Director’s Report
2014-2015
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL MISSION

University School at the University of Tulsa was established in 1982 to offer the city of Tulsa and the state of Oklahoma leadership and service in the field of gifted education. The mission of our school is to serve as a national model of excellence in pre-college education for students of high academic potential. The total focus of the program is gifted students with high academic motivation and potential.
Letter from the Director

University School is extremely fortunate to be part of the TU Family. This fall President Upham sent an email to the campus titled Affirming Our Values. I would like to share part of his message with you in this annual report.

The University of Tulsa is committed to diversity, inclusion, and equality, and to the values and ideals that underpin the TU Family — integrity, fairness, open dialogue, and mutual respect.

The University of Tulsa remains committed to an environment of open expression and robust dialogue within the bounds of individual responsibility, civility, and mutual respect. Our administrative team and I maintain a spirit of openness, and we welcome the “great conversation” that characterizes the very best universities. This conversation is especially important as it relates to students’ sense of safety and belonging at The University of Tulsa — a sense that is foundational to the entire TU experience.

As a part of the TU Family, University School is likewise committed to the values and ideals that underpin this great organization. We are a place unlike any other in the Tulsa community. We celebrate our diversity. We endeavor to provide a safe space for all of our students, a place that will challenge them to work hard, develop their gifts and talents, and lead a life of respect and care for those in the world around them.

I ask that you take a few moments to reflect on these ideas and invite you to add your voice to this shared conversation.

With gratitude,

Pat Hollingsworth

Patricia Hollingsworth, Ed.D.
Director
### Primary I

- **Patricia Hollingsworth** Since 1982  
  Florida State University, B.S. Education  
  The University of Tulsa, M.A. Art Education & Counseling  
  The University of Tulsa, Ed.D. Education Administration  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Gifted K-12, Art K-12*

- **Carol Carter** Since 2002  
  Northeastern State University,  
  B.S. Early Childhood Education  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Early Childhood*

- **Gloria Widdoes** Since 2007  
  Certified fitness instructor for children  
  Girls on the Run Coach

- **Tiffany Robison** Since 2014  
  Oral Roberts University,  
  B.S. Elementary Education  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Early Childhood and Elementary Education*

- **Emily Wood** Since 2014  
  Smith College,  
  B.A. International Relations  
  Manhattanville College,  
  M.A. Teaching Arts  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Elementary Education, History, Learning Disabilities*

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- **Regina Ritchie** Since 2006  
  The University of Tulsa,  
  B.A. Communications  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Journalism*

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  Oral Roberts University,  
  B.A. Elementary Education  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Elementary*

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  Oklahoma State University,  
  B.S. Recreation Administration and Management  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Elementary*

### Intermediate I

- **Sarah Poleman** Since 2006  
  Missouri State University, B.S. Education  
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  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Elementary Education, Intermediate Mathematics and 7-12th Social Studies*

- **Pam Thomason** Since 1998  
  Oklahoma State University,  
  B.S. Family Relations and Child Development  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Psychology/Sociology*

### Intermediate II

- **Julie Lindsay** Since 2000  
  University of Oklahoma,  
  B.S. Elementary Education  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Elementary and Math*

- **Kim Schaefer** Since 2009  
  The University of Tulsa,  
  B.S. Communications  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Elementary*

- **Rhonda Bryce** Since 2013  
  University of Oklahoma  
  B.A. Liberal Studies

### Older Intermediate – 5

- **Cheryl Shane** Since 2011  
  The University of Tulsa,  
  B.A. Music and Elementary Education  
  Oklahoma State University,  
  M.S. Teaching, Learning and Leadership; Emphasis: Reading/Literacy  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification: Elementary Education 1-5, Reading Pre-K-12th, Middle School Music*

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  Tulsa Community College,  
  Associate Computer Programming  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification*

### Older Intermediate – 6

- **Marilyn Cox** Since 1996  
  The University of Tulsa, B.S. Accounting  
  The University of Tulsa, M.A. Gifted Education  
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  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Business Education, Career and Tech*

