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Debbie Chase Hired as District Liaison to the University City Education Foundation

University City, MO – The School District of University City (SDUC) is excited to announce the hiring of Debbie Chase as the part-time District liaison and administrative consultant to the University City Education Foundation.

Chase, a 1984 University City High School graduate, will help grow the Foundation's board capacity and its fundraising efforts. Established in 1996, the [University City Education Foundation](#) is an independent organization with a mission to raise funds to support learning and classroom opportunities for the students and staff in the District. This past year, the Education Foundation awarded more than [\\$20,000 in grants](#) to teachers in the District to support the purchase of classroom materials and to launch unique classroom projects that support the District's strategic plan of Learning Reimagined.



Chase has more than 20 years of experience in strategic and business development. She has a record of significant accomplishments in strategic growth, community and business development, fundraising, analysis and evaluation, staff management and program implementation.

She has specific expertise in health care, education, human services, community development, vulnerable populations and policy research. Most recently, she was the chief strategy officer for Beyond Housing, a community development non-profit in North St. Louis County, in which she led board-level strategy to determine new lines of business opportunities to advance the organization.

Previously, she was the vice president of philanthropy for the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, in which she oversaw all fundraising and development with annual fundraising totaling \$15 million.

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Chase has fond memories of mastering dodge ball on the playground of the former Delmar-Harvard Elementary School and of playing alto saxophone in the U. City jazz band. She holds a BA from Brown University and a Masters of Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

"University City is an amazing place," she said. "The alumni as well as current students and parents have unparalleled talents and commitment to the U. City community. I am so excited to work with them and with Superintendent Sharonica Hardin-Bartley to enhance the possibilities for current and future students."

Chase will begin her work immediately. The University City Education Foundation is in need of several new members for its board, which meets monthly, 10 times a year. Board seats are open to anyone. Members do not have to be residents, parents or alumni of the school district.

For more information on the board and how to apply for a seat:
<http://www.ucityeducationfoundation.org/board-of-directors.html>

To contact the Foundation: info@ucityeducationfoundation.org

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