

Aces UP! 2014, Urban Prep's Eighth Annual Charity Poker Tournament was held on Thursday, November 20th at The Chicago Sports Museum. Hundreds of players and spectators came out to enjoy fast-paced poker and support Urban Prep Academies—helping to raise \$100,000 for the schools in the process. It was a special night for Aces UP! as volunteers included Urban Prep Alumni who are in or have graduated from college.

Hosts Alexi Giannoulias, Richard Roeper, and Urban Prep founder and CEO Tim King were back at it, adding extra energy to the night's fun. In addition to the Texas Hold 'Em tourney, guests indulged in a buffet of delicious Chicago themed food and drinks.

Many of the celebrity bounties were quickly knocked out of the game, a sign of the competitive spirit of the night. Our raffle winners took home prizes including Chicago Bulls Tickets, commemorative Nike basketball shoes designed especially for Urban Prep, and a package from the Majestic Star Casino and Resort. A record number of players also chose to "Tie-it-UP" by purchasing special red and gold-striped ties (these ties are given to our seniors ceremoniously upon college admission) for the opportunity to receive chips equal to the biggest stack at their table.

By the end of the evening, only nine players remained to compete for a piece of a prize pool valued at over \$10,000. Only one Celebrity Bounty, Ameet Sachdev, made it to the final table. He was dramatically knockedout when his full-house was beaten by Karl Sederberg's quads on the river. Karl was unstoppable. After competing in every previous tourney, this year Karl finally won the championship title for Aces UP!

Pictures from Aces UP! 2014 can be viewed at www.urbanprep.org/photos.













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