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Tony West returns to U. City roots *Visit includes student workshops, public reception*

Tony West is a highly successful national news and sports videographer. He returns to share his craft in student workshops at U. City High School (class of '83) and other area schools February 7, 8, and 9. He will also be honored at a public reception 7-9pm Wednesday, February 8, at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive (between Skinker and Hanley).



West has been the man behind the camera at a number of national sporting events. His work includes the 2005 World Series, the Stanley Cup Championship, NBA and Final Four Basketball, National Football League playoffs, college football, golf's PGA Championships and LPGA, 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta, and NASCAR racing.

He has also provided camera coverage for Dateline NBC, Nightly News, ABC News, CBS News, two American Presidents, Pope John Paul II, TV commercials, concerts and various other events. West is a 1987 graduate from Park University (MO) where he received a BA in Television Production. He now resides in St. Louis County.

West's visit is part of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters' Returning Artist Series. Starting in 1994, each year the program features different artistically renowned UCHS graduates who return to share their fields of work. The Returning Artist Series is the Commission's principal educational component designed specifically for school children.

To find out more about this and other U. City 2006 Centennial Celebration events, visit: www.ucity100years.org.

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NOT FOR PUBLICATION - ATTENTION MEDIA:

- ◆ Following is a classroom for February 7, 8 and 9 – PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH. The media is invited to schedule interviews, photo shoots, and taped or live broadcasts of the artist interacting with students.
- ◆ To arrange your classroom visit, please call Calla Smorodin (Arts & Letters): 314.428.2111 or (cell) 314.570.7714.
- ◆ Artist photos are available (b/w and color) in JPEG or TIF format. Call/e-mail Monica McFee: 505.8552/mmcfee@ucitymo.org.