

UNITED CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

High School Clubs, Organizations, and Opportunities

Admissions/Marketing Internship

The Admissions Internship is for 5-8 students who love United Christian and want to share that with prospective students and families. The interns get the opportunity to represent UCA at each of the “DISCOVER” open houses. In addition, they assist with tours, , attend off-campus recruitment events, and make themselves available to share about their UCA experience with junior high and high school students who are looking to apply. The Admissions/Marketing interns gain professional experience in communication, event planning, and leadership.

Alpha Ambassador

Being an Alpha Ambassador is a great way for students to demonstrate and grow in their leadership skills. Sophomores through seniors have a unique opportunity to help usher new and returning students into the new school year through their leadership of Alpha Groups at Orientation and High School Retreat. In addition to making all feel welcome, they lead discussion and make sure new students are plugged in at the start of the year. Positions are application-based and are filled during the spring prior to the academic school year.

Alpha Coordinator

The Alpha coordinator selects, trains, organizes, and leads Alpha Ambassadors in executing their duties throughout the year. The Alpha coordinator also plays a role in mentoring the Alpha ambassadors, helping them to maintain their own spiritual health as they minister to members of their groups on retreat, on campus, and during special chapel discussions. The Alpha coordinator works alongside a protégé or team member in the completion of duties. This individual is a member of the Acts 29 class, which meets during o period this year.

Art Club

The purpose of the Art Club is to involve both art students and non-art students in the exploration of art. Emphasis is placed on making our school better through visual and performing arts. When in session (communication through homeroom announcements and e-mail), the Art Club meets at lunch time in the art room and all are welcome to join – no matter what level of experience the student has – as long as they have an interest in art! This fee helps us with the costs of materials and supplies for our activities.

Associated Student Body (ASB)

Joining ASB is a great way to improve leadership and cooperation skills while allowing the students’ creativity to shine. Members get to be a part of the committee that plans and organizes dances, rallies, community service events, and other community-building activities. There are a number of different positions that a student can be elected to. Voting for positions occurs the year prior (except for freshmen

representatives who are elected in September of the current year). *There are requirements that a student must meet in order to run for a position. See ASB director for those details.

Berkeley/Utah

Every year students at UC Academy have an opportunity to join unique mission trips. Two of these trips are apologetics and theology mission trips geared toward giving the student a deeper understanding and confidence in his/her faith as well as share that faith with diverse groups of people in Berkeley, California or Utah. These trips are open to all students that profess Jesus as Lord of their life. Students must fill out an application for inclusion and attend rigorous training sessions to prepare. Students who attend often claim these trips are the highlight of their experience at UC Academy.

Beyond the Cross/Small Group

This is a small vocal jazz group. The group performs all year long throughout the community. This is an auditioned, advanced vocal group that represents UC Academy throughout the year. Participants perform 20-30 times during the school year, which requires discipline and dedication but is rewarding and a fun, exciting experience! Freshmen through seniors are permitted in the class and must audition during the spring of the previous year.

Community Service Liaison

This student investigates and proactively builds awareness and excitement about opportunities for community service through a number of different media. They play an integral role in planning periodic special class-wide or school-wide community service events. Additionally, this student works closely with the Community Service Coordinator. Ultimately, they not only have a heart for serving the community but want to help others find their place to serve. The Community Service Liaison works alongside a protégé or team member in the completion of duties. This individual is a member of the Acts 29 class, which meets during o period this year.

Drum Line

Interested in playing the drums while cheering on our school's football team? Whether you have lots, little, or no experience, we'd love for any and all who are interested to participate. Junior high and high school students are encouraged to come on out at the start of the year for try-outs. Practices vary from year to year but typically take place two afternoons a week after school during the football season.

**This program is student-initiated and exists upon student interest.*

Guatemala

This year, UCA is returning for our annual missions trip to Guatemala led by Mr. Mounday. He and a team of 12 students and two chaperones will be serving in Guatemala in the month of June. The first part of the trip will involve spending time in the community of Antigua learning about the history, language, and culture of Guatemala. The team will also return to Antigua for the last leg of their trip where they will partner with *As Green As It Gets* to meet and work alongside coffee farmers and their families with the goal of learning about economic injustice and the realities of extreme poverty. From there the team goes to the town of Machaquilá to work at a children's home (Ahicam) that UC Academy has decided to form a long-term partnership with. These children have all been displaced or abandoned due to drug addiction and the violence that often is associated with that lifestyle. The team's ministry will be providing supplies to the local school and children, working on longer-term economic development efforts and assisting in any way possible with the kids. This trip is application based for high school students, and is specifically geared for (but not always limited to) students going into 11th and 12th grade.

