



Parent Committees (2025-2026)

We ask that all USL families sign up and participate in at least one (1) committee. Once everyone has had a chance to indicate their interests, the composition of each committee will be balanced to make sure all committees have the members they need.

In addition to parents, each committee will also have one Upper School student and other members of the greater University School community (alums, friends of USL, etc.).

Please email Heather Mahoney to sign up – at any time!

**** If you would like to participate on more committees than the one you are on, that would be great!***

(1) Annual Fund – Make a difference! Volunteer with the group that leads our Fall effort for tax-deductible gifts to the School from board members, parents, teachers, alums, and friends of the School. They comprise 10% of our income. The goal for this year is \$110,000 and 100% (or close!) participation among all of the constituencies of USL! The Annual Fund takes place in October.

(2) Outreach - Increase visibility about USL in the greater Charleston community to support enrollment goals. Activities include identifying cross-marketing and public speaking opportunities and boosting social media presence with reviews and testimonials from parents, alums, community members with direct experience with USL (guest speakers and LOTC hosts), etc.

(3) Spring Fundraiser – Help where you can with soliciting donations, galvanizing attendance, and planning this fun social and celebratory yearly event that contributes to "extra" items for the School. It will likely be held in February/March, and the goal this year is to raise \$30,000.

(4) Teacher/Staff Appreciation – Coordinate and fund acts of kindness throughout the year – such as donated meals, snacks, beverages, and birthday gifts – to show faculty and staff they are appreciated for their hard work and commitment. There are three major goals:

- a. Using SignUpGenius, organize families to provide a meal/food treats for faculty 1x-2x each week.
- b. Marshal families before Winter Break to gather gift cards as a token of thanks to the faculty/staff.
- c. Plan and organize meals for 1-2 Faculty Inservice Days throughout the year.

(5) Family Connection - Create meaningful connections among USL families to deepen their school community connection by coordinating and hosting fun, social gatherings throughout the year. Assist with planning three types of periodic events:

- a. for the whole community
- b. for the adult (parent/teacher) community.
- c. for our students (for all of them, for 1 or more division, etc.)

This committee will coordinate with USL's calendars for good timing for events.

(6) Monthly Mentor Nights - these evenings give students and mentors a chance to socialize and hang out together. Typically it involves food, movie, and games in the gym on a Friday night, but other activities (bowling) etc. are possible. Members of this committee help get the food/drink items (and can be reimbursed) and take turns helping out at the events.

(7) Twentieth Anniversary Planning – University School was founded in 2007, and we'll be celebrating our 20th anniversary soon. Join this launch group and be a part of the planning of our celebration event in 2027.