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University City Board of Education Commends Student Accomplishments *Students Recognized for Community Service Projects, Artwork*

University City, MO –The School District of University City Board of Education met on Thursday, Oct. 18 and recognized several students for recent, noteworthy accomplishments. A total of eight middle school and high school students were commended for successful community service projects and award-winning artwork.

In July 2018, four Brittany Woods Middle School students received scholarships to attend the WE Schools “Me-to-We: Take Action Camp” in Arizona. WE Schools is an international non-profit organization that helps students take action on issues that concern them. Along with students from all over the world, the Brittany Woods students built skills in leadership and public speaking, delved into local and global issues such as sustainability and cross-border migration, and gained the tools and inspiration needed to make a difference in their community. With the support of their teacher, Anne Cummings, each participant created a project action plan in an area of personal importance that they are working on during the school year.

- TaeShia Johnson coordinated a personal care and cleaning items supply drive to support the homeless. Items were collected at the school through October 12 and will be donated to Loaves and Fishes, St. Louis County’s longest operating family shelter.
- Mouhamed Ly aims to reduce disposable water bottles by purchasing a water bottle filling station for each elementary school in the District. He is currently seeking funding and support.
- Lucy Rhoades is investigating the gender pay gap and is taking a look at St. Louis organizations that support pay parity.
- Alara Stewart is working towards the installation of a “Giving Garden” at Brittany Woods Middle School. The produce will be shared with refugee families in University City.

The Board of Education also recognized four University City High School student-artists for their participation in U. City in Blooms 2018 biennial Plein Air “Art in Bloom” Festival on September 23. The four students won awards in the youth competition: First place went to Jade Morrow; Second place went to Rebecca Rico; Third place went to Shu’ Rya Butler. In addition, Butler and Andrew Immer were named Curator’s Choice.

The students’ artwork was featured during the Oct. 7 Gallery reception at the University City Public Library and will remain on display throughout October. Other Plein Air student artwork is on display at the UCHS Student Art Center in the old school library through the Nov. 8 “See Our Schools” open house. More information about “See Our Schools” can be found at ucityschools.org/SeeOurSchools.

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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 2,900 with a preschool, four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. In May 2018, University City High School held its 101st formal Commencement ceremony.