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Aces UP! 2010 raises \$100,000 for Urban Prep Academies

On Friday, August 27, 2010 Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, Urban Prep Founder & CEO Tim King, Chicago Sun-Times Columnist and TV/ Radio Personality Richard Roeper, and College Football Hall of Famer Chris Zorich hosted the 4th Annual Aces UP! Celebrity Charity Poker Tournament at the River East Art Center.

This year's event raised \$100,000 in support of Urban Prep's newest initiatives: The Urban Prep Fellows Program, which gives recent college graduates an opportunity to support the development of Urban Prep students, and the UP To and Through College Program, which supports Urban Prep alumni during their college years.

Before action kicked off at the poker tables, guests enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a sumptuous buffet of sweet and savory delights. There was nothing sweet, however, about the fast-paced poker play that commenced once the cards dropped. Urban Prep Founding Board Member Judith Armstead proved to be quite the poker shark when she knocked event host Richard Roeper out of the tournament, nabbing his "bounty" along with the three others he'd accumulated before being busted.

Midway through the poker tournament Cindy Malone won the raffle grand prize: a beautiful watch donated by Tiffany & Co. and valued at \$3,500. As we inched closer to 11 pm, the tournament dwindled to five players competing for a portion of the \$10,000 prize pool. When Russell Johnson and David Melchioyne were ousted in fifth and fourth place respectively, the action really began to heat up. Michael Vena fought hard to claim the crown but fell short, finishing third. Amidst a ring of onlookers, Celebrity player D.C. Crenshaw locked horns with Aces UP! veteran Javara Perilliat in a battle for first place. When the dust settled, D.C. claimed the grand prize and, in a stunning move, donated half his winnings back to Urban Prep!

Money raised at Aces UP! will go a long way toward helping Urban Prep's students achieve their educational goals.



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