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Aces UP! 2011 raises \$75,000 for Urban Prep Academies

On Friday, September 16th, 2011, former 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 5th Annual Aces UP! Celebrity Charity Poker Tournament at the River East Art Center.

This year's event raised \$75,000 in support of the Urban Prep Fellows Program, which gives recent college graduates an opportunity to support the development of our young men, and the Alumni 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.

Midway through the poker tournament, Johnnie Chandler won the raffle grand prize: a beautiful cuff bracelet donated by Tiffany & Co. As the evening inched closer to 11 pm, the tournament dwindled to five players competing for a portion of the \$10,000 prize pool. When Evan Lewis and Tony Slezak were ousted in fifth and fourth places respectively, the action really began to heat up. Event co-host Richard Roeper fought hard to claim the crown but fell short, finishing third. Amidst a ring of onlookers, co-host Alexi Giannoulias locked horns with Kurt Taute in a battle for first place. When the dust settled, Kurt Taute claimed the grand prize!

Money raised at Aces UP! will go a long way towards helping Urban Prep's students achieve their educational goals. Thank you to all of our sponsors, players, and spectators!

Pictures from Aces UP! 2011 can be viewed at www.urbanprep.org/photos.



A Alex Giannoulias, Richard Roeper, Tim King and Chris Zorich
B Kurt Taute **C** Val Warner and Ryan Chiaverini



D Dan Winters and Katie Whitman **E** Susan Carlson **F** Stephanie Neely **G** Natalie Martinez **H** Mark Chrisman

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