

SCHOOL DISTRICT of UNIVERSITY CITY



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Dear University City High School Alumni,

Envision every University City High School (UCHS) freshman going on to a successful high school career and building his or her foundation for a productive future. Our dream is just that, and the basis for our optimism and our approach is a rigorous and successful program called "**Lifeplan**."

Whether you consider yourself an Indian or Lion, it is likely that you think of UCHS as having been an influential part of your life. UCHS continues to be important to young people who, just as we did, enter high school with both anticipation and a healthy dose of anxiety. Many of today's students, however, face issues beyond what most of us needed to deal with when we were their age.

This is where our **Lifeplan** program comes in and why we expect it to help freshmen be more successful.

1. **Lifeplan** is a mentoring program that uses trained and qualified facilitators, a proven curriculum, and discovery learning to help young people shape their lives in a positive way. The program began in California and is spreading throughout the country. Our program will be the first in Missouri. You can learn more about **Lifeplan** at [www.lifeplaninstitute.org](http://www.lifeplaninstitute.org).
2. **Lifeplan** directly confronts the four main debilitating social epidemics facing students: educational failure, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, and gang involvement.
3. Each young person who experiences **Lifeplan** leaves the program with a deep appreciation for the implications of his or her choices, an individual life plan, and a support system of a "Personal Board of Directors" that he or she has built throughout the program.

Our plan is to introduce **Lifeplan** to an inaugural group of 25 freshmen in the fall of 2011 and expand it through the school year. By fall 2012, we intend to offer **Lifeplan** to all UCHS freshmen each year.

You can help continue the UCHS legacy and make a difference in the current and future lives of its students. The cost of **Lifeplan** for the first year will be \$6000, which will cover the expense of training and certifying facilitators (we are fortunate to have Cindy Charlton, a master **Lifeplan** trainer, living in St. Louis) and the cost of course materials for the students (\$30/student). We have seeded the funding pot, other alumni and classes are already considering gifts, and we ask that you join us.

Sponsor one student (or more), help fund training for facilitators, or make a general donation. To contribute and/or become personally involved in this exciting and worthwhile program, use the attached form. A special **Lifeplan** fund (tax deductible) has been established by the School District of University City.

Thank you,

Joylynn Pruitt  
Superintendent, School District

Alan Spector (Class of 1964)  
Author, *Hail Hail to U City High*  
2011 UCHS Hall of Fame Inductee

Jeremy Davenport (Class of 1988)  
Prominent Musician  
2001 UCHS Hall of Fame Inductee

Stacy Clay  
President, School Board

Michelle I. Gralnick (Class of 1980)  
CEO, M Gralnick Enterprises, LLC  
Charter President, UCHS Alumni Association

Bob Cohn (Class of 1957)  
Editor Emeritus, *St. Louis Jewish Light*  
2001 UCHS Hall of Fame Inductee

Dayle Burgdorf  
Principal, UCHS

Ernest Carter  
**Lifeplan** Coordinator  
Assistant Principal, UCHS

Wiley Price (Class of 1975)  
Award-Winning Photojournalist  
2007 UCHS Hall of Fame Inductee

Carrie Costantin (Class of 1979)  
Past President, School Board

YES, I will join fellow UCHS alumni to support the **Lifeplan** mentoring program

Enclosed is my donation check (made payable to School District of University City/**Lifeplan**)

Send check to: School District of University City  
Attention: Linda Wesley  
8136 Groby Road  
University City, Missouri 63130

\$30 to sponsor one student

\$60 to sponsor two students

\$100 to cosponsor facilitator training

\$\_\_\_\_\_ general donation

YES, I am interested in volunteering to help with the program (e.g. be a classroom facilitator)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UCHS Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

