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## University City High School Basketball Coach Works to Turn the Team Around On and Off the Court



**University City, MO** – High school basketball coach Kelvin Lee has made great strides in the two short years of working in the School District of University City. He's helped the team go from last to first place in its conference. He also won conference Coach of the Year. The team went 6-1 in conference wins and 15-11 overall.

Prior to joining University City High School (UCHS) Lee had been an assistant coach at Baylor University, Saint Louis University and Texas A&M before coaching for 16 years at Chaminade College Preparatory School. During his time there, he coached future NBA stars **Bradley Beal**, **David Lee** and **Jayson Tatum**. After coaching at Chaminade, Lee coached at Miller Career Academy, before becoming the head coach at St. Mary's High School.

Coach Lee joined UCHS in the 2017-18 school year. In addition to his many accomplishments on the court, he was involved in helping to launch the Restorative Practices program at the school. It's a comprehensive approach to interacting with students which includes:

- Encouraging students to express their voice; he says many of them feel they don't have a voice in their own lives.
- Taking part in different "circles" including classroom circles, re-entry circles, etc.
- Circles help address (and minimize) conflict or potential conflict. Parents are sometimes included.
- Since its inception a few years ago, suspensions at UCHS have gone down.
- There's a 13-member Restorative Practices team; six students are also part of the team. They meet once every two weeks.
- In addition to Restorative Practices at UCHS, they have also expanded to include the middle school Brittany Woods.

For more information on Coach Kelvin Lee and Restorative Practices, please visit: [www.ucityschools.org/CoachLee](http://www.ucityschools.org/CoachLee).

*On February 21, 1911, with a City population of only 2,417, The School District of University City was officially established. Classes began in September 1912 with a total school population of 769. Today, you will find outstanding educational programs serving a student population of approximately 2,800 with a preschool, four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. In May 2018, University City High School held its 101<sup>st</sup> formal Commencement Ceremony.*