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### **Foundation Golf Tournament Unites University City High School and Mizzou in Graduate Scholarship Opportunity**

University City, MO (Aug. 20, 2018) - The Darren's Lions2Tigers will host its second annual golf tournament at Pevly Farms Golf Club (400 Lewis Road, Eureka, MO) on Sept. 21, 2018. The event will start with a lunch at NOON and 1 p.m. shotgun start. Funds raised will be used for scholarships to benefit University City High School graduates (UCHS Lions) attending The University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou Tigers). The Foundation was created to honor Darren Valeriote, UCHS Class of 1988, who passed away in February 2016.

Last year, the Foundation (501c3) awarded a total of \$7,500 to three UCHS graduates based on their academic success, essays and acceptance to Mizzou this fall. The 2018 "Lions2Tigers" scholars are **Kathryn Fuller**, communications; **Jahlyn Richmond**, business accounting, and **Jonathan York**, information technology.

Chris Valeriote, UCHS class of 1984, says the scholarship program honors the educational path taken by his younger brother, "Darren was so proud to be a U. City grad. He developed a lot of friendships during his time at U. City that lasted his entire life and many of his UCHS friends attended Mizzou with him. It seemed like a natural transition to include Mizzou in the scholarship."

Darren graduated from Mizzou in 1993 with a psychology degree and went on to establish a successful home healthcare business, Senior Services, which provides hourly or live-in help for seniors who wish to stay in their homes. He is survived by his wife Stacey and sons Steven and Alex. Steven is following in his father's footsteps and is a sophomore at Mizzou and Alex is a junior at Eureka High School.

The Foundation is asking the U. City community and UCHS alums to participate in the 2018 Golf Tournament. The cost is \$125 per golfer and the **deadline to enter is Sept. 15, 2018**. Lunch and beverages are included. To sign up, make a tax-deductible donation or sponsor a hole, please go to [birdeasepro.com/DarrensLions2Tigers](http://birdeasepro.com/DarrensLions2Tigers) or contact Chris Valeriote at 314-341-2710 or [cvaleriote@msn.com](mailto:cvaleriote@msn.com). For information on the scholarship, contact Dr. Sam Martin, UCHS Dean of Students at (314) 290-4104, [stmartin@ucityschools.org](mailto:stmartin@ucityschools.org) or visit [ucityschools.org/Lions2Tigers](http://ucityschools.org/Lions2Tigers) or [ucityschools.org/UCHS](http://ucityschools.org/UCHS).