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Unique Mentoring Event Friday at University City High School

"Young Men's Night Out: The Lion's Den" geared towards young male scholars

WHAT: "Young Men's Night Out: The Lion's Den" mentoring event and necktie donation

WHEN: Friday, Dec. 21, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: University City High School (7401 Balson Ave., University City, MO 63130) **WHO:** U. City students (grades 8-12) and school staff, area mentors, and Man of Valor, Inc.

University City, **MO** – University City High School (UCHS) will host a special mentoring event on Friday, Dec. 21, for young male scholars in The School District of University City titled, "Young Men's Night Out: The Lion's Den." Programming begins immediately after early school dismissal at 11:30 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m.

The program is a partnership between the high school and <u>Man of Valor</u>, <u>Inc.</u> and is designed to allow young men (in grades 8-12) the opportunity to interact with fellow classmates and male mentors from the University City community in a non-traditional setting outside of the regular school day.

Following school dismissal, the young men will embark on a journey consisting of several breakout sessions, conversations, and discussion around the guiding question for the afternoon, "What does it mean to be a man?" These sessions will then be followed by lunch, recreational activities (including 3-on-3 basketball tourney, open mic, rap competition, Xbox, games and more), haircuts and group photo. The young men will also take home neckties that have been donated by the University City community through the "TIEd to Greatness" program started by UCHS principal Michael Peoples.

"In my experience working with young men, the curriculum and facilitation of planned activities such as this are enormously impactful," Peoples said. "I have witnessed young men who were molded and positively impacted by both the content of this program and the relationships established with the facilitators. And by simply giving them a necktie, we are helping them along a path forward as changed men."

Media are invited to attend portions of the event. Please email <u>communications@ucityschools.org</u> to confirm attendance.

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