



My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala, 2017

Dear Potential Sponsor:

Inlet Grove Community High School invites you to become a sponsor of our 12th Annual ***My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala***. The Awards Gala will provide scholarship money for our high school seniors for college. These students who receive scholarship money are the first in their families to graduate from high school and the first to go to college.

The primary source of funding for the ***My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala*** is from corporate sponsors, such as you. This event does not receive any governmental funds.

This exciting event will be held on Saturday, **May 20, 2017**, at the **Palm Beach County Convention Center** in **West Palm Beach, Florida** at **6:00 p.m.** It is a Formal "Black-tie" Evening Event.

This event was implemented with the help of Mr. Hank (The Hammer) Aaron the great baseball player. The purpose is for students to honor teachers who have made an impact on the lives of their students in education. It is also on the same format as the Academy Awards.

This program is open to all accredited public schools in Palm Beach County, and, unlike similar awards, students at each school will select all nominees. We hope to achieve three goals in sponsoring the ***My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala***:

- To honor outstanding teachers from public schools in the School District of Palm Beach County who have made a difference in a child's life through education
- To increase awareness of the high quality of our educators and their strong commitment to teaching students in Palm Beach County
- To encourage all Palm Beach County residents to promote and support high standards of excellence in education

Awards are granted in 10 categories from the characteristics of a good teacher at the high school level. Each winner receives an award at the Gala. In addition, we will be providing scholarships for the winners of ***My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala***, to present to a struggling student from his or her own school for college. Students who receive scholarship money are the first in their families to graduate from high school and the first to go to college.

Our speaker and guest of honor for this year's event (2017) will be Grace Byers. Some of the past speakers we have had are: Hank "The Hammer" Aaron: *Baseball Player*, Mike Kooi: *Former Director of FLDOE Charter Schools*, Joe Clark: *Lean on Me*, Geoffrey Canada: *Harlem Children's Zone*, Richard Jones: *Madea*, Judge Glenda Hatchet: *TV Personality*, Judge Elaine L. Carlisle: *Municipal Court Atlanta Georgia*, Roland Sebastian Martin: *American Journalist and Syndicated Columnist*, Stedman Graham: *American Educator, Author, & Businessman*, Iyanla Vanzant: *Fix My Life* & most recently Lee Daniels: *Creator & Director of the hit series Empire*.

Your sponsorship will help assure the success of ***My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala***. Enclosed please find more information on this exciting event and its sponsorship levels. You may also visit us online at www.myteachermymyhero.org for information about sponsorship or to purchase tickets. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns at 561-881-4602.

Sincerely,

Emma Banks, Ed.D.
CEO/ President

Sponsorship Levels

Bronze Level: \$3,000

- 1 Reserved Table (10 guests per table)
- Prominent Company Logo and Name displayed on Plasma Screen throughout duration of the Gala
- Special Podium Recognition during the Gala

Silver Level: \$5,000

- 1 Reserved Table (10 guests per table)
- Prominent Company Logo and Name displayed on Plasma Screen throughout duration of the Gala
- Special Podium Recognition during the Gala
- Logo on *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala* Website
- 1 Commemorative Photo with Keynote Speaker
- One Full Page Ad

Gold Level: \$10,000

- Prominent Company Logo and Name displayed on Plasma Screen throughout duration of the Gala
- Rights to use Sponsor Title in all Corporate Marketing Materials: “(Your Company Name) Sponsor of the 2017, *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala*”
- 1 Reserved Tables (10 guests per table)
- 3 Invitations to Private Reception and Meet & Greet with Keynote Speaker
- 2 Commemorative Photos with Keynote Speaker
- Logo on *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala* Website
- Special Podium Recognition during the Gala
- One Full Page Ad



Platinum Level: \$15,000

The Platinum Level is the most prestigious and visible of all available sponsorship opportunities and is reserved for only **one** (1) company.

- Prominent Logo and Name Included on all Promotional Television, Print, Radio and Internet Advertising. Listing will read: The 12th Annual *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala* is brought to by Your Company Logo/Name. Commercials will run April 15 – May 20th
- Logo on *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala* Website
- Prominent Company Logo and Name displayed on Plasma Screen throughout duration of the Gala
- 6 Invitations to Private Reception and Meet & Greet with Keynote Speaker
- 2 Reserved Tables (10 guests per table)
- 3 Commemorative Photos with Keynote Speaker
- Special Podium Recognition During the Gala
- Prominent Logo & Listing in Souvenir Program
- Rights to use Sponsor Title in all Corporate Marketing Materials: (Your Company Name) Official Sponsor of the 2017 *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala*
- Full Page Ad

Once you have selected your level of sponsorship please fill out the Sponsor Reservation Form.

The deadline for Sponsorship is April 29, 2017.

Sponsorship Reservation

Please fill out this form completely, sign, and return with a check to the address below. To hold your reservation, please fax this form to 561-881-4657.

Sponsorship Reservation Deadline is March 31, 2017

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Sponsorship Level (Check one):

Platinum Gold Bronze

Silver Other

Signature of Authorized Rep.

Print Name

Title.

Date

Please make checks payable to **Inlet Grove Community High School**.

Please mail payments to **600 W. 28th Street, Riviera Beach, FL 33404**.

Please note we are a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization and all contributions will receive a letter of donation for tax purposes.

Ticket Reservation

Please fill out this form completely, sign, and return with a check to the address below. To hold your reservation, please fax this form to 561-881-4657.

