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**UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES ESTATE GIFT
TO ESTABLISH PERPETUAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Program to Launch with UHS “Class of 2012”

Tucson, AZ: University High School (UHS) in Tucson, AZ announced its acceptance of a \$183,000 donation from the estate of the late Dr. Henry J. Pilote, Jr. and Angelina E. Pilote to establish a student scholarship fund in their memory. The perpetual scholarship will be awarded each year to a deserving UHS graduating student as a one-time renewable sum of money to offset the expenses of a 4-year course of study at an accredited college or university. The inaugural scholarship application will be available in Fall 2011 for UHS seniors graduating in 2012.

Scholarship fund donor Dr. Henry Pilote was a founder and former principal of the 1970’s Special Projects High School, later re-named by its students as University High School. Dr. Pilote, and his wife Angelina, designated University High School as one of three recipients of their estate gift. Other recipients are Whitman High School in Utah and the Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Tucson. The Pilote’s were strong advocates of education, integrity, leadership, and social skills, and they wished that the money be used to recognize all around excellence and achievement by high school graduates. Henry Pilote died in Tucson in 1998, but it wasn’t until his wife Angelina passed away in 2009 that the gift was donated to University High School.

University High School is an accelerated public high school in the Tucson Unified School District. UHS identifies itself as a special function high school that serves students who are academically focused and intellectually gifted and provides curriculum and social support not offered in the comprehensive high school. U.S. News and World Report consistently ranks UHS on its top 25 America’s Best High Schools Gold Medal List. Notable UHS alumni include Gabrielle Giffords, U.S. Representative from Arizona’s 8th District; Thomas Harlan, author; Max Cannon, creator of Red Meat comic strip; and Martha Crawford Heitzmann, vice president for research and development of Air Liquide, France.

The University High School Foundation, which re-formed in 2009 as a 501c3 non-profit, will establish and administer the new scholarship program to be funded with interest accrued from the \$183,000 donation. UHS Foundation executive board members include Wendy Wurr, President; Earl Mendenhall III, Vice President; Gricelda Eades, Treasurer; and Bonnie Klahr, Secretary.

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