



*Community News from Surviving the Odds*

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**Team Inspired Partners with Lincoln Prep Academy and Surviving the Odds to Celebrate 150 Years of Excellence and Increasing Awareness of Triple Negative Breast Cancer**

Lincoln College Preparatory Academy is celebrating 150 years of academic excellence. In addition to the legacy of the school, Lincoln Prep along with Team Inspired and Surviving the Odds will educate the students on the importance of triple negative breast cancer and how it affects the African American community. On March 10, Lincoln Prep will host a very special evening to launch their Blue Ribbon Recognition, celebrating their nomination as one of the top 10 schools in the nation, an honor they have received for 11 continual years.

This event will feature Kansas City's own Mayor Sly James, Superintendent Dr. Green and Governor Jay Nixon who will speak to the achievements of Lincoln Prep. We will also highlight the partnerships and outline a series of campaigns that will be facilitated throughout the 2015-2016 school year to increase awareness of breast cancer in the African American community and educate on Triple Negative Breast Cancer, a sub type that is more susceptible in African American women. Consuelo Ross, Founder of Surviving the Odds, a nonprofit organization dedicated to decreasing the mortality rate in women of color due to breast cancer will engage with Lincoln Prep students, staff and alumni to insure the information and awareness is provided throughout the campaign year through educational material, community events and informational workshop.

“We are so excited to team up with Team Inspire and Surviving the Odds for yearlong campaign,” says Steven Evans, Vice Principal of Lincoln College Preparatory Academy. “We know first hand the importance of awareness and early detection having experienced the loss within our own Lincoln Prep family due to Triple Negative. Anything we can do to eliminate fear, increase awareness and spread the knowledge of Triple Negative, we are happy to do.”

The event will take place at Lincoln College Preparatory Academy, 2111 Woodland, Kansas City, MO on March 10th from 0:00 – 0:00.

The American Cancer Society's basic breast cancer screening recommendations are:

- Yearly mammograms starting at age 40 and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health.
- Clinical breast exam (CBE) about every 3 years for women in their 20s and 30s and every year for women 40 and over.
- Breast self-exam (BSE) is an option for women starting in their 20s.