move to new building.
- Before and after school program initiated.
- September—Ribbon cutting ceremony with Dr. Lawless
- University School Association President – Kathy Passmore-Meyer.
- New University School address: 326 South College.
- New playground with three structures.
- 3-day Parent and Teacher Institute. 13th year—Dr. Bob Block, keynote speaker.
- NAGC – Little Rock, AR.
- Dr. Hollingsworth re-elected to NAGC Board of Directors.
- 13th Annual Winter Drama Festival.
- Renaissance Party at home of Bartlett-Howards.
- May – Renaissance Fair – 12th annual celebration of creative producers.
- May – School production of H.M.S. Pinafore.
- May – First University School yearbook and party.
- Eighth Grade Graduates: 8
- June and July – University School Summer Academy

Year 17: 1998-1999

- September – Tulsa University Press established and published seven interdisciplinary curriculum books.
- University School Association President – Rita Archer.
- October – Parent and Teacher Institute at TU with Arlene DeVries and Dr. Bob Block.
- November – NAGC Convention – Louisville.
- December – Baskets of Joy party at Paul Woodul's home.
- 14th Annual Drama Festival focus "Civil War."
- U.S. Department of Education Javits grant awarded to University School for Project *SAIL*.
- Spring "Travels Through Time" fundraiser at Cash home.
- MATHCOUNTS team second in state.
- May – Band performance night, Tyrrell Hall.
- May – First University School family dance.

- Eighth Grade Graduates: 13
- June – U.S. Department of Education Javits grant Project SAIL for students, parents, and teachers.

Year 18: 1999-2000

- Butterfly garden, parking lot, and outdoor classroom completed.
- October – 15th Parent and Teacher Institute at TU with Dr. Virginia Cadle, family counselor.
- University School Association President – Judi Morrow.
- November – Teacher presentations at NAGC in Albuquerque, NM.
- December – Baskets of Joy party at home of David and Dessa Weber.
- 15th Annual Winter Drama Festival.
- Spring – Marilyn Howard named Middle School Math Teacher of the Year, Bob Howard named Professor of Chemistry of the Year.
- Spring fundraiser at University School after visit to designer home.
- Sim City team 4th in state.
- MATHCOUNTS team places 4th in state.
- May – 14th Annual Celebration of Creative Producers: Renaissance Fair.
- May – Work on Butterfly Garden continues, flower bed edging installed, Boy Scouts plant a tree, University School students plant flowers.
- May – Band and Choir night in Tyrrell Hall.
- Eighth Grade Graduates (Evening graduation ceremony): 9
- May – Parent sponsored 7th and 8th Grade Banquet at Greenwood Cultural Center
- June – U.S. Department of Education Javits grant Project SAIL Year 2 begins.

Year 19: 2000-2001

- October – Jim Fay speaks for 16th annual Parent and Teacher Institute.
- University School Association President - Brett Dobratz.
- November – Teachers present at NAGC in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Fall – Parenting classes presented by Marti Sudduth and Debi Foster.
- December – Baskets of Joy held at University School, Ruth Brower, chair
- March – 16th Annual Winter Drama Festival.
- Spring – Sailing Through Time fundraiser at University School.
- Spring – Sim City team placed third in state.
- May – 15th annual Creative Producers' Convention: Renaissance Fair
- May – Jogging path completed for fenced outdoor fitness area
- Band and Choir Night
- Pep Rally and yearbook signing
- Eighth Grade Graduates: 10
- Graduates and their parents raised money from a garage sale for first class gift to University School: trophy case, rock bench for Butterfly Garden, and graduation gowns.
- June – U.S. Department of Education Javits grant Project SAIL
- Spring and Summer – continued work on Butterfly Garden by Susan Coman, Mary Weddle, Sid Hansen, and others

Year 20: 2001-2002

- University School Association President – Susan Slattery
- September – Parent and Teacher Institute, Sylvia Rimm, keynote speaker.
- Fall – Pat Hollingsworth elected to the Board of Directors of NAGC for three-year term.
- Fall – Parenting classes with Marti Sudduth and Debi Foster
- November – Teachers give presentations at NAGC in Cincinnati
- December – Baskets of Joy party, chair Robin Fox.
- January 18 – Happy 20th Birthday University School—Dr. Sandy Garrett, keynote speaker.
- March – 17th Annual Winter Drama Festival
- May – 16th annual Creative Producers' Convention: Renaissance Fair
- Spring – Butterfly Garden windscreen built by parents.
- Spring – “Garden Party” fundraiser, chair Mary Weddle.
- Spring – Brick fundraiser, chair Barb Drotar.
- Eighth Grade Graduates: 14
- Summer – Pat Hollingsworth selected for Leadership Tulsa.

