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9TH ANNUAL March GRADness!

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Saturday, September 9, 2023

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March GRADness
2023 HAPPY HOUR EVENT

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MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

— **GREYSTONE HALL** —
103 S. HIGH STREET, AKRON, OHIO

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A SLAM DUNK EVENT

DELICIOUS FOOD STATIONS,
PRIZES, BEVERAGES,
RAFFLES, SPORTS TRIVIA,
★ ★ ★ GAMES, GREAT FUN, ★ ★ ★
AND MUCH MORE!

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*Proceeds from the 9th Annual March GRADness will support
Project GRAD Akron's Scholarship Fund!*



Upcoming Events

Please visit our website for additional programs and dates

PGA Awarding of Scholarships to Class of 2023 Students
Buchtel - May 10, 2023
East - May 24, 2023

Summer Entrepreneurial College Institute: June 5-23, 2023

Bridge to Kindergarten Summer Academy:
July 24 - Aug. 11, 2023

Annual Achieving Dreams Celebration
“Back to School Bash”
Saturday, September 9, 2023 @ the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn

Snacks & Educational Fun with Santa: Dec. 2, 2023





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Project GRAD Akron's

Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision: We see a world of hope – where there are no limits on potential, the greatness in every child is inspired and celebrated, and dreams are realized through opportunities and education. As such, Project GRAD Akron will become one of the foremost enablers of underrepresented student success through unique and innovative programs (PG Knoxville).

Mission: In collaboration with community partners, Project GRAD Akron will provide a system of programs, supports, and scholarships for underrepresented students to achieve success from kindergarten through career.

Core Values: Mutual Respect; Honesty & Integrity; Teamwork & Collaboration; Passion for Excellence; Lifelong Learning Culture; Commitment to Community; Entrepreneurial & Innovative.

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Thank you your support as we invest in the lives of the young people we serve in the Akron Public Schools. Your contribution will make a positive difference in their lives; giving us the opportunity to fulfill our mission of providing services for underrepresented students to achieve success from kindergarten through college!

The proceeds from the 9th Annual March GRADness will support scholarships for Project GRAD Akron's students at Buchtel and East of the Akron Public Schools!

March GRADness

A Happy Hour of Sports Entertainment, Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Food Stations

Hors d'oeuvres Station

Imported and Domestic Cheese Display with flatbreads, baguettes and breadsticks; Crudit  of vegetables with a Sun-Dried Tomato and Artichoke Dip; Kalamata Olive, Artichoke and Goat Cheese Tart; Tandoori Chicken; Spanakopita; Brie and Raspberry Puffed Pastry; and Petite Maryland Crab Cakes

Chef Attended Pacific Rim Station

Chicken, Beef or Shrimp Wok'd with Udon Noodles or Vegetable Fried Rice. Served with Fresh Julienne of Vegetables and Asian Sauces in a To-Go Box

Slider Station

Beef Slider with White Cheddar, Dill Pickle and Fried Onion; Beer Battered Whitefish Slider with a Savoy Cabbage Slaw; and Nashville Hot Chicken Slider with Sour Pickles

Macaroni and Cheese Martini Table

Macaroni and White Cheddar, Fusilli & Classic Cheddar Popcorn Chicken, Chorizo Sausage, Pancetta, Gorgonzola & Asiago Cheeses Saut ed Mushrooms, Broccoli, Scallions, Salsa and Fried Onions

Bakery Station

Assorted fresh baked cookies and pastries

50/50 Raffle

Raffle tickets are on sale for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00,

Arms Length - \$10.00, or Wingspan - \$20.00

The selected recipient will win 50% of the entire amount collected for the raffle. *You do not have to be present to win!*

Family Feud, Kahoot, & Hot Shots Competitions

Games for individuals and teams. Great Prizes!

Fellowship, Photo Booth, & Door Prizes

Throughout the evening, we will have drawings for door prizes. Please enjoy the fellowship, engage in the activities, take multiple pictures at the photo booth, post pictures on social media, and have a great time!

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