



URBAN PREP ACADEMIES

Aces UP 2013 raises close to \$100,000 for Urban Prep Academies

Urban Prep's Seventh Annual Charity Poker Tournament was held on Thursday, November 14 at the Museum of Broadcast Media. Seven was certainly a lucky number for Urban Prep as hundreds of players and spectators came out to the event to enjoy fast-paced poker and support Urban Prep Academies, helping to raise close to \$100,000 for the schools.

Hosts Richard Roeper, Alexi Giannoulias, Chris Zorich and Urban Prep founder and CEO Tim King were back on the scene to keep the festivities lively. In addition to the Texas Hold 'Em tourney, guests enjoyed delicious food and plentiful drinks.

Many of the celebrity bounties were quickly knocked out of the game, a sign of the competitive spirit that night. While those guests received great prizes such as gift certificates for Uber Car Service and Rokit Bar and Grill, our raffle winners took home prizes like a seat in the Heartland Poker Tour, and a trip to Las Vegas, provided by sponsors 220 Communications and Majestic Star Casino. Plenty of players also chose to "Tie-it-UP" by purchasing a red and gold-striped tie (like the ones given to our seniors upon gaining admission to college) for the opportunity to receive chips equal to the chip leader at their table.

By the end of the evening, the player's pool had narrowed down to five players all competing for a piece of a prize pool valued at over \$10,000, with the top prize going to Roberto Reyes, a first-time Aces UP! player.

Thanks to all of our players, spectators and sponsors for going "all-in" to support Urban Prep students!

Pictures from Aces UP! 2013 can be viewed at www.urbanprep.org/photos.





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