Year 21: 2002-2003

- SAILS curriculum books selected for international use by Department of Defense Schools
- University School Association President – Teresa Long
- August – Julie Nierenberg becomes Director of Extended Day Program (7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)
- DHS licensure
- August – Benches built, bricks and rock floor laid in Butterfly Garden
- September – Parent and Teacher Institute sponsored by University School, Daniel Weinberger, keynote speaker.
- Fall – Parenting classes with Marti Sudduth and Debi Foster.
- Fall – Marti Sudduth – OAGCT President-Elect
- October – Pat Hollingsworth, keynote speaker for New York state gifted convention.
- October – Matt Lupsha speaks to parents about Kumon
- November – Teachers give presentations at NAGC in Denver.
- November – Fortune Hunter's Festival in Butterfly Garden
- January – Sylvia Rimm meets with University School parents and teachers
- March – Arrival of new school bus donated by Shearer family
- March – Winter Drama Festival
- April – Nathan Levy speaks on “How to help your students think better.”
- April – NPSAG full accreditation received.
- Spring – Pat Hollingsworth attended Harvard Principals' Center
- May – 17th annual Creative Producers' Convention: Renaissance Fair
- May – Band and Choir Night – ACAC
- University School won the 2003 Able Academic Bowl 8th grade Conference Championship.
- Eighth grade gift: academic bowl buzzers.
- Eighth grade graduates: 12

- Summer – Water feature added to Butterfly Garden
- Marti Sudduth selected for Leadership Tulsa

Year 22: 2003-2004

- University School Association President – Susan Coman
- August – Nathan Levy presents “Practical Ways to Help Children Read, Write, and Think Better.”
- September – Parent and Teacher Institute—Jason Dorsey, keynote speaker
- Fall – Parenting classes with Marti Sudduth and Debi Foster
- Fall – Marti Sudduth—OAGCT President
- February – “Tastes from Around the World” USA fundraiser at Harwelden
- Spring 2004 – Dr. Hollingsworth’s article “University School at the University of Tulsa” was published in the Spring 2004 issue of the national magazine *Understanding Our Gifted*
- May – First evening and daytime Renaissance Fair: Mr. Shibata, President of Kumon North America, served as 2004 Creative Producer
- Eighth grade gift: a financial contribution to the school that was used for scholarships.
- Eighth grade graduates: 10
- June – Arts Camp with Tulsa Public Schools
- July – Camp Invention and other summer classes
- Summer – Parenting classes provided by Marti Sudduth and Debi Foster
- Summer – Online SAILS Humanities program created by Bob Reynolds, Pat Hollingsworth, Jana Ecrette, Marilyn Cox, and Cyndie Kidwell

Year 23: 2004-2005

- University School Association President, Juli Couch-Johnstone
- Fall – Dr. Hollingsworth on Board of Directors, National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)
- September – Psychologist Maureen Neihart leads the Parent-Teacher Institute with her presentation, “Tipping the Balance: From Risk to Resilience”
- September – Teachers attend Encyclomedia conference in Oklahoma City
- March – “Tastes from Around the World” USA fundraiser at Junior League of Tulsa
- May – First evening-only Renaissance Fair with musicians Dr. Leonard Garrison and Dr. Shannon Scott as 2005 Creative Producers
- Eighth grade graduates: 10
- Eighth grade gift to school: Bookcases for library
- Summer – Camp Incredible summer classes
- Summer – Parenting classes by Marti Sudduth and Debi Foster

Year 24: 2005-2006

- University School Association President, Cathy McClanahan
- Fall – Dr. Hollingsworth on Board of Directors, National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)
- September – Psychologist Maureen Neihart – keynote speaker for Parent and Teacher Institute – “From Good to Great: Nurturing Psychological Readiness”

- September – Teachers attend Encyclomedia in Tulsa with an open house at University School
- Funding the Future annual campaign chairs Debra and Tom Madaj
- February - “Tastes from Around the World” USA fundraiser at Junior League of Tulsa
- March - 21st Annual Drama Festival
- March - University School MATHCOUNTS team wins 1st at State.
- Spring - *Active Learning: Increasing Flow in the Classroom* by Dr. Hollingsworth and Gina Lewis published
- May - Second evening-only and 20th annual Renaissance Fair with David Cook, Maureen Hawley, and Lars Engle presenting “Scenes from Shakespeare” as 2006 Creative Producers
- Eighth grade graduates: 13
- Eighth grade gift to school: Science Materials
- Summer - Camp Incredible - 7 summer sessions
- Summer - Love & Logic parenting classes taught by Marti Sudduth and Debi Foster

