

UCSTEP Initiative 2018 Proposal

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The Union County Student Training & Enrichment Program holds its annual gather of Union County High School Students every December at Kean University. This year one of our UHS Students, Sydnee Alava, participated on the winning team and has been recognized by the Union County Freeholders for her excellent participation in the social initiative “Branches Against Bullying”

With this recognition comes a responsibility of spear-heading district-wide initiatives of bullying prevention and raising funds for the UCSTEP Program; as it continues to raise young adult leaders to address the social issues of the world today.

The activities that are proposed would be to raise funds for the UCStep Program at the end of the year. All funds would be submitted to the Union County Freeholders Office for the UCStep Program.

With that, Sydnee has created a timeline of activities that she would like to initiate for our district; inclusive of all schools and our community leaders and businesses.

Activities Include:

March 7 Kick-Off of Branches Against Bullying

- A pre-made tree will be shipped to the high school and placed in the entry hall of UHS. Leaves will be distributed to every homeroom for compliments to be written and then placed on the tree as a symbol of our commitment against bullying behavior.
- Working with Art Teachers from across the district to create a picture of a tree where compliment leaves can be attached and displayed. Pictures will be takes on all of the trees across our district.
- Once our HS Tree is completed with compliment leaves, it will be transported to a Union county park and displayed with the other HS trees from across the county.

Wristband sales: April, May and June

This fundraising initiative of selling wristbands will be our main on-going fundraiser; therefore, we hope to sell the wristbands at every activities approved by the Board in this proposal. A slogan contest will decide the design of the wristband and we will sell it on

Field Day – Suggested Date: June 23, 2018

The UCStep Initiative at UHS would also like to host a Field Day on the Track and Practice Field at UHS. This would be a community event – open to all of the Union community. The Field Day would be a fun time where different age groups would participate in the various relay events offered. The Suggested price for entry would be \$5.00 as a fundraising event. We understand that a City Permit may be required due to the fund-raising efforts of the UCStep Initiative.

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