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  Oklahoma State University,  
  B.A. English  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Secondary English*

### Older Intermediate II

- **Katie Abergrombie** Since 1990  
  University of Oklahoma, B.S. Journalism  
  University of Oklahoma, M.B.A.  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - English*

- **Cyndie Yocham** Since 1990  
  The University of Tulsa,  
  B.A. Elementary Education  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Elementary Ed.*

- **Kay Strain** Since 2014  
  University of Oklahoma,  
  B.F.A. Visual Communications  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Art, Business, English, Math, Career-Tech Business*

- **Kevin Vincent** Since 2013  
  Northeastern State University,  
  B.S. Physics and Math  
  *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Secondary Math*
SPECIALTY CLASSES

**Art**
- Patricia Hollingsworth  Since 1982
  - See Primary I
- Diane Wilson  Since 2003
  - See Primary III

**Chinese**
- Can Yin  Since 2010
  - Beijing Normal University, B.A. Education
  - The University of Tulsa, M.A. Education

**Computers**
- Kelly O’Neil-Brown  Since 2006
  - Oklahoma State University, B.S. Computer Science
  - *NPSAA Teacher Certification

**Extended Day**
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  - Tulsa Community College, A.A.S. Marketing

**Library**
- Shelly McCollum
  - Librarian
  - University of Oklahoma, B.A. Liberal Studies
  - University of Oklahoma, MLIS

**Music**
- Kathy Call  Since 2004
  - The University of Tulsa, B.A. Music Education
  - *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Vocal & Instrumental Music K-12

**Physical Education**
- Elizabeth Daniels  Since 2009
  - Arkansas Tech University, B.S. Health and Physical Education
  - *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - K-12 Health/PE

**Reading Enrichment**
- Caroline Duncan  Since 2005
  - The University of Tulsa, B.S. Elementary Education/English
  - *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Elementary Education, Language Arts

**Science**
- Melissa Hamby  Since 2001
  - Oklahoma State University, Ph.D. Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
  - B.S. Elementary Education/Middle School Science
  - Arkansas Tech University, M.S. Gifted Education
  - The University of Tulsa, M.A. I/O Psychology
  - *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - Elementary Education, Middle School Science, Secondary Physical Science

**Spanish**
- Mary Still  Since 2008
  - Oklahoma State University, B.S. Business Education
  - *Oklahoma Teacher Certification - K-12, Spanish Endorsement, Pre AP Supervision

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**Revenues, gains and other support**

- Student tuition and fees: $2,656,545
- Less: University-funded scholarships: $(127,473)
- Net student tuition and fees: $2,529,072
- Research services and sponsored projects: $12,000
- Gifts, gifts in kind: $110,574
- Endowment income: $57,496
- Distributions from beneficial interest: $0
- Other miscellaneous income: $336,829
- **Total Fundraising**: $144,284

**Expenses**

- Salaries and benefits: $1,870,011
- Supplies: $210,109
- Postage and shipping: $4,224
- Printing and duplicating: $26,094
- Telecommunications: $2,430
- Memberships and subscriptions: $5,951
- Travel: $15,246
- Entertainment: $22,920
- Professional Services: $17,085
- Equipment: $91,442
- Computers: $15,331
- Transfers: $10,661
- **Total Expenses**: $2,361,862

Increase in net assets: $684,110
Income generated for The University of Tulsa: $284,770
Income generated for University School: $105,400
Net assets, beginning of year: $2,967,357
Net assets, end of year: $3,756,867

Fundraising Report 2014-2015

**University School Association Fundraising Report 2014-2015**

**Sales**

- Book Fair - Fall: $3,089
- Book Fair - Spring: $2,394
- Auction: $21,182
- Trivia Night: $7,045
- **Total**: $33,710

**Gifts/In Kind**

- Jog-A-Thon: $11,628
- Auction: $11,584
- Trivia Night: $1,213
- Funding the Future: $86,149
- **Total Fundraising**: $144,284

**University School Fundraising Expenditure Report 2014-2015**

- Outdoor Classroom/Amphitheater: $75,000
- Furniture: $8,626
- Entertainment: $7,111
- Equipment: $23,903
- Professional Development: $9,444
- Professional Services: $5,000
- Scholarships: $15,000
- **Total**: $144,284
2014-15 Events

Star Spangled Music – September 12, 2014
USchool students celebrated the 200th anniversary of the United States National Anthem by joining their voices with others across America as schools and communities sang “The Star Spangled Banner.”

