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Garden Stories

The mission of The O'Gorman Garden is to promote learning, spiritual growth, imagination and self-confidence in preschool children, ages 2 ½ to 5. The school uses a Montessori-inspired curriculum rooted in literacy and infused with foreign language study and experiential learning through music, gardening, yoga and the arts. Over the years, we have had many success stories; we share three such stories below.

Student: Universal Hunte

Graduated: 2004

Currently: Senior at St. Bernard's School on full scholarship

Mia Hunte (mother): "We chose The O'Gorman Garden because of its intimate size and environment. It feels like a family place. The school was insistent on parent participation through its shared lunch preparation responsibilities for the children and other activities. The vibe is welcoming; kids can open up and have the opportunity to be themselves. All types of families are accepted and have the opportunity to express themselves and share.

"Uni was comfortable there—he never cried for me or was sad to see me go. He knew Ned (the founder) would be waiting to see him and work with him. Coming into school, there was always classical music playing in the morning, and there were old copies of National Geographic on the table. We liked that exposure to culture and the world. If you can be open to the school's progressive ways, the school is open to you.

"Universal is a senior at Millbrook Boarding School. He travels through school; he went to Ecuador and Japan. I've never left the country! I'm so excited for him and his future. And it all started with The O'Gorman Garden."

Universal recently received early acceptance into Carnegie Mellon University. We are thrilled by his ongoing academic success.