Ticket Reservation Deadline is May 17, 2017

Name: _____
Company/Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Facsimile: _____
Email: _____
Email CC: _____

Ticket Selection (Check one or more):

- Yes, my company/organization would like to reserve a table (10 seats) at the 2017 **My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala:**

_____ Early Bird Rate Table Sponsor at \$1,250 (before 12/23/16); or
_____ Regular Priced Table Sponsor at \$1,500

- Yes, my company/organization would like to attend the 2017 **My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala**, and would like to reserve:

_____ Early Bird Rate Seating at \$125 (before 12/23/16); or
_____ Regular Priced Seating at \$150

*Payment for advance priced ticket sales must
be received by the 12/23/16 deadline.*

- Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the dinner. However, I have enclosed a contribution of _____ to be used towards scholarships for Palm Beach County High School Students.

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Please note that IGCHS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and all contributions are tax deductible and will receive a letter of donation for tax purposes.

Student Sponsorship Contribution

Please fill out this form completely, sign, and return with a check to the address below.

Ticket Reservation Deadline is March 31, 2017

Name: _____
Company/Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Facsimile: _____
Email: _____
Email CC: _____

Student Sponsorship Selection (Check one or more):

- Yes, my company/organization would like to sponsor _____ student(s) to attend the *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala*, at \$150 each.

Comments: _____

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Advertising Information

We would like to offer an exciting opportunity for your Company to advertise in the 12th Annual *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala* featuring keynote speaker. The Gala is a “Black-tie” affair which continues the tradition of recognizing the dedication and of one of Palm Beach County’s most valuable resources...its teachers.

Nominees are elected from participating area community high school in ten distinct yet equally important categories, ranging from *Passion for Students* to *Good Humor with Students*. Each winner is individually recognized by the students and awarded a plaque during our Gala.

Please fill out this form completely, sign, and return with a check to the address below. To hold your AD Space, please fax this form to 561-881-4657.

Reservation Deadline is April 29, 2017.

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Ad Size Selection¹²⁵ (Check one):

- Full Page Ad \$ 500
- Half Page Ad \$ 250
- ¼ Page Ad \$ 125

Please send a digital copy of your *Ad* to Lauren Keller at Lauren.Keller@palmbeachschools.org.

Signature of Authorized Rep.

Print Name

Title.

Date

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Vendor Information

We would like to offer you an opportunity to become a vendor at the 12th Annual *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala* featuring keynote speaker. The Gala is a black tie affair which continues the tradition of recognizing the dedication and of one of Palm Beach County's most valuable resources...its teachers. In the past years, the Awards Gala has hosted an attendance of over 500 guests, which provides vendors an opportunity to maximize their sales opportunity throughout the evening.

Vendor space is limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Our goal is to offer our guests variety of options for vendors; and, to offer our vendors a friendly non-competitive selling environment. Therefore, we will do our best to not have vendors selling the same or similar products.

Please fill out this form completely, sign, and return with a check to the address below.
To hold your VENDOR Space, please fax this form to 561-881-4657. Once you fax your form you will have a 10 day grace period to hold your space.

Reservation Deadline is March 29, 2017, and is Contingent upon Availability of Space.

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Products Offered: _____

Please attach a list of items you will sell if they cannot fit in the space provided above

Vendor Space - \$ 100

Includes: 1 Table & 2 Chairs Quantity: _____

Total: _____

Signature of Authorized Rep.

Print Name

Title

Date

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Donation Form: Monetary/In-Kind

Please note that monetary contributions will be utilized to support our scholarship initiative and Awards Gala. In-Kind Donations will be utilized for our Silent Auction/Raffle that will take place at the Awards Gala. Please note that IGCHS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and all contributions are tax deductible and will receive a letter of donation for tax purposes.

Donation Deadline is March 31, 2017

Name: _____
Company/Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Facsimile: _____
Email: _____
Email CC: _____

Monetary Donation

- My company/organization would like donate a monetary contribution to the 2017 *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala*. I have enclosed a check with our contribution.

In-Kind Donation Description

- Yes, my company/organization would like donate to the 2017 *My Teacher, My Hero Awards Gala*. Below is a description of the item(s) we will be donating.

Item 1: _____
Estimated Value: _____
Description: _____

Item 2: _____
Estimated Value: _____
Description: _____

Item 3: _____
Estimated Value: _____
Description: _____

*How will Inlet Grove receive the item(s) (circle one)?
Pick Up Drop Off US Mail Other ____*

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Keynote Speaker

Grace (Gealey) Byers

Actress on Hit TV Show Empire



Grace (Gealey) Byers can currently be seen as Anika Calhoun on the hit FOX series *Empire*, which returns for season three in the fall of 2016. Byers was raised in the Cayman Islands by her African American mother and Caucasian father. Both of her parents are deaf and thus, she was raised learning sign language and understanding what it meant to be a child of deaf adults (CODA). Although people treated her parents as “deaf and dumb” and Byers as “too light” or “too dark,” these challenging experiences made her strong and committed to following her dreams.

Byers moved to America alone to attend the University of South Florida in Tampa, where she received a B.A. in Theater Arts. During her time at USF, acting afforded Byers the opportunity to communicate viscerally – a desire that stemmed from her childhood. Following college, Byers attended the University of California Irvine’s graduate program and obtained her M.F.A in acting. A successful showcase took her from Los Angeles to New York City, where Byers performed professionally. Several theater productions, short films, and national commercials led her to Chicago, where she is currently based. In her free time, Byers is involved in Saving Our Cinderellas, a movement that helps and empowers young girls and women to

stand up against bullying, address social issues, and uplift one another in support of positive interests.

From near-death experiences to a unique childhood, Grace (Gealey) Byers shares her personal philosophies with audiences. She believes in taking the time to be still and become aware of oneself, and to have compassion and grace for one another. She feels that there are always opportunities for growth, that each person has their own complex and intricate story. On a more personal level, Byers discusses the discrimination she faced in moving to America, the social and cultural adjustments she made after moving, and the importance of celebrating life in the moment.