

Gala 2012

March 10, 2012

Walter Payton College Prep
a Chicago public school

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The students and teachers of Walter Payton College Preparatory High School are asking for your support with a major fundraising event. As you may know, Walter Payton College Prep is a selective enrollment public high school that opened in the fall of 2000. Since its opening, it has become one of the top high schools in Illinois and is ranked among the top 100 high schools within the United States. What makes this feat extraordinary is that Walter Payton is open to any student who meets its admission criteria. In addition to having a high achieving student body, Walter Payton has a diverse student body in which approximately 34% of our students receive a free or reduced lunch. We are proud that students of all economic levels have an opportunity to attend such an outstanding school.

Friends of Payton (FOP) is hosting its Annual Gala on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at The House of Blues in Chicago. The event will include items for purchase, raffles and a live auction for our guests, and we are asking for your help to make it successful.

With government funding declining, FOP must raise money each year to support programs and services that are not funded by Chicago Public Schools and are critical to the educational experience of our students and teachers. The money FOP raises goes toward the acquisition of technology, replacement of furnishings, and athletic programs, just to name a few.

Please help us by making a donation of goods, services, or by placing an advertisement in the auction program book for this year's event. For your convenience, we have included a donation form with this mailing. Additional forms are available on-line at wpcp.org.

With your support, Walter Payton College Prep can continue providing our children with the essential resources, services, and supplies they need to excel in school, the city, the state, and beyond.

Friends of Payton is a 501(c)3 organization. Our tax ID # is 36-4409659 and donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by the law.

Because we are launching the online portion of the silent auction mid February, we are hoping to have the bulk of the donations by February 1. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration!

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Dear Payton Parents and Friends:

The students and teachers of Walter Payton College Prep are asking for your support.

Friends of Payton (FOP) is hosting our 12th Anniversary Fundraising Gala on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at The House of Blues in Chicago. In an ongoing effort to raise money to support the students at Payton Prep, we are trying something a little different this year. **Now you will have a chance to bid on auction items even if you cannot attend the Gala. This year, the auction will be held online**, and it will begin before the Gala. Our aim is to have items online for bid by mid February.

The Gala itself will still include a teachers' wish list, items for purchase, a "paddle raise," and a chance to mingle with Payton parents, guardians, and faculty.

Please consider making a donation of goods or services to our auction. We welcome donations of items that you purchase, solicit from your friends and their businesses, or donate on behalf of your company. If every family donates or solicits just one item, we will have a record number of items. Together, we can make a difference!

With government funding declining, it's even more important for FOP to raise money this year to support programs and services that are not funded by Chicago Public Schools and that are critical to the educational experience of our students and teachers. The money FOP raises goes toward the acquisition of technology, replacement of furnishings, athletic programs, global learning travel, and professional development for teachers and administration, just to name a few. With your help, Friends of Payton can continue providing our children with the essential resources, services, and supplies they need to succeed.

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This item was solicited by: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Description of item as you would like it to appear in the Auction Book:

Retail Value: _____

Specific Restrictions, Instructions, Expiration Date: _____

- Item is enclosed
 Item will be delivered
 Please arrange for a pick up
 Use this form as a gift certificate for the item
 Display artwork, literature or items enclosed to help promote my business
 Please call me, I need more information

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- full page 7.5"x10" \$275
 half page 7.5"x 5" \$175
 quarter page 4"x 5" \$100
 business card \$55.00

Donor Information as you would like it to appear in the Auction Book:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Company: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

**If you have questions, please contact Julie Walner at 312.259.8535 or jwalnerj@aol.com
Please return to: Friends of Payton, 1034 N. Wells Str. , Chicago, IL 60610 by December 31st**



THANK YOU!