

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL'S STUDENT OF THE WEEK

A series showcasing the talented graduate and professional students at the
University of Missouri

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HIGHLIGHTED HONORS :

- Honored to introduce U.S. President Bill Clinton due to environmental service at UCM
- Sybil Daniels Young Democrat of the Year Award

VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

- Mentor, Men of Color Honor and Ambition (MOCHA), Kansas City Public Schools
- Board Member, ReDiscover Mental Health Provider, Kansas City Metro
- Board Member, Historic Kansas City Foundation, Kansas City, MO
- Secretary, Northeast Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, MO
- Board Member, Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas, Kansas City MO
- Member, Black/Brown Caucus, Congressman Emmanuel Cleaver, Kansas City, MO
- MLK Park Clean up: Take Back the View Committee, Kansas City, MO
- Community Member, Indian Mound Neighborhood Association, Kansas City, MO
- Big Brother, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Kansas City, MO

More about Manuel on the next page!

HOW DO YOU HOPE TO BETTER THE WORLD?

I want to leave a legacy of service, impacting the educational space of both my city and state, empowering young leaders to step up and widening the minds of young folks who may have been told they aren't good enough. By standing in front of young minds, displaying my credentials earned, I hope to share my path and encourage others to stand on my shoulders.

ORGANIZATIONS AND EXTRACURRICULARS :

- Convention Delegate, Vice President Joe Biden National Delegate-5th Dist. 2020 Open Seat
- Kansas City Public School Board-Dist. 3, 2019- Challenged Incumbent
- Jackson County Democratic Committeeman-Ward 12, 2018- Open Seat
- Missouri House of Representatives Candidate-Dist. 19
- 2016 Cass County Coordinated Campaign, Belton, MO
- 2012 Season Re-Election, U.S. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, Kansas City, MO 2014-

ASPIRATIONS, INTERESTS, AND/OR HOBBIES:

I hope to continue serving as a representative of the growing Latino community within Kansas City and statewide. Furthermore, I hope to utilize this opportunity to build statewide and localized efforts to built unity within the Latino community but also between black and brown communities. I have positioned my public service and dedicated my personal time to focus on these efforts.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO OTHER GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS?

No matter what, education can not be taken away from you. Once you are educated, have the credentials you are unstoppable. You know longer have to fight for legitimacy at tables that previously didn't welcome you, your individual dedication to academics created that legitimacy.

Know a fantastic student who should be highlighted? Fill out this form:
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