

## St. Augustine Academy Gala - LIVE AUCTION ITEMS 2014

**1. BRAVO – SANTA BARBARA OPERA GETAWAY!** – Two tickets for the highly acclaimed Santa Barbara Opera – particularly desirable because of the intimate venues for performances. But, opera fan or not, everyone is a fan of the Bacara Resort and Spa! We have arranged a two night get-a-way for you to one of California’s premier resorts, the recently renovated Bacara Resort & Spa, an ultra-luxury California resort nestled along the bluff and beaches of the Santa Barbara coast. Other Santa Barbara activities include beach bike rentals, dining, glass blowing class, and more. Close enough to get to, but worlds away! After all, as the winner of this package, you deserve to relax because you just helped with the hard work of making St. Augustine Academy affordable to another student who works hard, but cannot quite afford the costs. Value – over \$1500



Thank you Krystie Klinefelter and the Englers

**2. LUXURIOUS JEWELRY – CUSTOM DIAMOND NECKLACE** – This lovely garland setting cluster of 27 round diamonds, capped off by a ¼ carat dangle, was custom designed by the famed Van Gundy Jewelers and donated to this evening’s auction in order to help increase the much needed growth of the scholarship fund. The shine and sparkle of this total .70 carat necklace with an adjustable 14 karat white gold chain resemble the shine and sparkle of so many of the students who will be helped by your generosity tonight. Although you cannot take 27 students home, you can take these 27 diamonds home with the winning bid.



Retail value - \$2500

Thank you Van Gundy Jewelers.

**3. PERSONAL PUPPET** – This was a real treat – and a real favorite last year. We are fortunate to be able to offer it again, tonight. Your likeness will be transformed into a regular Hollywood Puppet! This item entitles you to a personally handcrafted puppet by one of the world’s most famous puppet creators, a craftsman for Jim Henson Studio’s Creature Shop. Emmy Nominated, Master puppet builder, Scott Johnson will hand-craft a puppet in your likeness. Johnson has built puppets for the Jim Henson Company, Disney, NBC and Nickelodeon Studios. You provide the photos...Scott builds the puppet! Then, Jim Henson Company puppeteer, Paul Rugg, will provide a half-day lesson on the fundamentals of puppetry and even videotape the whole thing for posterity! [Make arrangements with Mr. Rugg] Approximate Value \$1500.



Thank you Rugg Family.

**4. LUNCH? Wine Trail? Shopping? ....VIA PRIVATE PLANE!** Another truly unique item! You and a guest will fly in a beautiful private plane piloted by our very own Dr. Shonnard. Choose your trip...Palm Springs Shopping? Santa Ynez wine trail? Maybe south to Oceanside for a glorious coastal flight? You will fly out of Santa Paula Airport (at a mutually agreeable time) and soar into the wild blue yonder, over the shimmering Pacific, rolling hills, rising mountains or high above the cityscape to your destination. Dr. Shonnard will then take you on an excursion and lunch, or let you head off by yourselves – you write the script. Help lift our scholarship fund into the heights tonight as well.



Approximate Value \$750. Thank you Drs. Keith and Tracy Shonnard.

**5. OJAI WINE MAKERS’ DINNER** Each year we are all blessed to be treated to wines donated by one of Wine Specators’s top vintners, David O’Reilly. Well, the next generation of O’Reilly has begun to make his mark locally, thankfully for us. Dominic O’Reilly is chief winemaker at the new Topa Mountain Vineyards in Ojai. He will co-



host, with St. Augustine Academy graduate, Sam Tulberg (Class of 2006), winemaker at Ojai's Casa Barranca Winery, a sumptuous wine dinner on the new Topa Mountain Estate, or at the tasting room adjacent the Ojai Valley Inn. Wines from three of the principal Ojai Wineries will be poured throughout the evening while you enjoy the majestic views of the Topa Topa bluffs from the vantage point of this exquisite Upper Ojai vineyard. Value- priceless

Thank you Sam Tulberg and Dominic O'Reilly.

**6. ARROWHEAD ESCAPE** – One of the favorite items the last few years because it is so close, and yet worlds away in the peaceful and clean pine forests. It is luxury within the rugged mountain beauty. Four Days and Three Nights in this beautiful home adjacent to the National Forest - minutes to Lake Arrowhead. This elegant, large family vacation home just off the Country Club, a few minutes from the lake, comfortably sleeps any size family – no family in our school is too big for this home. Your winning bid will also provide peace and tranquility to a needy student who will be able to benefit from our award-winning education. Approximate Value \$1200.

Thank you Alviz Family.



**7. A WEEKEND IN CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA** – One of the most beautiful places on God's green earth, and only a short day's drive away, can be at your beck and call for a long weekend. Four nights in a private condominium to restore yourself and your family. Since words fail to capture the beauty, tranquility and grandeur of Carmel – view the pictures on the slide show to see! While you're at it, look at the pictures of the students and see the grandeur of our Good God in their beauty, and you will support them when you win this treasured prize. [Except for major holiday times, a convenient time to come, within a year of the auction, could be worked out by contacting Rose Grimm at [rosalindgrimm0@gmail.com](mailto:rosalindgrimm0@gmail.com)] Approximate Value - \$1600.

Thank you Grimm and Teichert Families.



**8. A WINDOW INTO HEAVEN** – *Virgin Orans* (Virgin in Prayer). This Icon, like all true icons, was not painted, but rather, *written* in prayer with elements from creation - tempura, ground stones and minerals, and real gold. Standing with arms raised and the Christ Child in the center of her breast the Virgin is the Mediator between God and mankind, in this pose she sends her prayer heavenward. The cherubim and seraphim on either side of the Virgin allude to the Divine Liturgy. At the vortex is Christ Emmanuel - the sacrifice, the image of the Eucharist. What makes *this* icon extra special is that it was written by our dear friend, Theresa Rohter.

Approximate Value - *Priceless*

Thank you Mrs. Theresa Rohter.



**9. HONOR ROLL WINE RACK** – In 2007, St. Augustine Academy finally made it to the top with National recognition as one of the country's Top 50 Catholic High Schools. We have remained on the Catholic High School Honor roll ever since. Tonight, we have a very special honor roll of wines for you. Level 2 Certified Sommelier, Jordan Sweeney, has hand-picked this grouping of wines from his library, starting with one from our first honor roll year, 2007. Malbecs, Cabs, Pinot Noirs and Zins make up a shelf of six bottles from each of six years, 2007-2012, with wine rated as high as 96 points. And, just in time for a large Christmas dinner, how about 2010 Arrowood Cab – not any plain bottle, but a Jeroboam (equivalent to four bottles of wine)! The winning bidder can take these wines home tonight to enjoy for the holidays or to cellar. Your winning bid will help provide an education of a lifetime.

Approximate value - \$500

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Sweeney.



**TO REMOTE BID: See next page.....**

## **TO REMOTE BID:**

**We will have proxy bidders seated at our faculty table. If you would like to place any bids on any of the above items, please send the maximum bid per item to Michael Van Hecke prior to 6PM on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

**[MVanHecke@juno.com](mailto:MVanHecke@juno.com) or call or text it in to his cell phone **805-302-6716**.**

**We will provide a bidder number and your maximum bid to one of the faculty who will bid on your behalf (they will have only your bidder number). Please call with any questions or to discuss any special requests, e.g., aggregate maximums, simple donations, etc.**