

Uni High Community Connections Day: St. Elmo Brady Celebration at Booker T. Washington

On **Friday, April 19**, Uni High will be joining Booker T. Washington STEM Academy for an all-school celebration with a series of Uni-led activities related to water and Earth Day inspired by UIUC alumnus St. Elmo Brady, the first African American to earn a Chemistry Ph.D.

Every Uni student will sign up as a volunteer for *one* 40-minute activity (e.g., density labs, Douglass Park clean-up, designing a water filter), which will be repeated *three* times with each of the three classes within a BTW grade level. **Students should register for an activity at go.uni.illinois.edu/StElmoBradyDay and select “Fill out new form.”** After the morning activities, Uni students will join BTW students for a pizza lunch and recess, where Uni students should engage with BTW students in basketball, soccer, frisbee, reading, and other fun activities.

All activities on April 19 will take place at Booker T. Washington STEM Academy, and Uni students will need to turn in a [permission slip](#) to participate. Students should turn signed permission slips in to their English teacher by Tuesday, Apr. 16 at the latest.

Drop Off

On April 19, we ask that Uni students be dropped off at Douglass Community Center (512 E. Grove St., Champaign—the building next door to Booker T. Washington) by 8:30am. Uni staff will be at Douglass Community Center by 7:45am, so students may be dropped off anytime between 7:45 and 8:30am.

The block of E. Grove St. immediately in front of Booker T. Washington STEM Academy is closed in the mornings for school bus traffic. Uni parents/guardians should please go north on N. 6th St. and turn left onto E. Grove St. to drop off Uni students in front of the Douglass Community Center. (See drop-off map on back side.)

If your student takes a bus to Uni or drives to Uni and parks on campus and will need transportation from Uni to Booker T. Washington, please mark that option on the permission slip. There will be a Uni faculty member available to shuttle students from Uni to BTW in a university vehicle as needed.

Early Dismissal and Pick-Up

Uni students will return to Uni by bus after lunch, and **Uni will have an early dismissal at 1:45pm.**

If students need to stay at Uni beyond 1:45pm, they may. The building will close at 3:30. We'd encourage students who need to stay at Uni after school to have a book to read or some homework to work on.

Schedule for the Day

8:00 – 8:30am – Student Drop-Off: *Students will arrive at Douglass Community Center and be directed to the group they've signed up for.*

8:30 – 9:15 – Activity Set-Up: *Activity leaders will review the plans for their activity with student volunteers, and groups will set up their activity in their assigned space at BTW.*

9:15 – 11:35 – Water and Earth Day Activities: *Uni groups will lead their 40-minute activities for each of the three classes in their assigned BTW grade level, with ten minute breaks between each session.*

11:35 – 1:20 – Lunch and Recess: *Uni students will join BTW students for a pizza lunch and recess. Uni students should engage with BTW students during this time by playing sports or games, doing crafts, or reading.*

1:20 – 1:45 – Return to Uni: *Uni students will be shuttled back to Uni for 1:45 dismissal.*

What Should Students Bring and Wear?

Students do not need to bring their backpacks or their regular school materials. If students choose to bring a backpack, we'll store them in a room at the Douglass Community Center during the day. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle and a snack.

Students should dress appropriately for the weather, since some morning activities and recess will be outdoors, weather permitting. Some activities will involve materials like vegetable oil and paint, so students should wear clothes they wouldn't mind getting dirty.

Lunch

Uni students will be served a pizza lunch and fruit after the morning activities. Vegetarian and pork-free options will be available. If your student has dietary restrictions or food allergies that prevent them from eating pizza or if your student would prefer to bring their own lunch, they may bring a sack lunch and store it during the morning activities. There will not be microwaves available.

Expectations

Students participating in this outreach day are representing Uni High and are expected to conduct themselves with high standards and behavior. Uni students should behave as good role models to the Booker T. Washington students and be kind and respectful in their interactions with one another, Booker T. Washington students, school staff, and parent chaperones. Students should also use appropriate language throughout the day and show respect to the spaces where activities will take place: Booker T. Washington STEM Academy, the Douglass Community Center, and Douglass Park.

Parent Chaperones

We still need help from parent chaperones throughout the day on April 19! If you're interested, please sign up at <https://go.uni.illinois.edu/BTWChaperones>.

Morning Drop-Off Map