Parent-Teacher Institute – September 18, 2014
30th annual event held at Allen Chapman Student Union
Topic: “Love and Logic – It Works!”; Keynote Speaker: Charles Fay, Ph.D.

Grandparent Days – September 22 and 23, 2014
Held in the Mary K. Chapman Great Hall of the Allen Chapman Student Union

School Dance – October 10, 2014
Held in the Mary K. Chapman Great Hall of the Allen Chapman Student Union

Jog-A-Thon – October 14, 2014
12th annual event, held at the TU track. Goal: $12,000
Amount raised: $12,500. Funds were divided between the science program and wish list items for each grade level classroom.

Homecoming Tailgate Party – October 18, 2014
2nd annual event. USchool families met as part of TU’s homecoming festivities and enjoyed food, games, and fun before the football game.

Fall Book Fair – October 22-24, 2014
Theme: “Enter the Kingdom of Books” - The fair raised $904 for the school library plus $2,160 in products. Parents and students also donated many books directly to USchool’s library.

Fall Book Fair – October 21-24, 2014
Theme: “Enter the Kingdom of Books” – The fair raised $904 for the school library plus $2,160 in products. Parents and students also donated many books directly to USchool’s library.

Winter Concert – December 16, 2014
Held at the Chapman Performance Center

Field Day – May 20, 2015

College Daze Auction Fundraiser – April 18, 2015
Auction was held at the John L. Rcker Warehouse in downtown Tulsa, a great setting where guests enjoyed delicious food from some of Tulsa’s best food trucks, played games, shoved off their college T-shirt and bid on auction items. $33,000 was raised to benefit the Elizabeth Franck Ellision Scholarship Endowment, which provides deserving students the opportunity to receive a University School education.

Create Producers Convention – April 23, 2015

Awards and Achievements

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS
Former USchool student Daniel Moran was awarded a 2015 Tex Richardson Engineering and Science Guidance Award sponsored by the Tulsa Engineering Foundation, Inc. and the Oklahoma Engineering Foundation. The award recognizes teachers and engineers in Oklahoma who demonstrate exceptional service in guidance activities. Moran was recognized for the STEM guidance he projects through his volunteer and employee roles with Fab Lab Tulsa, where he is lab manager.

Jaclyn Slattery – USchool Class of 2007 graduated in May 2015 from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor’s degree in physiology.

Austin Mifflin-Rosalas – U.School Class of 2011, graduated in May 2015 from John H. Reagan High School in Austin, Texas. Austin, who was a National Merit Semifinalist and student, attended Carnegie Mellon University beginning in the fall of 2015.

Douglas Fournet – USchool Class of 2011, graduated in May 2015 from Booker T. Washington High School as a National Merit Finalist and an Oklahoma Academic Scholar. He also earned the distinction of magna cum laude on the National Latin Exam.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Family and Children’s Services Visual Arts Contest
Three students won “Honorable Mention” in the “Family Stories” section of this visual arts competition.

Chinese New Year Celebration – February 19, 2015
February 20, 2015 – Oklahoma Association for Gifted, Creative, and Talented Conference (OMGCT)
Annual conference attended by USchool teachers; held at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Spring Book Fair – March 2-6, 2015
Theme: “Under the Sea – Explore an Ocean of Books!”

Family Game Night – March 3, 2015

Renaissance Fair Halloween Carnival – October 24, 2014
Kids and adults came dressed in costume and enjoyed fun and games.

