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## More Than 200 Local At-Risk Young Men to Attend Annual 'Man Up' Mentoring Event at Terry Parker Wednesday

Second Annual Conference Features a Host of Local Motivational Speakers

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. – More than 200 local young men will participate Wednesday morning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Man Up” Young Men’s Conference at Terry Parker High School sponsored jointly by Communities In Schools of Jacksonville and The Jacksonville Urban League.

The event, titled “*Empowering Young Men to Self Advocate for Their Dreams and Their Future,*” features a host of local motivational, educational and inspirational speakers as well as keynote speeches from Thomas Davis and Dr. Julius Demps.

The conference provides a unique opportunity for Communities In Schools of Jacksonville to continue its focus on the importance of mentoring as part of Mayor Alvin Brown’s Mayor’s Mentors initiative as well as this month’s ongoing celebration of National Mentoring Month.

- WHO:** Communities In Schools of Jacksonville, The Jacksonville Urban League  
Terry Parker High School, More than 200 local at-risk middle and high school teens
- WHAT:** Second Annual Man Up Young Men’s Conference 2012
- WHERE:** Terry Parker High School Auditorium, 7301 Parker School Road
- WHEN:** January 25, 2012 – 10:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.
- WHY:** Helping Motivate Local Young Men to Stay in School and Achieve Success in Life

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*Communities In Schools operates America’s most successful dropout prevention program. Established in 1989, the Jacksonville affiliate serves more than 6,600 students in 45 schools annually with nationally recognized mentoring, scholarship, literacy, enrichment and after-school programs.*

