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## University City to host AFA CyberCamp

University City, MO – The School District of University City is one of the distinguished organizations across the United States selected to participate in the 2017 season of the <u>Air Force Association's (AFA) CyberCamp Program</u> this summer. Dozens of students have signed up already for the District's AFA CyberCamp, scheduled for June 12 – 16, 2017 and taught by our partners at Midwest Cyber Center and Scott Air Force Base.

As an AFA CyberCamp host, The School District of University City will receive software and a hands-on curriculum kit designed to teach students cyber safety, cyber ethics, and critical network security skills and tools. Each AFA CyberCamp will culminate in an exciting team-based competition that puts the campers in the role of IT administrators tasked with finding and addressing cyber security vulnerabilities in simulated network environments. The local AFA CyberCamp competitions will closely mimic AFA's annual <a href="CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition">CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition</a>, which will enter its tenth season in October.

"This camp is a great opportunity to allow students to explore their passions around computers. It will help them develop some new skills as well as learn new things along the way," said Dr. Robert Dillon, Director of Innovative Learning for the School District of University City.

In addition to hosting one of the first AFA CyberCamps, The School District of University City is considering will supporting a team in the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition this fall.

The CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program was created by the Air Force Association in 2009 to attract students to cybersecurity and other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. In addition to the annual National Youth Cyber Defense Competition and the new AFA CyberCamp program, CyberPatriot has launched an Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative designed to introduce young students to online safety. To learn more about CyberPatriot, visit www.usycyberpatriot.org.