University City High School students held a Silent March On the anniversary of school shooting in Parkland, Florida

(University City, MO)—The Women Empowerment Club at University City High School held a silent march on the one-year anniversary of the Parkland, Florida school shooting. It took place on Thursday, February 14th at 7:00 a.m. on the front steps of University City High School.

The silent march was organized by UCHS seniors Rowan Hoel and Leah Zukosky, under the supervision of club sponsor, Elizabeth Goodbrake.

“Parkland was such a huge event last year and I think it’s important to not let it go unnoticed, said UCHS senior Leah Zukosky. “After major shootings people start talking about guns for a few weeks, and then it kind of dies out. I think it’s important not to let this die out, and to actually make a change.”

On February 14, 2018, a gunman opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. A total of 17 students and staff members were killed, 17 others were injured. It is the deadliest shooting at a high school in United States history.

“Bringing actual shoes that represent the victims of these shootings puts it into people’s minds that this can happen here, and because it’s so easy to get a gun,” said UCHS senior Rowan Hoel. “A visual representation is a lot more powerful than just saying this is what’s happening.”

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