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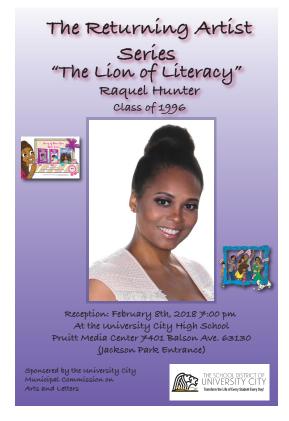
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## Children's Author Raquel Hunter is U. City's 2018 Returning Artist

University City, MO -- University City High School 1996 alumnae Raquel (Smith) Hunter, author of the popular children's book series "Diary of Brave Rave," is the 2018 University City Returning Artist. Her literary work explores diverse, positive and relatable characters for children to enjoy and learn.

Hunter will be honored at a public reception on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the UCHS Pruitt Library Media Center, 7401 Balson Ave. 63130 (use Jackson Ave. entrance). This event is free and open to the public.

The Returning Artist Program, coordinated by the University City Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters, brings artistically renowned UCHS graduates to work with students and encourage them to investigate careers in the arts. Past returning artists included visual artists, glassblowers, writers, filmmakers, musicians, actors, singers and dancers.



More information about the Returning Artist series is available at ucityartsandletters.org.

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Ms. Hunter will be visiting classrooms during the week of Feb. 5, 2018. Interested media staff may contact the Communications Office to coordinate scheduling. If needed after-hours: Call or text Lori Willis at (314) 456-5457.