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University City High School Students Receive Academic Letters

Unique Tradition Recognizes Outstanding Academic Achievement

University City, MO – University City High School (UCHS) and the UCHS PTO will recognize more than 100 students during an in-school assembly on Wednesday, Oct. 17, for outstanding academic achievement. In a tradition unique to UCHS, the students will receive academic letters and pins similar to those student-athletes receive for athletic performance.

This year, 56 students will receive an academic letter for the first time, including two current seniors. Another 56 who have already received an academic letter will receive a pin to recognize another year of outstanding achievement. In total, 112 UCHS students will receive a letter or a pin for their 2017-18 academic accomplishments. To qualify for an academic letter or pin, students must have attained at least a 3.0 GPA in the preceding school year. Graduating seniors are recognized at spring graduation based upon their GPA for the first three-quarters of their senior year. The “Pins & Letters” (also known as Academic “U”) tradition dates back for more than 50 years.

“We are proud of these students and their exceptional academic performance,” said Michael Peoples, UCHS principal. “This unique UCHS tradition recognizes students who show dedication and commitment to their education. We believe it is highly important to recognize students for their classroom success in this way, just as we do when they succeed on the field or court.”

The private ceremony will take place in the historic Charles A. Banks Auditorium at University City High School (7401 Balson Avenue, 63130) beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Members of the media wishing to attend must contact the Communications Office of The School District of University City prior to the event.

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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 2,800 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.