Night Light at TU – November 18, 2014
More than 100 USchool students sang on TU’s Chapman Commons to kick off the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Celebration – November 25, 2014
Winter Concert – December 16, 2014 – Lorton Performance Center

Trivia Night – January 9, 2015

Winter Concerts – December 16, 2014
December 16, 2014 – Lorton Performance Center

Field Day – May 20, 2015

First place Team, Saagar Basavaraju, John Fournet, Daniel Garren, Ishan Pasricha and Mackenzie Toller

Mock Competition – January 9, 2015

ROBOTICS

Twenty-three USchool students attended the FLL Robotics Regional Qualifier Tournament at Tulsa Memorial High School on November 15, 2014. Students presented research projects, performed teamwork challenges, discussed the design of their robots and competed in robot performance matches. The four teams were split among three divisions. The Xenon Legion team had the highest University School team score in the robot performance. Xenon Legion team members were Saagar Basavaraju, Knox Blakely, John Fournet, Paul Galiasso, Nikith Kurella, Truman Pipetistm and Leyla Refai. The A.L.1 team, whose members included Genevieve Doboval, Paul Galiasso, Hayden Imman, Kendall Phillips, Srejja Ponnam and Hea Pushprim, placed first in Core Values in the White Division. The Yen’s team, made up of Ryan Bibb, Kosta Parperis, Parrish Pipetism, Jesse Schumann and Stella Thomas, placed first in Core Values in the Blue Division.

CHESS CLUB

University School Chess Club students competed in a number of tournaments throughout the year. Highlights are listed below:

Wilson Elementary K-6 Chess Tournament
Malik Aboohowski – First place Individual, Section 1

State Scholastic Grade Championship Tournament
Krish Kumar – 5th Grade Individual Champion
Elliott Glover – Third place Individual, 2nd Grade
George Moore and Elliott Glover – First place Team, 2nd Grade
Medals: Samantha Glover, George Moore

MATHCOUNTS

Mock Competition – Junks – November 2014
Nineteen USchool students attended, and three of our five teams placed 1st or better out of 50 teams. The top team Saagar Basavaraju, Mackenzie Toller, Ishan Pasricha and Kortay Vincent – came in third place.

Saagar placed first in the written rounds and second in the Countdown Round.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
Awards and Achievements

University School Open Tournament

Samantha Glover – First place Individual, Section 1
Malik Abouhouli – Third place Individual, Section 1
Second place Team – Section 1 – Samantha Glover, Malik Abouhouli, Elliott Glover, Luca Patel, Vaibhav Aggarwal, Patrick Westbrook, Carson Thorp, George Moore, George Holman, Dutch Prather, Rachel Hamby, Mary Westbrook, Jack Denney and Will McCollom
Daniel Rhoads – First place Individual – Section 5
Nikith Kurella – Second place Individual – Section 5
Daniel Rhoads and Nikith Kurella – First place Team, Section 5
Saagar Basavaraju and Krish Kumar – Second place Team, Premier Section
Medals: Elliott Glover, Luca Patel, Vaibhav Aggarwal, Patrick Westbrook, Carson Thorp, George Moore, Owen Oertel, Henry Holman, Ameer Abouhouli and Shauyra Aggarwal

Ida Freeman Winter Open

Section 1: Malik Abouhouli – Third place (tie), Elliott Glover – Medal
Section 2: Ameer Abouhouli – First place, Samantha Glover – Medal
Section 3: Nikith Kurella – Second place

State Championship Tournament

Ameer Abouhouli – Second place, K-4 Open Section
Malik Abouhouli – 5th Place, K-4 Open Section
K-4 Open USchool Team – Second place (Team members included Ameer Abouhouli, Malik Abouhouli, Vaibhav Aggarwal, Samantha Glover, Elliott Glover, Rachel Hamby, Will McCollom, George Moore, Luca Patel, Dutch Prather, Sarah Swenton and Carson Thorp)
Krish Kumar – First place, K-6 Open Section
K-6 Open USchool Team – Second place (Team members included Shauyra Aggarwal, Henry Holman, Krish Kumar and Owen Oertel.)
Daniel Rhoads – Third place, 6th-9th Open Section
Nikith Kurella – 5th Place, 6th-9th Open Section

