



DIRECTOR'S WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear UCA Parents, Guardians and Community,

As we are ready to start a new academic year, we take pride in celebrating the accomplishments that have shaped UCA into the exceptional institution it is today. With great enthusiasm, we look to the future, where the UCA learning community will continue to thrive, evolve, and overcome challenges. I am delighted to share that we are making remarkable progress, and we have some exciting news to share with you!

This year we have dedicated a period of coding and digital literacy across grade levels. We are also introducing business classes for middle and high school students. Moreover, we remain committed to nurturing social-emotional learning by allocating dedicated time in our weekly schedule. And lastly, I would like to announce that we are excited to resume our after-school activities.

Let's remain united for another fresh year, where we will collectively work towards achieving success and nurturing new possibilities and opportunities for our learners. Your partnership with us, as parents, is priceless on this journey, and we are excited to have you as an essential part of our educational community.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education, and we look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and the pursuit of excellence together!

Sincerely,

Rola Malaeb
UCA Director

BACK TO SCHOOL

We are all excited and have been actively preparing to welcome our Grades 1 to 12 students back on campus on Wednesday, September 13th, our KG2 & KG3 students on Friday, September 15th, and our KG1 students on Monday September 18th, 2023. To ensure that we have a smooth and successful start, please acquaint yourselves with our updates and procedures.

Included below is a link to the UCA Family Handbook, UCA Dismissal Plan, UCA 2023-2024 Bell Schedule, UCA 2023-2024 Calendar, and UCA Drop-off Car Procedures. Please, pay careful attention to the policies and processes outlined as they will help make our return to school as smooth and safe as possible.

2023-2024 UCA Family Handbook Click here to view	2023-2024 UCA Dismissal Plan Click here to view	2023-2024 UCA Bell Schedule Click here to view
2023-2024 UCA School Calendar Click here to view	2023-2024 Cafeteria Menu Click here to view	2023-2024 Drop-Off Procedures Click here to view
2023-2024 Supply List KG1 Click here to view	2023-2024 Supply List KG2 Click here to view	
2023-2024 Supply List KG3 Click here to view	2023-2024 Supply List Grades 1-12 Click here to view	

UCA HIGHLIGHTS 2023 - 2024

Technology in Education



In today's rapidly evolving world, equipping students with technological skills is not just advantageous; it's essential. Technology is an integral part of every aspect of modern life and the workforce. Therefore, we focus on providing our students with a comprehensive technological education. These skills empower them to thrive in an increasingly digital and interconnected society.

Proficiency in technology not only enhances academic performance but also prepares our students for the ever-expanding job market, where tech-savvy individuals are in high demand. Moreover, raising digital literate citizens fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity, skills that are invaluable in any field. As we equip our students with these tools, we aim to empower them to be active contributors to the ongoing technological advancements that shape our world.

Social Emotional Learning



Social-emotional learning (SEL) is of utmost importance in education and personal development. It encompasses a range of skills and competencies, including self-awareness, self-regulation, empathy, and interpersonal relationships, which are fundamental to our well-being and success in life. SEL equips individuals with the emotional intelligence to navigate challenges, cope with stress, and build resilience. It fosters a positive classroom environment, enhancing students' ability to focus on their studies and fostering a sense of belonging and safety.

Moreover, SEL lays the foundation for strong interpersonal skills, promoting healthy communication and conflict resolution. By focusing on social-emotional learning, we aim to empower our students to become well-rounded individuals who are better equipped to thrive in school, in their careers, and in their interactions with others, ultimately contributing to a more compassionate and empathetic society.

Business in Education



Business education goes beyond textbooks and classrooms; it equips our young learners with essential life skills and prepares them for future success. These skills include critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and financial literacy, which are not only vital for their academic growth but also for their personal and professional development. We believe that understanding business concepts and entrepreneurship empowers our students to adapt, innovate, and make informed decisions.

By nurturing an entrepreneurial mindset and teaching them about the global economy, we ensure that our students are well-prepared to navigate the challenges of the modern workforce and make positive contributions to society. We believe that incorporating business education into their curriculum is an investment in your child's future, providing them with the tools they need to thrive in an increasingly competitive and dynamic world.

APPROACHES TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

We continue to focus on developing the traits outlined in our UCA Profile of Graduates. In this academic year, our commitment to excellence, character development, and fostering a culture of care remains fundamental at our institution.



1. Commitment to Excellence	2. Character Education	3. Teaching with Care
<p>Our commitment to excellence in learning is the driving force behind everything we do at our institution. We believe that every student has the potential to achieve and excel, and we are dedicated to helping them realize that potential. Our educators are not just instructors; they are mentors who inspire, challenge, and guide students to reach new heights academically and personally. We set high standards and encourage a growth mindset, fostering a culture of continuous improvement. Whether it's through innovative teaching methods, or a supportive learning community, we spare no effort to ensure that our students receive a world-class education. Our commitment to excellence ensures that each student not only achieves their academic goals but also develops the skills, values, and mindset to excel in an ever-evolving world.</p>	<p>Character education is a vital component of our educational journey, instilling values and virtues that extend far beyond our classrooms. UCA goes beyond academics to nurture qualities like respect, responsibility, integrity, and empathy in students. Through dedicated programs, discussions, and real-life experiences, our school strives to develop well-rounded individuals who not only excel academically but also contribute positively to society. Our educational approach fosters a sense of community, teaching students the importance of kindness, tolerance, and cooperation. Ultimately, it equips them with the essential life skills needed to navigate the complexities of the world with integrity and compassion, preparing them for a brighter future.</p>	<p>At UCA, teaching with care is not just a motto; it's a fundamental principle that shapes our educational approach. Our dedicated educators and leaders foster a nurturing and supportive environment at our school. They go above and beyond to connect with each student on a personal level, recognizing his/her unique strengths and challenges. Teaching with care means not only imparting knowledge but also instilling a love for learning and self-confidence. Our teachers take the time to listen, provide guidance, and create a safe space where students can express themselves freely. This approach not only enhances academic achievement but also ensures that our students grow into confident, well-rounded individuals who are prepared to face the real-world.</p>

Parent Conferences



Parent-teacher conferences may be held **face-to-face** on campus, via **phone call** from the teacher to the parent, or via **Microsoft Teams** between the teacher and the parent during school hours.



Please contact Ms. Lea Fayyad in the Administration office or your child's teacher via **Microsoft Teams** only to make an appointment.

Note that parents may not contact teachers on their personal numbers to discuss school related matters.

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