Mexicali

Every year, students have multiple opportunities to build cross-cultural relationships and partner in ministry with the members of Siete Olivos, our partner church in Mexicali Mexico. For the week-long spring break trip, students develop their own Vacation Bible School curriculum and activities for the children of the neighborhood surrounding Siete Olivos called Colonia Carbajal. While teaching dynamic lessons, playing soccer, and helping with crafts, the youth from the Mexican congregation and from United Christian share the blessing of spreading the Kingdom of God. Also, throughout the year, two-day weekend trips are conducted to maintain the strong bond with the church as our spiritual family south of the border. These trips are available to all high school-aged students with a heart for the Kingdom and a teachable spirit.

Mock Trial

In mock trial students are part of a team that competes against other schools to win a pre-assigned trial. Each week, students switch between presenting the defense and prosecution side of the trial. Students can sign up for a number of roles including pretrial attorney, trial attorney, witness, clerk, and bailiff. There are four weeks of competition and then playoffs. Practices are twice a week for two hours. All students have to do to participate is sign up.

National Honor Society

Students selected for induction into the National Honor's Society are recognized as students on campus who excel in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades are eligible for membership. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or better when tabulated at the end of the first semester each year. Staying up-to-date with community service hours (10/semester) is also required along with an evaluation of leadership roles and/or potential. Once inducted, NHS members have the opportunity to serve their school and their community through various service projects, including an individual service project which reflects the talents, gifts, and passions of each student.

****To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council reviews school disciplinary records and also discusses evidence of positive character qualities. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection.***

Out/In-reach Coordinator

The Out/In-Reach coordinators serve as the communication and coordination team for evangelistic ministries both on and off campus. Off campus, they manage communication, promotions, logistics, and many other facets of the Muslim Outreach, Berkeley (Atheist) Outreach, Utah (Mormon) Outreach, and Mexicali Outreach. Furthermore, they help to coordinate student forums, student discipleship, and evangelistic chapels for students in the International Student Program on campus as well. This team helps to ensure that we as a school are living out the great commission (Matthew 28:19-20) on our school campus and beyond.

Power Hour Class Offerings

Power Hour is a one-hour non-graded elective that is offered every Tuesday for all students. During this time, instructors (typically professionals) train students in the subject at hand. At the end of each semester, there is a performance during which students have a chance to share what they have learned. Some do so through performance; whereas, others are through display or video. The majority of these courses are semester-long; however, a few of them are year-long. (See Power Hour brochure for more information about each elective option.)

Art
Athletic Leadership
*Beyond the Cross
Computer Programming
Drama
Guitar 1
Guitar 2

Home Economics
Photography 1
Photography 2
Robotics
**Stepping Stones
Video
*Yearbook

**PH classes that are connected to a fine art elective class (open only to students in those courses).*

***Required for all ISP students new to the school.*

Revival Coordinator

The Christian event coordinator is responsible for organizing and raising student awareness about special events on campus. They play a central role in organizing the beginning of year retreat and subsequent Spiritual Life Retreats in the fall and spring. They also are responsible for coordinating the details for Spiritual Emphasis Week, and school participation in See You at the Pole and National Day of Prayer. The Christian Event coordinator works alongside a protégé or team member in the completion of duties. This individual is a member of the Acts 29 class, which meets during o period this year.

Spiritual Life Coordinator

The Spiritual Life Coordinator is responsible for booking speakers, musical groups, and organizations to share various aspects of Christian life, theology, and spirituality in chapel. This person is also tasked with directing themes and sermon-series that chapel speakers follow, ensuring that the chapel experience for students is consistently contributing to their spiritual growth. This person is also a member of ASB and serves as a link between the various aspects of student life and spirituality on campus. The Spiritual Life Coordinator typically has a protégé with whom they work alongside. This individual is a member of the Acts 29 class, which meets during o period this year.

Student Worship Team

Every week, UC Academy chapels give students an opportunity to grow, learn, and connect with God. Members of the student worship team take ownership of the responsibility to cultivate a worshipful and spiritual atmosphere for the chapel experience. We emphasize with our Student Worship Team that all of life is worship, and as a result, students use the great diversity of their talents to worship God. Many students use their vocal and instrumental talents to lead their peers in corporate musical worship, while other students use their technical skills to run sound, manage videos, and manage the stage setup and tear-down. Some students paint beautiful works of art, while other students recite poetry, perform spoken word, or dynamically read scripture. All students with a heart for God and any sort of artistic talent are welcome to join.

Worship Arts Coordinator

The Worship Arts Coordinator is the point person for the student-led aspects of chapels. This student schedules and calendars all of the media, sound, bands, and artists who participate in chapels. In addition to building the schedule, this student also communicates with band leaders and helps coordinate music sheets, practice locations, call-times for sound-check, and expectations for all who are involved. Announcements, videos, and other special aspects of chapel all are coordinated and organized by this person. The Worship Arts Coordinator typically has a protégé with whom they work alongside. This individual is a member of the Acts 29 class, which meets during o period this year.