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**Urbandale Community Invited To Attend First Annual U-Fest On July 26**

*Urbandale Education Foundation and Urbandale Alumni Association are hosting the first annual U-Fest at the Walker Johnston Softball Diamonds on July 26, 2019*

**URBANDALE, Iowa – May 29, 2019** – The Urbandale Education Foundation and Urbandale Alumni Association welcome community members to attend the first annual U-Fest at the Walker Johnston Softball Diamonds from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2019. U-Fest is a fun, festive, family-friendly event featuring food trucks, beverages, and live music performed by Melanie Wright (Urbandale High School Class of 1979) and her band, Company B. While they last, alumni souvenir cups will be distributed at the gates with a free drink ticket. Proceeds from the event will support student scholarships and classroom grants throughout the Urbandale Community School District.

“We’re looking forward to this fun Friday evening community event to celebrate Urbandale Schools and enjoy a casual, social environment with friends and neighbors,” said Steven Schuler, president of the Urbandale Education Foundation. “Please invite your family and friends to this new event that we hope will become an annual affair.”

Admission to U-Fest is \$10 and includes one beverage (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available); \$2 for ages 16 and younger. Tickets may be purchased at the gate. Parking is available off of Douglas Avenue at Walker Johnston Park. Community members are welcome to bring portable chairs or a blanket to relax and enjoy all of the festivities.

Meribeth Haynes, Alumni Co-Chair, shared that the Alumni Association is excited to be a part of U-Fest and that, “we are looking forward to alumni being able to reconnect again while raising money for scholarships and classroom grants for Urbandale Schools.”

Sponsorship opportunities for U-Fest are available and are a fantastic opportunity for local businesses and organizations to increase brand awareness while also making a valuable, tax-deductible contribution in support of students and educators throughout the Urbandale Community School District. Learn more about U-Fest and Sponsorship Opportunities by visiting [UrbandaleEducationFoundation.com](http://UrbandaleEducationFoundation.com) and [UrbandaleAlumni.com](http://UrbandaleAlumni.com).

**The Urbandale Education Foundation (UEF)** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to enhancing the educational experience of students in the Urbandale Community School District by funding projects and initiatives not supported within existing school budgets. The UEF raises funds through grants and private donations and then invests in enhanced educational programming, innovative technology, scholarships for graduates, state-of-the-art facilities and lifelong learning opportunities. The UEF is in the unique position to provide support for Urbandale schools, award scholarships to UHS graduates and connect Urbandale alumni through the merger and partnership of three organizations: Urbandale Education Foundation, Urbandale Dollars for Scholars and Urbandale Alumni Association. The UEF is dedicated to making a difference in the future of Urbandale schools, students and the vitality of the Urbandale community.

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**The Urbandale Alumni Association** was founded in 2013 and is part of the Urbandale Education Foundation. The mission of the Urbandale Alumni Association is to connect alumni, supporters and community by promoting a sense of pride and engaged participation through programs, education and student scholarships.

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