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This signature Notre Dame Preparatory event, formerly The Gala, will feature a sampling of menu items from the Valley's top chefs, hosted cocktails, live music from Bob Powers Band, The Energy Trio and views of the McDowell Mountains. This year's theme is "Tailgating for Tomorrow" with proceeds benefiting the school's capital campaign.

The tailgate party will offer food stations, games, music and a raffle. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. on campus in the newly completed sports complex parking lot. Tickets are \$100 and guests must be 21 and older. This year's raffle grand prize is a choice of \$5,000 cash or one year of school tuition. Online registration and raffle tickets are available at www.notredamepreparatory.org/culinaryfest.

Participating restaurants include Zinc Bistro, Petite Maison, Tavern Americana, Market Street Cafe, Jalapeno Inferno Bistro Mexicano, Deseo at Westin Kierland Resort, Eddie's House, Fleming's Steak House, M Catering by Michael's, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Tom's Thumb Fresh Market, Ciao Grazie, La Hacienda Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, Ocean Prime and The Mission. Honorary culinary chairs for the festival are Brandon Maxwell and Michael DeMaria of M Catering by Michael's.

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