2nd Annual OK Scholastic Blitz Championship

Dutch Prather – 6th Place, Section 1
Malik Abouhouli – First place, Section 2
Krish Kumar – 4th Place, Section 4
Samantha Glover – 5th Place, Section 4

ACADEMIC BOWL

Our Academic Bowl Team completed its regular 2015 season as undefeated champions of the Tulsa Division I Academic Bowl Tournament. The team competed against eight middle schools to claim first place. Team members included Saagar Basavaraju, Knox Blakely, John Fournet, Andres Galiasso, Nikith Kurella, Zoe Latham, Ishan Pasricha, Daniel Rhoads, Zaina Sammam, Kortay Vincent and Casey Zandbergen.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

The winner of the annual school bee was Ishan Pasricha (8th grade), Owen Oertel (6th grade) came in second place and Nikith Kurella (8th grade) took third place.

OKLAHOMA STOCK MARKET GAME

Each year, 7th and 8th-grade USchool students take part in the Oklahoma Stock Market Game, which is a simulation of a real market, designed to involve students in the world of finance and investing as a means of helping them learn about how a market economy works. Teams of three to five students invest a hypothetical $100,000 in stocks and compete for the best portfolio performance. This year, one of USchool’s 7th-grade teams – “Mauve Establishment” – came in third place for the Northeast Region of the state. Team members were Saagar Basavaraju, Knox Blakely, Zoe Latham and Kaitte Robinette.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

USchool student Knox Blakely (8th grade) was featured in the role of Ali Hakim in Clark Youth Theatre’s production of Oklahoma! Performances were held in October 2014 at the Hentheorne Performing Arts Center in Tulsa. Knox also starred as Long John Silver in Theatre Tulsa’s production of Treasure Island in April 2015. Three University School graduates were named as 2014 National Merit Semifinalists. These students were Douglas Fournet ( Booker T. Washington High School), Anna Roberts ( Bishop Kelley High School) and Praful Vasireddy ( Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics).

USchool student Beth Craig played piano in two concerts in September 2014 alongside university students and professional musicians. She played Copland’s The Cat and the Mouse at Musicales at the Hardesty Art Center and the Copland piece as well as Chopin’s Prelude in B Minor at Music at the Mansion.

In November 2014, after a four-hour Black Belt test, USchool 7th grader Thomas Rex was awarded a Black Belt No. 80 by Master William Pierce of Three Points Karate.

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Awards and Achievements

USchool 7th grader Stella Thomas won a Siler Key for Printmaking in the 2015 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards contest. Of the more than 2,000 pieces of art entered in Oklahoma, fewer than 5 percent won silver or gold keys. In April 2015, USchool student Alec Chamberlin (INT-2) passed his National Guild of Piano Teachers test.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

University School’s Jr. Earth Matters Club designed and built a gingerbread garden for Philbrook Museum’s annual Festival of Trees. The garden, “HomeGROWN for the Holidays,” represented the thing the students liked most about being in the club – working in the community garden. Club members were: Milli Dellecase, Diya Dellecase, Sable Phillips, Krish Kumar, Piper Suffolk, Hea Pushpraj and Kendall Phillips.

Food Drive – In November, University School families donated 225 pounds of canned goods to the TU True Blue Neighbor Food Drive. The Jr. Earth Matters Club, with the help of 6th-grade students, delivered the cans directly to the Kendall Whitter Food Pantry, which makes weekly deliveries to its clients.

Bear Hugs for Kendall-Whittier – USchool families participated in this annual community service event, which provides holiday gifts for newly students at Kendall-Whittier Elementary School. The program is sponsored by the USA Adopt Kendall Whittier Committee, composed of the Girl Scout troops at University School. In honor of Earth Day, which was April 22, 2015, University School’s Jr. Earth Matters Club picked up trash around the school and nearby neighborhood.