Year 25: 2006-2007

- University School Association President, David Hamby
- Fall - Dr. Hollingsworth on Board of Directors, National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)
- September - Arlene DeVries leads the 22nd Parent and Teacher Institute with “Living in the Gifted Family”
- Funding the Future annual campaign chairs, Susan and Jeff Slattery
- Fall - Safety Week presentations
- 25th Anniversary Kick-off with pigeon release
- Fall - Jog-a-Thon, chairs Melissa Hamby and Debbie Price
- Second year service group - Junior Board - chairs Leslie Shearer and Christy Fournet
- December - First Alumni Party at Paul Woodul’s home
- January - 25th Anniversary All-School Dance at ACAC
- February - 22nd Annual Winter Drama Festival
- April - “Tastes from Around the World” USA Fundraiser at Bernsen Community Center
- May - 21st Renaissance Fair, Picasso and O’Keeffe Look-a-Like Contest, Schoolwide Essay Contest winners announced
- Eighth grade graduates: 8
- Eighth grade gift to school: Reupholstered library chairs, sand toys, maps for social studies room
- Summer - Camp Incredible - 7 one-week sessions
- Summer - Love & Logic parenting classes taught by Marti Sudduth and Debi Foster

Year 26 - 2007-2008

- University School Association President, Gwen Caviness
- Funding the Future annual campaign chairs, Teresa Long and Ken Threadgill

- September - 25th Anniversary Gala hosted by Mayor Kathy Taylor, Bill Lobeck, and alumna Elizabeth Frame at Jazz Hall of Fame.
- Third year service group - Junior Board, chairs Leslie Shearer and Louise Cronk
- September - 23rd Annual Parent & Teacher Institute with Charles Fay
- September – Fall Safety Week led by Assistant Director Gina Lewis
- October – Jog-A-Thon – Melissa and Debbie Price, Co-Chairs
- November – Teacher presentation at NAGC in Minneapolis
- December – Principal Li from Chongqing, China visited University School and stayed at the home of Marla Mansfield and Larry Hill
- December – 2nd Annual Alumni Party at Paul Woodul's home
- February – Teachers gave presentations at OAGCT
- February – Marilyn Howard honored with OAGCT Service Award for outstanding service to gifted students
- March – 23rd Annual Winter Drama Festival
- March – Dr. Hollingsworth traveled to China and Vietnam to exchange ideas about education and visit University School's sister school in Chongqing, China where Mr. Li is principal
- April – "Tastes from Around the World" Auction chaired by Juli Couch-Johnstone held downtown at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
- May – 22nd Annual Renaissance Faire held at ACAC featured "Dress Like a Creative Producer"
- Nine (9) 8th grade graduates
- May – Three University School students chosen to serve as pages for legislators at the Oklahoma State Capitol
- The 8th grade raised funds for the purchase of new microscopes for science, an Elmo document camera and projector, and refinishing of school furniture
- Summer – Camp Incredible, administered by Assistant Director Marti Sudduth included seven (7) one-week sessions during June and July

Year 27 - 2008-2009

- University School Association President, Jeff Slattery
- Funding the Future annual campaign chairs, Rose and Todd Gamble
- Fall Safety Week conducted by Assistant Director Debra Price
- Junior Board, University School's student service organization – 4th year, led by Louise Cronk and Regina Ritchie
- September – 24th Annual Parent-Teacher Institute held at Family and Children's Services; featured Sally Ogden from Love and Logic Institute
- October – Jog-A-Thon, chairs Sarah Poleman and Brooke Jones
- 1st annual Funding the Future Phone-A-Thon
- Dr. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Sudduth, and Ms. Price recorded University School stories at the StoryCorps mobile recording studio
- December – University School issued a \$20,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor. The donor was later revealed to be Marti and Kelly Sudduth with a matching donation from Williams Companies.
- 3rd Annual Alumni Party – held at the home of Paul Woodul.
- University School hosted TU's Academic Staff Council.
- The University of Tulsa provided the school with a mobile laptop computer lab with 12 laptops and a laser printer.

- February – Teachers attended the Oklahoma Association for Gifted, Creative, and Talented in Edmond, OK
- March – Annual Winter Drama Festival
- University School MATHCOUNTS team placed 4th in the state competition.
- Butterfly Garden received a \$2,000 grant from Williams Companies
- The undefeated University School Academic Bowl team won the ABLE Conference Championship.
- “Tastes from Around the World Goes Tropical” – Annual live and silent auction held at the Summit with chairpersons Chris and Jennifer Lopp. Online auction and 50/50 raffle were added to the event which raised over \$50,000.
- Creative Producers International (formerly the Renaissance Fair) was held.
- Nineteen (19) 8th grade graduates.
- The 8th grade class donated the proceeds from their fundraising effort to purchase the first SMARTBoard for University School. Their donation and a portion of the proceeds from the auction marked the kick-off of a fund drive with a goal of eventually putting a SMARTBoard in every classroom.
- May – Marti Sudduth retired and Gina Lewis was selected to replace her as Assistant Director of Curriculum and Finance.
- Summer 2009 – Seven (7) one-week sessions of Camp Incredible were held during June and July.
- Love and Logic parenting classes were taught by Debra Price and Gina Lewis.

