

# The McCollough Unis News

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Written by:  
Unis Middle School Journalists

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Pandemic Edition

## Home of the Aviators - Where News Soars

### Welcome letter from the editors

We are thrilled to announce the new installment of The McCollough Unis News. This monthly newsletter shared electronically with students and parents. Our goal is to share memorable moments and great times with the Mc-U Community. Look forward to reading short, articles about what's happening, interesting people, little known facts, classroom activities, community service, fundraising/charitable donations, and all the many other fascinating things that make McUnis Aviators soar high above the rest!

The stories published in The Mc-U News will be written by 8th grade, Unis Middle School Journalists.  
Editors in Chief - Nasreen Alriashi(student) & April Kincaid(teacher)

Pictures were taken of McUnis activities in 2019(pre-pandemic)



**Blue Hands United  
Autism Charity Walk**

**Teamwork Makes The  
Dream Work at Mc-U!**



**Students at  
Comerica Park**

## Honor Roll



During the first semester of the 20-21 school year, a total of 220 students made the honor roll at Unis Middle School.

“Many students have worked extra hard to overcome those challenges and stay on track academically. We would like to recognize all the Honor Roll students who did just that and earned a 3.5 or higher on their 1st semester report card.”, exclaimed Emily Bartley, middle school counselor.

The 220 students who made the honor roll have worked hard to achieve this recognition. Unis Middle School’s Assistant Principal, Ms.Kobeissi stated, “I am very proud of all of our hard working Aviators.”

Many teachers are proud of the student success rate during the remote learning process. Congratulations to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who made the honor roll this semester.

**Fatima Obeid**

## Girls Empowerment

In honor of Women’s History Month, Ms. Yasmeen Berry and Ms. Gabby Foley started a Girls Empowerment Club.

This 6-week program consisted of activities to build self esteem, self awareness, and self respect with female students from Unis Middle School. They also had 3 guest speakers, fun activities, and made vision boards. The teachers are planning to run the club again for another 6 weeks in the future.

Ms. Berry explained, “I enjoy the heartwarming moments when every single girl is committed to creating that safe space.” The connections the staff members have made over a short period of time are memories that will last a lifetime for the girls.

Empowerment Club Member, Nasreen Alriashi stated, “The club was a sisterhood of super awesome queens who developed full trust for one another.”



(vision board)

**Nerjes Hussein**

## Boys Swim Champions



The Unis Middle School boys swim recently had an undefeated season and became Dearborn City Champs!

Ms. Bartley has been the Unis swim coach for the last 4 years. Through hard work and perseverance, the team was able to succeed. Unsurprisingly, many swimmers agree that recommitting and joining a sport was challenging after being in the house for almost a year.

Ali Saleh, a 3rd year swimmer rejoiced, “I was excited for our 1st city championship win in Unis history. I hope our team can keep it up in ongoing years.”

Ali also had a true friendship with his teammates. He said, “My team had excellent chemistry together. I love and adore the team because they have believed in themselves and worked hard.

Ms. Bartley kept going and going with us, even when we didn’t want to,” explains Ali Saleh.

Way to go, Unis!  
Teamwork Makes The Dream Work!

**Fatme Aoun**



## Aviator Football



Football is typically just a sport played for fun, but to the Unis football coaches Mr. Smedley and Mr. Berkholz, whose players describe as great and encouraging coaches, it's much more than that. They believe that joining the team will not only teach the players valuable lessons about football in case they want to pursue it in the future, but also the importance of teamwork, respect, and integrity. Because of the ongoing pandemic, the football season was delayed until the spring instead of occurring during the fall like it usually did, and even though they are going to be playing football outside, masks are still a requirement for the players as well as the viewers.

Both the coaches and the players who were interviewed seemed in agreement that the pandemic will not affect their performance, and they are confident in each other's abilities. Adam Darwish, a 7th grader who started playing football at a young age, states, "I am very confident in my coaches and teammates."