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University School History

The first semester of the program that is now 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, Pat Hollingsworth was hired to be the teacher for the 1982-83 school year.

YEAR 1 1982 - 83
• The University of Tulsa Preschool Enrichment Program moved to 286 Lorton Hall for Monday/ Wednesday morning and Tuesday/Thursday afternoon sessions with 12 students each.
• Dr. Hollingsworth became coordinator of the Gifted Program and began planning the kindergarten.

YEAR 2 1983 - 84
• The program name was changed to the Gifted Enrichment Program of The University of Tulsa Stoia Learning Center and received approval to expand through the third grade.
• A former apartment building used by the Department of Psychology was renovated for the 1984-85 school year.

YEAR 3 1984 - 85
• TU’s Office of the Provost assumed the oversight and administration of the gifted program on campus and appointed Dr. Hollingsworth director of The University of Tulsa School for Gifted Children.

YEAR 4 1985 - 86
• Marti Sudduth was appointed office manager and admissions officer.
• The newly acquired building at 579 South Gary Place was ready soon after school started.
• The first Winter Drama Festival was held.

YEAR 5 1986 - 87
• First Convention for Parents and Teachers of the Gifted held with Dr. Stephen Glenn and Dr. Bob Block as keynote speakers.

YEAR 6 1987 - 88
• An article about University School was published in the September 1987 issue of the national publication Gifted Children Montley.
• USchool received a grant from the Grace and Franklin Buresen Foundation to acquire a basic library.
• Mrs. Sudduth became assistant director.

YEAR 7 1988 - 89
• University School is nationally recognized for service and leadership with a Merit Award from the Gifted Children Advocacy Association. Only one other program in the nation was so recognized.

YEAR 8 1989 - 90
• University School library connection to TU’s McFarlin Library computer catalog completed.
• First eighth-grade graduate: Houston Mount

YEAR 9 1990 - 91
• TU acquired an additional building at 539 South Gary Place that was ready a few months into the school year for Primary 3 and Intermediate I classes.
• Dr. Hollingsworth spoke about the Kumon math program at the World Gifted conference, The Hague, Netherlands.

YEAR 10 1991 - 92
• A Javits grant from the U.S. Department of Education was awarded to University School for teacher training
• Awesome Architecture workshops made available to teachers and students as a result of the Javits grant.

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YEAR 12 1993 - 94
• Mother Nature workshops made available for teachers and students as a result of the Javits grant.

YEAR 13 1994 - 95
• Under the leadership of Hilary Zarrow and Sally Donaldson, major building fund drive began.
• Father Time workshops made available for teachers and students as a result of the Javits grant.

YEAR 14 1995 - 96
• Official groundbreaking for new building located north of 4th Place between College and Evanston took place on May 16, 1996, with TU President Bob Lawless as the speaker.

YEAR 15 1996 - 97
• Dr. Sylvia Rimm served as keynote speaker for Parent and Teacher Institute.
• Construction began on new building in January 1997.

YEAR 16 1997 - 98
• School officially moved into its new building, located at 326 South College Avenue.
• Ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in September with TU President Bob Lawless.
• Extended Day before- and after-school program began.
• The first University School yearbook was published.

YEAR 17 1998 - 99
• Tulsa University Press established and published seven interdisciplinary curriculum books as part of the SAILS curriculum.
• U.S. Department of Education Javits grant funded Project SAIL for students, parents and teachers.

YEAR 18 1999 - 2000
• Butterfly garden, parking lot, and outdoor classroom were completed.
• U.S. Department of Education Javits grant Project SAIL, year 2.

YEAR 19 2000 - 01
• U.S. Department of Education Javits grant Project SAIL, year 3.

YEAR 20 2001 - 02
• Dr. Hollingsworth elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) for three-year term.
• 20th anniversary celebration held in January with Oklahoma State Superintendent Sandy Garrett as keynote speaker.
• Croft Family Geography/Globall Education Endowment was established.

