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Your **EDUCATE!** School Foundation Newsletter
Spring 2025 | Supporting schools and building community in UC since 1993

Oktoberfest

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Student Mental Health GOAL

You may have seen EdUCate! banners, flyers, or messages from local principals—but what exactly is EdUCate!? We're an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to support all five University City public schools: Curie, Doyle, and Spreckels Elementary, Standley Middle, and University City High School (UCHS).

We fund a range of impactful programs including classroom and school-wide grants, Jr. Achievement BizTown for all 5th graders, Math Academy, scholarships, and student mental health support at UCHS. As district budgets shrink, EdUCate! ensures students continue to enjoy a rich intellectual, social, and emotional experience. In 2024–25, we awarded \$120,000 in grants and program funding.

At UCHS, Principal Paredes dedicated his entire 2024–25 Principal Grant to Wellness Together, a student mental health initiative. This nonprofit embeds licensed Mental Health Specialists on campus to provide free, immediate crisis intervention and counseling. These Specialists become a trusted part of the school community—familiar faces who understand the students and daily school life. \$18,000 funds one Specialist one day per week during the school year, seeing up to six students per day in six-week cycles. With another \$36,000, we could expand this support by an additional two days per week.

We need your help to make that happen! Whether you'd like to donate, join the EdUCate! Board, or volunteer at our fundraisers—Taste of the Triangle and Oktoberfest—please reach out at information@uc-educate.org.

Thank you for your support—it truly takes a village!



Kendra Cole
EdUCate! President



SAVE THE DATE

EdUCate! Oktoberfest Saturday, October 4th, 2025

Mark your calendars for the 16th annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest, Saturday, Oct. 4 at Standley Park. Beer Garden & Games 2-6 pm.

CRAFT FAIR STARTS AT 1 PM.

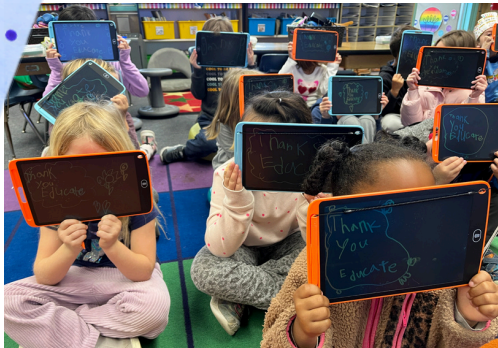
Enjoy our fabulous beer & wine garden, a variety of food offerings, music, vendors, loads of games for the kids, and more. *The Climbing Wall is back this year!*

The Trolley runs the length of Governor Dr. Have a blast with family, friends and neighbors while raising vital funds for your UC public schools!



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THIS IS WHY WE DO IT



2024 SCHOLARSHIPS



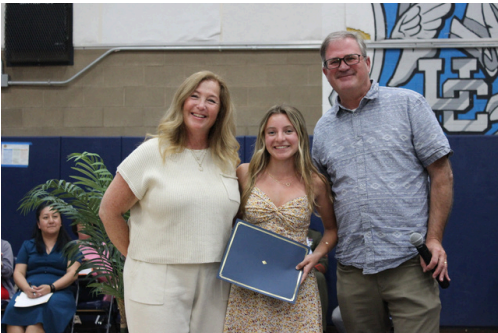
EdUCate! Volunteer Award

Two UCHS students were honored for their spirit and practice of volunteerism in our community. Congratulations to Gustavo Damian Danemann Soto and Kennedy Hahn Selleck!



Sonnenberg Business Scholarship

This scholarship from the Sonnenberg family and CPA firm honors students planning to pursue business-related careers. Congratulations to Ifeoluwa Daniel Ololade and Flavia Delle Monache!



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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Are you passionate about public education in our neighborhood? Looking for a way to have a wide-spread, positive impact? EdUCate! is always looking for energetic volunteers to serve on the board, enhance special projects, and work on or at our events. Contact us at information@uc-educate.org and put your talents to use!

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- EDUCATE! FUNDS UC PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
GUIDED BY SCHOOL PRIORITIES
- Classroom needs identified by Teacher Grant applications
 - School-wide grants identified by principals, such as the Spanish Language curriculum for Spreckels
 - Jr. Achievement BizTown, financial literacy for all 5th graders at Curie, Doyle, and Spreckels Elementary.
 - Student Mental Health program at UCHS providing free mental health services
 - Field trips and real-life experiences for Extensive Support Needs (ESN) students at Standley



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