University of Missouri Extension Welcomes Dwayne James as Saint Louis County Program Director

Creve Coeur, MO – March 17, 2016 – University of Missouri Extension has hired Dwayne James, board president for Ferguson Youth Initiative, race director for Live Well Events, Inc., former engineer, and councilman for the City of Ferguson, as the next program director for St. Louis County.

Dwayne brings years of experience in nonprofit and leadership roles. Mr. James is a graduate of the Civil Engineering program at the University of Kansas and holds a Master’s in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla. In addition, he is working towards obtaining a Master’s in Secondary Education from the University of Phoenix. He is an avid proponent of community leadership, community development, fundraising, and the integral role building relationships with key stakeholders plays in the future of the University of Missouri Extension.

“I am excited to join the University of Missouri Extension to support the outstanding team of professionals who have been providing services to improve the lives of people in the community,” Mr. James stated. “I look forward to strengthening, expanding, and developing our network of community partners to better do the work that the community needs, and expects from Extension.” In addition, he believes this opportunity ties completely with his passion for community involvement and engagement.

The University of Missouri Extension brings the research of the University into communities throughout the state through its research-based programming and services. Programs in St. Louis County are related 4-H Youth Development (including Robotics), Community Development, Business Development, Horticulture (including soil testing), Housing, Nutrition and Health, Financial Education, and Labor Education. For further information, click on http://extension.missouri.edu/stlouis/home.aspx.