YEAR 21 2002 - 03
• Extended Day Program received DHS licensure.
• A school bus was donated to the school by the Shearer family, allowing classes to take field trips off campus.
• NPSAA full accreditation was received in April.

YEAR 22 2003 - 04
• Mrs. Sudduth was elected president of the Oklahoma Association for Gifted, Creative and Talented (OAGCT).
• Summer Kravis Arts Camp for elementary students was held in conjunction with Tulsa Public Schools.

YEAR 23 2004 - 05
• Dr. Hollingsworth serves on the NAGC Board of Directors.
• First Camp Incredible summer program was held.

YEAR 24 2005 - 06
• Dr. Hollingsworth continues to serve on the NAGC Board of Directors.
• Dr. Hollingsworth and Gina Lewis coauthored Active Learning: Increasing Flow in the Classroom.
• Student service organization – University School Junior Board – began.

YEAR 25 2006 - 07
• 25th anniversary year began with a celebratory release of doves.
• DeWitty Legacy Scholarship Endowment was established.
YEAR 26 2007 - 08
- 25th Anniversary Gala was hosted by Tulsa Mayor Kathy Taylor, Bill Lobeck, and alumna Elizabeth Frame at the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame.
- As part of an educational exchange program, Dr. Hollingsworth visited China and Vietnam, and University School hosted a visit from a school principal from China.

YEAR 27 2008 - 09
- Dr. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Sudduth, and Ms. Price recorded their University School stories at the StoryCorps mobile recording studio.
- Mobile laptop computer lab was established with 12 laptops and a laser printer provided by TU.
- Mrs. Sudduth retired.
- Marti and Kelly Sudduth issued a $20,000 matching challenge grant for FTF.

YEAR 28 2009 - 10
- RenWeb school management software was introduced.
- SMARTBoards were purchased and installed in every classroom.
- The University of Tulsa purchased 12 laptops for the school making a complete classroom set.
- The Sudduths issued a second $20,000 matching challenge grant for FTF.

YEAR 29 2010 - 11
- Fundraising proceeds were used to purchase iPads for the school.

YEAR 30 2011 - 12
- The first Science Saturday event was held.
- The Parent-Teacher Institute featured Dr. Robert Block, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, as keynote speaker.
- 30th Anniversary Gala was held at Allen Chapman Activity Center.
- Warren and Teresa Ross Endowment Fund for University School was established to benefit math programs.

YEAR 31 2012 - 13
- Winter Concert, Spring Concert, and Eighth Grade Graduation held for the first time in TU’s new Lorton Performance Center.
- Electronic front entry system installed to improve school security.
- Computer Club started with gift from Ross Family Foundation.
- Elizabeth Frame Ellison Scholarship Endowment was established.

YEAR 32 2013 - 14
- University School designated as a Confucius Classroom by Hanban Confucius Institute.
- USchool hosted Lunch on the Lawn to celebrate homecoming at TU.
- Trivia Night - families of 8th grade students organized the first annual competition at McFarlin Library to raise funds for a new school bus.
- School Bus - with the help of two anonymous donors and the annual Funding the Future campaign, the 8th grade class of 2014 purchased a 70-passenger bus.

YEAR 33 2014 - 15
- The University School Robotics Club received a $5,000 Williams STEM grant, which was used to purchase materials for the Jr. First Lego League [Jr. FLL] and First Lego League (FLL) programs at the school. Over 25 percent of USchool students in grades 4 and up participate in the FLL Robotics Club, and 30 percent of 3rd graders are part of Jr.FLL.
- USchool administrators formed a task force to explore the issue of safe refuge during extreme weather events. In addition to the school administrators, the committee included parents, TU engineers, members from the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and local area architects.
- Eric Coulter Scholarship Endowment Fund was established.
- iPad Cart with 30 iPads was introduced.
- Construction of an outdoor classroom/amphitheater was begun.
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