

PRESS RELEASE

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"Steering the Course for the Future"



You Won't Want To Miss the 11th Annual Elegant Evening

Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation's exciting annual fundraiser, the "Elegant Evening", is well underway. It is scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2013, 5:45P at the Camdenton High School Commons area.

This prestigious event will showcase the numerous talents of Camdenton students in the areas of art, music, drama, academia, culinary arts, woodworking and agriculture. Those who've attended in the past know what a treat it is. "A delightful evening" . . . is often heard as guests exit the event.

Lake Career and Tech Center (LCTC) culinary students received rave reviews for last year's exceptional four-course dinner that rivaled the best local restaurants, fully prepared and served by the students themselves. The entertainment from the minute guests walk through the doors is icing on the cake . . . artists working at their easels and pottery wheels . . . remarkable big band, drama and chorale performances . . . K-12 art galleries, robotics demos, and more.

A regular attendee, Janell Bednara, commented about previous Elegant Evenings: "I'm always so impressed by how gifted these student are. I consider it to be a 'don't miss' event, and walk away inspired every year."

Along with showcasing the amazing talents of hundreds of the Camdenton's finest students, two outstanding men will also be honored as this year's inductees into the Hall of Leaders, Judge James A. Franklin, Jr., Distinguished Alumni, and James T. Herfurth, Friend of the District.

This fundraiser supports the Education Foundation's motto, "Steering the Course for the Future".

Serving the District for over 11 years now, the Foundation has distributed more than \$120,000 toward scholarships to graduating seniors and educators, classroom grants, individual Outstanding Students Awards for those who participate extensively in the Elegant Evening, and other worthy activities that fall outside the District's operating budget.

Derek Smith, recipient of a 2006 Foundation scholarship, is now in his last semester of law school at Drake University in Des Moines, IA, having completed his undergraduate degree at Drury University in Springfield, MO. According to Smith, the Foundation scholarship bolstered the feeling that his community believed he could succeed: "When your community takes an affirmative step in helping you reach your goals, you are forever grateful. The scholarship was a positive factor in my greater college experience that has shaped who I am and how I view the world."

Smith continues, "I think the Foundation provides an integral piece of support for the Lake community. By being a catalyst for students to pursue their academic careers, the Foundation is helping local students see the broader world, learn new things, and be exposed to diverse ideas. After I graduate this May, I plan on returning to Missouri. I want to give back to those that have helped me, and thanks to the scholarship I received, I have pursued an education that will help me do that."

What many people might not know is that all proceeds from the Foundation's Elegant Evening go directly to enhancing academic excellence for our area children. By attending, you can truly make a difference, contributing to new and expanded educational opportunities that benefit students, teachers, employees, and residents of Camdenton School District.

Don't miss out on what is sure to be a memorable night. Reservations are currently being accepted by contacting Camdenton School District Administration office at 573-346-9213. Single tickets, tables or sponsorships can be purchased.



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PHOTO CAPTION: Elegant Evening guests enjoy as culinary arts students prepare a flaming dessert for their 4-course dinner.

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