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Unity Bancorp, Inc.

2014 PROXY

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UNITY BANCORP, INC.

64 Old Highway 22

Clinton, New Jersey 08809

March 25, 2014

Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Unity Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") to be held on April 24, 2014 at the Grand Colonial Restaurant, 86 Route 173 West, Perryville (Hampton), New Jersey, (908-735-7889). At the Annual Meeting, shareholders will be asked to consider and vote upon:

1. The election of the four (4) nominees listed in the attached proxy statement to serve on the Board of Directors for the terms set forth therein for each nominee.
2. The ratification of the selection of McGladrey LLP as the Company's independent external auditors for the year ending December 31, 2014.
3. Such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and at any adjournments thereof, including whether or not to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Space is limited for the Annual Meeting. If you plan on attending the Annual Meeting, please mark the appropriate box on the proxy card so we can reserve enough space to accommodate all attendees.

Your cooperation is appreciated since a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company must be represented, either in person or by proxy, to constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. Whether or not you expect to attend, please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card promptly in the postage-paid envelope provided so that your shares of Company Common Stock will be represented. In addition, please be kind enough to note on the proxy card whether or not you intend to be present at the Annual Meeting.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of the employees of the Company, I thank you for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ David D. Dallas

David D. Dallas

Chairman of the Board

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD APRIL 24, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Annual Meeting”) of Unity Bancorp, Inc., (the “Company”), will be held on April 24, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Grand Colonial Restaurant, 86 Route 173 West, Perryville (Hampton), New Jersey, (908-735-7889), for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following matters:

1. The election of the four (4) nominees listed in the attached proxy statement to serve on the Board of Directors for the terms set forth therein for each nominee.
2. The ratification of the selection of McGladrey LLP as the Company’s independent external auditors for the year ending December 31, 2014.
3. Such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and at any adjournments thereof, including whether or not to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Shareholders of record at the close of business on March 3, 2014, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. If you plan on attending the Annual Meeting, please mark the appropriate box on the proxy card so we can reserve enough space to accommodate all attendees.

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Whether or not you contemplate attending the Annual Meeting, please execute the enclosed proxy and return it to the Company. You may revoke your proxy at any time prior to the exercise of the proxy by delivering to the Company a later-dated proxy or by delivering a written notice of revocation to the Company. A return envelope, which does not require postage if mailed in the United States, is enclosed for your convenience.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE SHAREHOLDERS’ MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2014:

You may access the Annual Report, Proxy Statement and Proxy Card at the following website:  
<http://www.sn1.com/IRWebLinkX/GenPage.aspx?IID=101233&GKP=205317>

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ David D. Dallas

David D. Dallas

Chairman of the Board

March 25, 2014

Clinton, New Jersey

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PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD APRIL 24, 2014

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We are providing these proxy materials in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Unity Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) of proxies to be voted at the Company’s 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Annual Meeting”) to be held on April 24, 2014, and at any postponement or adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. local time. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Grand Colonial Restaurant, 86 Route 173 West, Perryville (Hampton), New Jersey, (908-735-7889). Shareholders will be admitted beginning at 9:15 a.m. local time. (Directions: Route 78 West to Exit 12 to end of ramp, turn left onto Route 173 West and proceed to restaurant on right; or Route 78 East to Exit 11 to end of ramp, turn left on Route 614, turn right onto Route 173 East and proceed to restaurant.)

The Company is first mailing this proxy statement and proxy card (including voting instructions) on or before March 25, 2014, to persons who were Unity Bancorp, Inc. shareholders at the close of business on March 3, 2014, the record date for the Annual Meeting.

PROXIES AND VOTING PROCEDURES

Who Can Vote?

You are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting all shares of the Company’s Common Stock, no par value per share (the “Common Stock”), that you held as of the close of business on the record date. Each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote with respect to each matter properly brought before the Annual Meeting.



On March 3, 2014, there were 7,579,377 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

In accordance with New Jersey law, a list of shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting will be available at the Annual Meeting.

#### Who Is a Record Holder?

You may own Common Stock either (1) directly in your name, in which case you are the record holder of such shares, or (2) indirectly through a broker, bank or other nominee, in which case such nominee is the record holder.

If your shares of Common Stock are registered directly in your name, the Company is sending these proxy materials directly to you. If the record holder of your shares of Common Stock is a nominee, you will receive proxy materials from such record holder.

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## How Do I Vote?

### Record Holders:

**By Mail.** If you choose to vote by mail, mark your proxy, date and sign it, and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. Your vote by mail must be received by the close of voting at the Annual Meeting on April 24, 2014.

**By Attending the Annual Meeting.** If you attend the Annual Meeting, you can vote your shares of Common Stock in person.

### Stock Held by Brokers, Banks and Nominees:

If your Common Stock is held by a broker, bank or other nominee, you will receive instructions from them that you must follow in order to have your shares voted.

If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, you will need to contact the broker, bank or other nominee to obtain evidence of your ownership of Common Stock on March 3, 2014.

The method by which you vote will in no way limit your right to vote at the Annual Meeting if you later decide to attend in person.

