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Plano Hosts “Man-Up” Seminar October 22

On Wednesday, October 22, the City of Plano, Collin County Community College and the Plano Independent School District (PISD) will sponsor “**Man-Up: Phase II**” workshops from 6:30-8:30 pm at Plano Municipal Center, 1520 Avenue K. The workshops will be divided into three 20-minute sessions focusing on Academic Success, Appropriate Behavior and Entrepreneurship for students.

The “Man-Up” Committee works with private organizations and individuals to pair volunteer mentors with young teenage students who are currently enrolled in PISD schools. The program is voluntary for the youth and includes optional mentor support groups and resources for mentors.

“The youth of today are seeking guidance for the future and we are attempting to provide them with the tools to do so”, says Terrance Wright, a youth leader for the City of Plano.

Volunteer mentors are asked to serve as positive role models and friends through ongoing, one-on-one relationships. They agree to spend four to six hours per month with the students with whom they are paired. Mentors help teens set and meet goals and provide motivation and guidance to help them achieve success.

Guest speakers for the workshop include: Ricky Clark, founder and CEO of DA-Village (a comprehensive youth development center); Jackie Blalock-Robinson from the Justin Blalock Foundation; Eric Lockett, assistant principal Vines High School; Dr. Thurston Lamb, assistant principal Clark High School; and the **Honorable Judge Johnny Lewis**, Justice of Peace. Event coordinators are Lawrence Mann, state appointed official and PISD mentor; Alvis Alexander and Terrance Wright, City of Plano youth leaders; and Greg Thomas, PISD.

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