The Unis football team has had some awesome years recently. Unis football had undefeated regular seasons, made it to the finals 3 out of 5 years in a row, and won the Dearborn Middle School District Championship in 2017. So remember to support the team that won't stay down, the unstoppable Unis Aviators!

**Rwan Mashrah**

## Girls Basketball



This year both Unis Girl Basketball teams had new coaches. The JV coach is now Ms. Berry. The Varsity Coach is Mrs. Strutz. These two have been coaching our team and hopefully leading us to a winning season!

Nerjes Husseien stated, "This season has been one of the craziest. Ms. Strutz has made it all the better! She's always stuck by us, not just as a coach but as a friend too. Next years Varsity couldn't have a better coach."

When going to the games, our girls displayed lots of teamwork and sportsmanship. Coach Berry declared, "The JV girls really rocked out this year! As a first time basketball coach I was not sure what to expect, but the growth I saw in every single girl on the basketball team was amazing. I did not only see growth in their basketball skills, I saw growth in their confidence, communication skills, and their ability to be supportive."

The coaches were incredibly proud of the motivation and resilience that the girls basketball teams had by showing every day, even on the days they were not feeling their best.

**Nasreen Alriashi**

## School Safety



Parents have been hesitant with sending their children to school every since Covid-19 suddenly ended our 2019-2020 school year.

Recently, the Dearborn Public Schools District opened up on March 1st, some students attended school, and more will slowly start to come.

To ensure the safety of the students, the students have been divided in half with an A day and B day schedule. Some parents have opted for VLP learning. VLP students stay at home, virtual, all week. The A-day students attend school Monday and Thursday. The B-day students attend school Tuesday and Friday leaving Wednesday empty for extra sanitation.

Dan Wagner, the Mc-Unis Building Engineer explains, "The school was deeply cleaned and disinfected during the summer vacation. Before entering this new school session, water fountains have been covered to prevent use, carpets shampooed, and the walls were washed.

Dan continued, "Each classroom has been provided with hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, hand wipes, and face masks. We have a large supply of these items." Students will bring their own learning supplies which include laptops, pencils, and notebooks. Floor markers have been placed to promote social distancing. The staff and students need to follow the guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.

**Jasmine Catrib**

## The New Teachers

There have been 2 new additions to our family here at Unis.

We have Ms.Horden, a proud “movie buff” who came all the way from student-teaching at Fordson. We also have Ms.Foley, a rock climber who has been all over, from New Jersey, to Texas, and now here in Michigan.



.....Ms.Horden.....

Ms. Horden teaches ELA and Lab in room 203 next to Mr.Drinkerts class, so feel free to stop by and say hello. She also has a cat named Mr.Coffee, who her students may have seen or heard thanks to his frequent interferences with her teaching. In general, her students seem to be taking a liking to her, they’ve mentioned that she is overall nice and does a good job helping everyone.

Ms.Foley is the site coordinator here at Unis Middle School, and also at Edsel Ford. Her role is to find the needs of students and the community so that she can create a support plan and get students the help that they need to excel in and outside of school.

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## On The Block

Ms. Foley also heads the Girls Empowerment Club with Ms.Berry and Ms.Gafar, which is a club dedicated to uplifting the women of Unis. She’s relatively new to Michigan, having only moved here around 5 or 6 years ago.



.....Ms. Foley.....

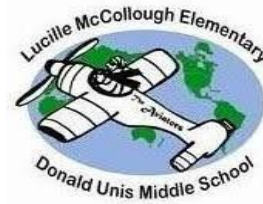
We have been doing a wonderful job of welcoming them into our school, both of them have expressed how happy and excited they are to be a part of our family, as well as how wonderful they think the students are.

Ms. Foley expressed, “ I absolutely love it. I think that not only is the building gorgeous but I’ve met a lot of cool kids, really cool teachers, and supportive staff. I’m having a lot of fun every day and I hope my kids are too.”

Just because we haven’t been able to see our teachers in person, doesn’t mean that we still shouldn’t feel obligated to keep on making them feel welcomed and showing how glad we are to have them in our school!