## How Many Votes Are Required?

A quorum is required to transact business at the Annual Meeting. The Company will have a quorum and be able to conduct the business of the Annual Meeting if the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock entitled to vote are present at the Annual Meeting, either in person or by proxy.

If a quorum is present, Directors will be elected by a plurality of votes cast at the Annual Meeting. Thus, a Director may be elected even if the Director receives less than a majority of the shares of Common Stock represented at the Annual Meeting. Approval of each of the other proposals requires the vote of a majority of those shares voting at the Annual Meeting.

## How Are Votes Counted?

All shares that have been properly voted, and not revoked, will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions given. If you sign and return your proxy card, but do not specify how you wish your shares to be voted, your shares represented by that proxy will be voted “FOR” each of the proposals listed in the notice of meeting and as recommended by the Board of Directors on any other business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting. The Board is not aware of any other business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting.

Proxies marked as abstaining, and any proxies returned by brokers as “non-votes” on behalf of shares held in street name because beneficial owners’ discretion has been withheld as to one or more matters to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting, will be treated as present for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting. However, any shares not voted as a result of a marked abstention or a broker non-vote will not be counted as votes for or against a particular matter. Accordingly, marked abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of a vote.

How Does the Board Recommend that I Vote My Shares?

Unless you give other instructions on your proxy card, the persons named as proxies on the card will vote in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors. The Board’s recommendation is set forth together with the description of each item in this Proxy Statement. In summary, the Board recommends a vote:

FOR the election of nominees for Director to serve on the Board of Directors; and

FOR ratification of McGladrey LLP as the Company’s independent external auditors.

## How Can I Revoke My Proxy or Change My Vote?

You can revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised by timely delivery of a properly executed, later-dated proxy or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

## Who Will Pay the Expenses of Proxy Distribution?

The Company will pay the expenses of the preparation of proxy materials and the solicitation of proxies. Proxies may be solicited on behalf of the Company by Directors, officers or employees of the Company, who will receive no additional compensation for soliciting, in person or by telephone, e-mail, facsimile or other electronic means. In accordance with the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”), the Company will reimburse brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their expenses incurred in sending proxies and proxy materials to beneficial owners of Common Stock.

## PROPOSAL 1 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Company, the Board of Directors must consist of not less than one (1) and not more than fifteen (15) Directors. The Board of Directors of the Company currently has nine (9) members. The Board of Directors is divided into three classes.

Four (4) Directors will be elected at this Annual Meeting to serve for three-year terms expiring at the Company’s Annual Meeting in 2017 and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. All nominees are current members of the Company’s Board of Directors.

The following tables set forth, as of the record date, the names of the nominees and the names of those Directors whose terms continue beyond the Annual Meeting, their ages, a brief description of their recent business experience, including present occupations and employment, certain Directorships held by each, the year in which each became a Director of the Company and the year in which their terms (or in the case of the nominees, their proposed terms) as Director of the Company expire.

The persons named in the enclosed proxy card will vote such proxy “FOR” the election of each of the nominees named below unless you indicate that your vote should be withheld. If elected, each nominee will continue in office until his successor has been duly elected and qualified, or until the earliest of his death, resignation, retirement or removal. Each of the nominees has indicated to the Company that he or she will serve if elected. The Company does not anticipate that any of the nominees will be unable to stand for election, but if that happens, your proxy will be

voted in favor of another person nominated by the Board.

The Board of Directors has nominated and recommends a vote “FOR” the election of Wayne Courtright, David D. Dallas, Robert H. Dallas, II, and Peter E. Maricondo.

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Table I — Nominees for 2014 Annual Meeting

Name, Age and Position with Company(1)	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	Director Since (2)	Term Expires
Wayne Courtright, 66 Director	Consultant; Retired, Former Banker	2004	2017
David D. Dallas(3), 59 Chairman	Chairman of the Company and the Bank; Chief Executive Officer of Dallas Group of America, Inc. (Chemicals)	1991	2017
Robert H. Dallas, II(3), 67 Director	President of Dallas Group of America, Inc. (Chemicals)	1991	2017
Peter E. Maricondo, 67 Director	Retired, Former Financial Consultant	2004	2017

Table II – Directors of the Company Whose Terms Continue Beyond this Annual Meeting

Name, Age and Position with Company(1)	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	Director Since (2)	Term Expires
Dr. Mark S. Brody, 61 Director	V.P. Planned Financial Programs, Inc.; Managing Member, Financial Planning Analysts, LLC; New York State Licensed Physician	2002	2015
Raj Patel, 59 Director	President/CEO of Raja Group, a distributor for convenience stores; CEO of Millennium Hospitality (Hotel) and Founder Rainbow Distribution Group (Wholesale Distribution).	2007	2015
Mary E. Gross, 53 Director	Director of Career Management Services for The Wharton School MBA Program for Executives; Founder, Human Edge Resources, LLC (Human Resource Consulting)	2009	2016
James A. Hughes, 55 President, CEO and Director	President and CEO of the Company and the Bank	2002	2016