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12-Year-Old Singer, Author and Anti-Bullying Activist Jhala Angelique To Attend Opening Day Ceremony, National Night Out and Back-to-School Rally

University City, MO – Jhala Angelique, the winner of the national StarQuest 4 Kids Singing Competition, will be the featured performer at the District's Opening Day ceremony for teachers and staff, 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, 2019 inside the main auditorium at University City High School, 7401 Balson Avenue, 63130. This year's theme is "Heart of a Lion," and Jhala will be singing an inspirational Disney classic to mark the start of the school year.

In addition to her appearance at Opening Day, the 12-year-old singer and activist will perform the national anthem at University City's National Night Out/Back to School Rally the next day, Aug. 6. at 5 p.m. Jhala will also present an anti-bullying talk at 5:30 p.m. at nearby Brittany Woods Middle School, 8125 Groby Rd.

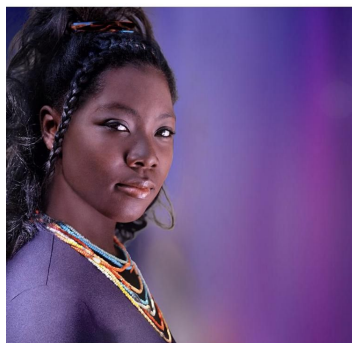
Jhala, which means "God is with you," is an activist who works to raise awareness of an issue affecting her at a very young age. While growing up in the greater Los Angeles area, Jhala was bullied at school at the young age of 7. The painful experience led her mother to homeschool her. Jhala would turn such a negative experience into a positive one by encouraging her peers to unite and stand up to bullying through a series of YouTube videos and her anti-bullying "I Am" campaign.

"We are so excited to invite Jhala to University City," said Superintendent Sharonica Hardin-Bartley. "Her youth, her activism against bullying and her beautiful voice are an inspiration to the District's staff and students. She embodies the qualities of strength, courage and community activism that we hope to nurture in all of our students."

Jhala Angelique has upcoming appearances on the ABC programs "Strahan & Sara" and "Good Morning America." And on Sept. 7, she will travel to New York to sing at the Neicy T's Kids Biz conference.

Jhala's has recorded several songs, including "Kaleidoscope" and has written a series of books based around her "I Am" anti-bullying campaign. For more information, please visit: www.jhalaangelique.com.

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