



URBAN PREP ACADEMIES

AcesUP! 2015 Raises \$100,000

There was no better place to be the night of December 3rd than at AcesUP! 2015, Urban Prep's ninth Annual Charity Poker Tournament. Hundreds packed The Chicago Sports Museum to match cards with local celebrities, enjoy wonderful Chicago themed food and drinks, and raise a whopping \$100,000 for Urban Prep. The proceeds will provide vital support for Urban Prep's high schools, Alumni Program, and Fellows Program. This year we sweetened the pot with a few notable additions to the tournament including a commemorative AcesUP! champion "chip" for the winner and a golden championship cup adorned with the names of past champions.

The tournament was hosted by Alexi Giannoulis, Richard Roeper, Chris Zurich and Urban Prep Founder and CEO Tim King. The foursome kept things lively and fun for poker players and spectators alike.

Participating celebrities were marked men (and women), and bounty prizes were awarded to the players who knocked them out of the tournament. Ron Magers, Jerry Azumah, and the rest of the celebrities fought to the bitter end, but ultimately surrendered their poker chips and bounty prizes (Terlato Wines International) to deserving competitors.

Guests who weren't playing poker tried their luck at winning great prizes by entering the raffle. Some of the prizes included Chicago Bulls game tickets, limited edition Nike basketball shoes designed especially for Urban Prep, an extravagant Ralph Lauren cashmere throw, and a luxurious two night stay at the Intercontinental Hotel Chicago.

As an AcesUP! tradition, "Tie-it-UP" re-buys were offered to players. Tie-it-UP gave players the opportunity to increase their chip stack and receive a special red and gold-striped tie, which is given to our seniors ceremoniously upon college admission. This year, we had the most Tie-it-UP buy-ins in AcesUP! history.

There was additional pressure for the eight players who made it to the tournament's final table, which was broadcast on the web. They battled tirelessly for a piece of the prize pool valued at over \$10,000. When the smoke cleared, AcesUP! 2015 champion Scott Dummler was the last man standing, claiming the coveted "ChampionCHIP." In a show of tremendous class and generosity, Scott donated a portion of his winnings back to Urban Prep. Thanks to all of our players, spectators and sponsors for going "all-in" to support Urban Prep!

View final table at www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqHX4gfnOyg.





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AcesUP! 2015 Rankings

Scott Dumler-1st PL

Jami Brighty-3rd PL

Greg Winters-5th PL

Daniel Ruiz-7th PL

David Egan-2nd PL

Corinne O'Hara-4th PL

Mark Palahniuk-6th PL

Lauren Major-8th PL



AcesUP! 2015 Celebrity Participants

Ben Ponzio 2007 World Series of Poker Bracelet Winner

Teddy Greenstein Sports Columnist, Chicago Tribune

Roe Conn Talk Show Host, WGN Radio & Contributor ABC7

Natalie Martinez Lead News Reporter, NBC5 News Chicago

D.C. Crenshaw Founder/Editor-and-Chief of Fete Lifestyle Magazine

Ron Magers News Anchor, ABC7 Chicago

Jerry Azumah Former All Pro Chicago Bear; President, Goldwyn Labs

Israel Idonije Former Chicago Bear; CEO, Athlitacomics

Hon. John Fritchey Cook County Commissioner

Dan Proft Morning Drive Talk Show Host, WIND-AM 560

Ameet Sachdev Senior Business Reporter, Chicago Tribune

Richard Roeper Sun Times Film Critic & Co-Host of Good Day Chicago

Alexi Giannoulis Former Treasurer for the State of Illinois;
Sr. Director, BNY Wealth Management

Chris Zorich Former Chicago Bear; Athletic Director,
Prairie State College

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