Sacramento Kings and Winward Academy Partner to Support Local Youth

Supporting Grant Union High School After-School Program Improves College and Career Opportunities

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (PRWEB) February 03, 2020 -- As part of their continued effort to promote healthy youth development in Sacramento, the Sacramento Kings are partnering with Winward Academy to support an after-school program at Grant Union High School (GUHS). The program provides valuable resources to support high-achieving students in their pursuit of college and career goals.

“Our students are so lucky for this outpouring of support,” shared Director GUHS After-School Program Vence Lewis. “They now have the tools and resources to transform their confidence and their future opportunities.”

“The Kings are proud to continue the mission of being bigger than basketball and investing in the region’s youth,” said Kings President of Business Operations John Rinehart. “By providing extra resources and encouraging students to use them frequently, we hope to develop Sacramento’s next generation of leaders.”

Kings rookie guard Justin James attended a tip-off event on October 29 with the students to get them excited about the importance of education, family and community, share more about his personal journey to the NBA and answer questions from students. Justin also spent time with the students, taking photos and signing autographs.

To view photos of the event with Justin James, click here.

Dr. Jennifer Winward, the founder and CEO of Winward Academy, also attended the kick-off to get the GUHS students signed up for Winward Academy. Through the learning platform, students have access to all the curriculum and resources needed for their math courses, ACT and SAT college entrance exams and college applications.

“Throughout the school year, we’ll continue to work closely with Mr. Lewis to ensure the best outcomes for students,” said Winward. “And we’re thankful to the Kings for nurturing this partnership to make an impact in their community.”

“It’s motivating for students to work hard in their academics knowing they have the support of organizations like the Kings and Winward Academy,” shared Lewis. “Students with access to Winward Academy are four times more likely to be college-ready in English, Math, Reading and Science. Our students are driven to achieve similar or better results!”

Grant Union High School students who show the most dedication and growth will be rewarded with tickets to Kings games.

For more information about the Kings ongoing efforts to give back to the Sacramento community, please visit Kings.com/Community.

About the Sacramento Kings
The Sacramento Kings are a Western Conference Pacific Division NBA basketball team based in Northern California since 1985. The Kings are the parent organization of NBA G League team the Stockton Kings, and esports franchise Kings Guard Gaming. In 2013, Vivek Ranadivé, an entrepreneur, technology visionary, New York Times best-selling author and philanthropist purchased the Kings, securing the team’s future in California’s capital city. Under Ranadivé’s leadership, the Kings have invested $1 billion in the downtown area creating thousands of jobs, revitalizing the region and building the next great American city. At the heart of this investment, is the most technologically advanced and sustainable arena in the world, Golden 1 Center. Surrounding Golden 1 Center is Sacramento’s emerging entertainment and lifestyle district DOCO (Downtown Commons). Off the court, the team actively works to give back to the local community through the Kings Foundation and programs like the Jr. Kings in order to do good, impact the world and make Sacramento proud. For more information, visit kings.com.

About Winward Academy

Test success, college success, and life success – they all begin at Winward Academy, a research-based, student-centered learning platform for the ACT, SAT, math class and college applications. Winward Academy applies a scientific approach to customize learning for each student, enabling growth for students of all levels and learning styles. Winward Academy is a team of passionate adolescent learning researchers committed to thoughtfully developing curriculum that improves learning, retention, and test performance – building confidence for life. Winward Academy curriculum is used by students at home, by teachers in the classroom, and by charities in afterschool and summer programs. For more information on Winward Academy, see winwardacademy.com or follow the company on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.
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