**Riann Beydoun**

## Welcome Back Aviators



The beginning of the school year was tough with strictly online schooling, but now students have the opportunity to go back to the classrooms. Schools have reopened not only for in person classroom learning but also for afterschool, in person learning labs, and tutoring.

Education is very important. Having a good education is what allows a student to achieve their goals in life. With the switch to online learning, education has been rough for some students. Whether it is internet issues or noisy homes, there are many interruptions to learning remotely. With in person instruction returning, students can go back to school and learn with fewer interruptions.

Unis Middle School has 243 students enrolled in VLP (virtual learning program) and 384 students attending in person instruction. While McCollough Elementary school has 75 VLP students and 406 in person learners.

However, some students have expressed issues with returning during the COVID-19 pandemic. 6th grade student, Aya Mansour explained, “Going back to school has been challenging and scary. The reason is, you never know who has Covid-19 around and who doesn’t. But it is really important to put on hand sanitizer, stay masked up, and use social distancing guidelines while attending school!”

Whether you are staying at home or coming back to the classroom for this school year, keeping focused on your education. Continuing to learn is an important goal for every student.

**Amani Alhaidi**

.....UnisHonor.....

**6th Grade**

Abusenenh, Kareem M  
Ahmed, Jamal  
Akhdar, Mariya  
Alachkar, Nour  
Alakrai, Hanan  
Alatrach, Ayana  
Alawlaqi, Rama Ahmed  
Alayosh, Shahed  
Alchalati, Farah  
Aldalali, Raneem Adel  
Aldhaferi, Omar  
Alfutini, Abdullah  
Algailani, Shaima  
Alhousseini, Zahraa  
Ali, Lujain  
Alziryany, Ayat  
Amara, Tala  
Aoun, Hawraa  
Aoun, Mera  
Barakat, Deema  
Bazzi, Ahmad  
Hussein Bazzi  
Beydoun, Ava  
Bouhamdan, AliAlhadi  
Dakkouche, Nazmia  
Dhaifullah, Salmah Rafik  
Eid, Eman  
Elmokdad, Jad  
Elsayeddawoud, Rabih  
Essa, Jennah  
Faraj, Jad  
Hachem, Fatima  
Haidar, Hassan  
Haidarah, Muhammad  
Hammoud, Mohamad  
Harajli, Hussein  
Harp, Ali  
Hassan, Maria  
Hassan, Maryam  
Hassan, Raghd  
Hassoun, Angela  
Hijazi, Farah  
Jadallah, Kanaan  
Kassem, Salma  
Khalil, Malek  
Mahdi, Rayan K  
Mansour, Aya  
Mohamed, Ahmed

.....Roll Students.....

**7th Grade**

Abdulrab, Rania  
Abid, Nora Noman  
Abouhassan, Mohammad  
Ahmed, Shathe  
Alabdili, Fajir  
Alamri, Bushra  
Alatwali, Hussein Mohamed  
Alhaidi, Mohamed  
Alhisnawy, Mohamad Saleem  
Ali, Redha  
AlKaddour, Aya  
Allamoth, Buchora Saleh  
Almaweri, Zinab  
Almoamin, Niyaa  
Alnajjar, Laila  
Alobaidi, Asal  
Alsaady, Zahraa Hassan  
Alshara, Rukaya Haydar  
Alshohatee, Aneesa R  
Alshouli, Abdelrahman  
Altairi, Wayel  
Alzubair, Shahd Amr  
Aoun, Mohamed  
Atrissi, Ali  
Attareb, Ghosson Abdulrahman  
Awada, Mariam  
Bassam, Raya  
Bazzi, Ahmad  
Bazzoun, Ali  
Beydoun, Ali  
Bustani, Aafiyah  
Buteh, Arab  
Charara, Maya  
Dabaja, Hadi  
Dabaja, Mariam  
Darwish, Adam  
Eissa, Yousef  
Elachi, Mohammed  
Elkathery, Fatma  
Elmubarak, Muhammad  
Elzaghir, Aya  
Farhat, Gadeer  
Farhat, Sami Chadi  
Ghandour, Mariam  
Hachem, MohamedAli  
Hadida, Aisha

..... (1st Semester).....

