Cooking Talents and Sense of Purpose Motivate Whitney High School Student

Jay (not his real name) was just getting by with his studies at ACES Whitney High School North. While he had been a good student in elementary school, Jay's grades began to plummet by seventh grade. His father was killed in a car accident in January of that year. His middle school teachers and school counselor reported that he became withdrawn, and at times, was hostile toward his classmates. When he entered 9th grade, Jay was given an opportunity to take a culinary arts class with teacher and chef, Jeffrey Arnold. Within weeks, Jay's mood began to lift. He was observed showing other students how to convert various measurements within recipes. Through funding from the ACES Education Foundation in the following year, a cooking and delivery program was piloted to bring food to individuals in need. Jay enthusiastically participated in this community service project, which delivered food to community neighbors. Jay improved his academic studies, and is on track to pursue a Culinary Arts certification after high school.

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In March, 2015, guests gathered at ACES Educational Center for the Arts (ECA), to celebrate the Art of Giving. Three individuals who embody the Art of Giving were honored during the evening at ACES Education Foundation’s 12th annual gala. We honored Marilyn Ferguson, formerly of TD Bank and Mary Ann White, of Coldwell Banker. Both women have been active members and advocates of ACES Business Advisory Council — only one of the ways they give back to their community. Also honored was Blessing Offor, an ECA alumnus and singer/songwriter, recently on The Voice. He performed a solo, and was also accompanied by students in the ECA Vocal Department.

Peter Young served as Master of Ceremonies and Thomas Danehy provided welcoming remarks. $43,993 was raised through generous sponsorships, ticket sales, and auction proceeds. These funds go directly to support innovative programs through the Foundation’s grant award process.

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