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Academy Prep Center of Tampa's An Evening of Champions

Ybor City, FL – On Thursday, March 3, Academy Prep Center of Tampa presents its annual signature fundraising event, *An Evening of Champions*, to benefit the school's student scholarship fund.

The event, held at the Academy Prep Center of Tampa campus in Ybor (1407 E. Columbus Drive) at 6:00 p.m., will honor Bryan and Jamie Zinober with the Paul L. Whiting, Sr. Service Award. Chrysalis Health will be honored with the Partner of Excellence Award for their incredible dedication to the Academy Prep students. Raymond James is the 2022 Visionary Sponsor.

An Evening of Champions offers attendees a night of entertainment and insight into the Academy Prep student experience. Guests will have the opportunity to go "back to school" by taking part in classes with Academy Prep faculty and students. The evening will kick off with a cocktail reception, followed by a classroom experience, dinner provided by Metro Diner, and a program featuring an Academy Prep graduate as the keynote speaker.

The fundraising event is open to the public. Tickets are \$300/person or \$500/couple. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. If individuals are unable to attend the event but would still like to make a donation, they can do so online by visiting tampa.academyprep.org/donate. For more information on Academy Prep Center of Tampa, please contact Claire Gallo, Development Manager, at 813-248-5600 (ext 1130) or cgallo@academyprep.org. Students and staff are available for media interviews.

About Academy Prep

Academy Prep Center of Tampa is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It is a college preparatory middle school whose mission is to inspire and empower students qualifying for need-based scholarships to be future community leaders through a rigorous middle school program coupled with ongoing graduate support.

With rigorous academics, diverse extra-curricular activities, and intensive graduate support, Academy Prep gives Florida's most underserved students a chance to succeed. Since 2003, the school's unique academic model has realized outstanding results – its students have gone on to graduate, to flourish, to find success, and to give back to their community in meaningful ways as adults committed to affect positive change. Academy Prep graduates boast a 99% high school graduation rate, with 87% of graduates moving on to college, and 7% joining the armed forces.

To learn more about Academy Prep Center of Tampa, please visit: tampa.academyprep.org