**8th Grade**

Abbas, Mahmoud T  
Abdallah, Miriam Abraham  
Abdulla, Aya  
Abdulrab, Reina Sakr  
Abdulrab, Wegdan Yasser  
Ahmed, Ahood  
Ahmed, Dwaa  
Alabbas, Zahraa  
Alabudi, Yazmin  
Alakhfash, Hussam  
Alata, Reema  
Albadani, Nourhan Bakeel  
Aldhalami, Saad Noaman  
Alhabeeb, Shahd Wajdi  
Alhaidi, Amani  
Alhubaishi, Ayman  
Alriashi, Nasreen Ali  
Alshebli, Mohamad  
AlThumani, Mohamed  
Alwakeedi, Dena  
Aoun, Fatme  
Awada, Joseph  
Ayoub, Ali  
Azan, Abdullah  
Baiz, Youssef Hassan  
Beydoun, Maya  
Beydoun, Riann  
Bezzi, Nadine  
Bilal, Teeba  
Bjeije, Jana  
Catrib, Jasmine  
Chami, Sarah Mouwafak  
Charafeddine, Reem  
Chehade, Zahra Bassam  
Chour, Jenna Mohsen  
Elmoussa, Malak Mohamad  
Hammoud, Hadi  
Hizam, Alaa Abdulla  
Jaroudi, Adam  
Jaward, Husayn  
Jomaa, Zaynab Nahi  
Kady, Ilyas Ali  
Kaid, Ala  
Karaki, Dania Hussein  
Kassim, Abdulrahman  
Kassim, Ahmed  
Kazem, Mohammad

**6th Grade (continued)**

Mohammed, Dina  
Musa, Wissam  
Nassar, AliReda  
Nassar, Mohamed  
Qawasmi, Ihsan  
Quraish, Nageebah  
Ridha, Kais  
Saleh, Nour  
Saleh, Zahraa  
Shatela, Hiba  
Shenaq, Aminah Muntaser  
Sidhom, Angelina  
Solaiman, Ahmad  
Yousif, Sara  
Zaghir, Hala  
Zayat, Reem  
Zindani, Zainab

**7th Grade (continued)**

Hajj, Ahmed  
Hassan, Afnan  
Hassoun, Jad  
Hazimeh, Mariam  
Hizam, Afnan  
Houmani, Samir  
Hussein, Zahraa Ahmad  
Ibrahim, Nawar  
Idris, Yara Zaher  
Ismail, Mallak  
Ismail, Muhammad  
Jomaa, Samer  
Joumblat, Fatime  
Joumblat, Zainab  
Kabbout, Mohamad  
Kazem, Rawan Abbas  
Kobaree, Haliah Ibrahim  
Madi, Ali M  
Makki, Nour Mohamed  
Mashrah, Rayaah  
Mezher, Jad  
Mohamed, Mohamed  
Mousawi, Musa  
Musleh, Mohamed  
Nagi, Ishaq  
Obaid, Maysaa Murad  
Obeid, Ali  
Qawasmi, Issa  
Rammal, Hassan Samer  
Rihan, Miriam  
Rihan, Mohamed  
RuedaOuadoch, Youssef  
Saad, Aya  
Saad, Nour  
Sabeha, Yousif  
Saeed, Hadeel  
Saleh, Sarah  
Sami, Tabarak  
Sidhom, Dania  
Sleiman, Ali  
Suliman, Fathalrhman  
Wehbe, MohammadHussein  
Zalzali, Xena M

**8th Grade (continued)**

Khanafer, Assil Abdul  
Khanafer, Israa  
Mohamed, Abraham Yosif  
Moheisen, Nadine  
Mokbel, Aya  
Musa, Ahmed A  
Muthanna, Ahmad  
Odeh, Bilal  
Ridha, Hadi  
Saleh, Zahiah  
Shatela, Amal  
Sobeh, Ayah  
Thager, Amran Gubran  
Zaidi, Al

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