Year 28 – 2009-2010

- Funding the Future (FTF) campaign chairs - Dan Milford and Nadia Rosales
- University School Association President - Wendy Brooks
- Junior Board – University School’s student service organization led by Pat Hollingsworth and Regina Ritchie – 5th year
- RenWeb/ParentsWeb school management system launched
- Second \$20,000 Funding the Future challenge donation given by Marti and Kelly Sudduth
- Parent Get-Togethers were held in August and September. These adult gatherings gave parents an opportunity to meet each other, visit with teachers and administrators, and learn about the \$20,000 FTF challenge.
- Sept. – Annual Parent-Teacher Institute held at Family and Children’s Services – featuring Betsy Geddes from the Love and Logic Institute
- Sally Foster fundraiser held.
- Fall and Spring Scholastic Book Fairs held – Jill Doerflinger, Chairperson.
- Oct. – Heads of Private Schools luncheon was held at University School – catered by University School parent Sunny Lambrecht.
- University School received a \$500 technology grant from Williams Companies to purchase wireless mouse and keyboard sets for four classrooms.
- Sixteen (16) 8th grade graduates.
- Proceeds from the 8th grade fundraisers were used to provide wireless keyboard and mouse sets for all remaining classrooms and a full set of 24 SMART Board remote response devices.
- Sept. - University School students joined their voices with others across America in the National Anthem Project.
- Back-to-School Family Dance held at Whiteside Recreation Center

- Oct. – Jog-A-Thon – Brooke Jones and Jennifer Zandbergen, Chairs; Theme – Urun, URecycle, USchool
- SMART Boards were purchased from FTF proceeds and installed in every classroom.
- The University of Tulsa purchased an additional twelve (12) laptop computers for the school, making a complete classroom set.
- Jan. – 8th Grade Fundraiser, All-School Dance, and Alumni Reunion
- Feb. – Teachers attended the Oklahoma Association for Gifted, Creative, and Talented (OAGCT) Convention in Edmond, OK.
- March – Annual Winter Drama Festival was held.
- MATHCOUNTS team placed 2nd in Chapter and State competitions.
- April – Annual auction fundraiser held at Gilcrease Museum. This year's theme was "Boots, BBQ, and Bidding." Jennifer and Chris Lopp, Co-Chairs. Over \$58,000 was raised toward technology improvements at USchool.
- May – Creative Producers International was held.
- Field Day (aka "Super Kids Day") was held on the last day of school in May.
- Summer 2010 – Six (6) one-week sessions of Camp Incredible were administered by Assistant Director Debra Price during June and July.
- Summer 2010 - Love and Logic parenting classes taught by Debra Price and Gina Lewis.

Year 29: 2010-2011

- Funding the Future (FTF) campaign chairs – Dan Milford and Nadia Rosales
- University School Association (USA) President – Jennifer Perry
- Parent Get-Togethers held in homes of families.
- 26th Annual Parent-Teacher Institute featuring Dr. Agnes Meyo
- Sept. – Grandparent Days
- All-School Thanksgiving Celebration
- 6th year of University School's Junior Board service organization led by Pat Hollingsworth and Regina Ritchie
- University School students joined their voices with other across America in the National Anthem Project
- Back-to-School Family Dance held at Allen Chapman Activity Center
- October – 8th Annual Jog-A-Thon; chairs – Jackie Hubner and Kathy Moore
- Heads of Private Schools luncheon held at University School – catered by Jennifer Zandbergen of JenZ Dish.
- Fall and spring Scholastic Book Fair fundraisers held; chaired by Jill Doerflinger
- Jan. – 8th grade fundraiser – All-School Dance and Alumni Reunion – ACAC
- Feb. 0 Teachers attended the Oklahoma association for Gifted, Creative, and Talented Conference in Stillwater, OK.
- March – 26th Annual Winter Drama Festival
- April – Annual auction fundraiser – "Doo Wop and Bobby Socks" – held at Tulsa Junior League. Jennifer Zandbergen and Sarah Jane Gillett co-chaired. Over \$36,600 raised for technology improvements.
- Fundraising proceeds used to purchase iPads.
- May – Creative Producers International
- Thirteen (13) 8th grade graduates.

- Proceeds from the 8th grade fundraisers used to purchase a ladder and a Bose Wave Radio system for the PE and music programs.
- 2nd Annual Field Day
- Summer 2011 – Six (6) one-week sessions of Camp Incredible administered by Assistant Directors Debra Price and Gina Lewis during June and July
- Love and Logic Parenting Classes taught by Debra Price and Gina Lewis

Year 30: 2011-2012

- Funding the Future (FTF) campaign co-chairs – Piper and Deacon Turner
- University School Association President – Leslie Gore