

Xavier College Preparatory in Contest!

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XAVIER COLLEGE PREPARATORY TO SEND TOP TWO EPICS TEAMS TO ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY TO COMPETE IN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONTEST

(Phoenix) Xavier College Preparatory will send two Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) teams to the Project Presentation Palooza (P3) at Arizona State University on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The competition will be co-sponsored by Barrett, The Honors College and The Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering -- both at Arizona State University -- and will feature a contest between the top two high school EPICS teams from Xavier as well as a separate contest among ASU's top ten EPICS GOLD teams. A distinguished panel of leaders from industry and academia will judge the competition, and the cash prizes awarded to each of the winning teams will be used to fund implementation of their respective EPICS projects.

Originally developed at Purdue University in 1995 as an educational model wherein students design technology-centered solutions that meet real needs in their communities, EPICS was subsequently expanded to high schools. In partnership with EPICS at Arizona State University, 44 teams comprised of 111 Xavier students are currently using fresh thinking, innovation, leadership and technology to tackle tough social challenges.

The Project Presentation Palooza (P3) will take place in the Cottonwood Room 101/103 of Barrett, The Honors College, and will be open to the public. Complimentary refreshments will be provided at a reception following the competition.

Xavier College Preparatory, located at 4710 North Fifth Street in north central Phoenix, has built an outstanding record of academic excellence, innovation, leadership development, athletics and community service. Xavier is twice recognized as a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, and recognized nationally for academic excellence by the Catholic High School Honor Roll in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Xavier was awarded the 2007-08 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, honoring high schools with high student success rates in AP math, science and technology courses. The Arizona Interscholastic Association awarded Xavier its prestigious H.A. Hendrickson Award (2009) for overall excellence in interscholastic competition and its Blue Cup Award (2006) for excellence in scholastics, athletics and activities.

All Xavier graduates attend post-secondary institutions. Members of the Class of 2011 were accepted at 279 colleges and universities, garnering over \$27 million in college scholarships. Over thirty percent of Xavier students have financial need, and Xavier is strongly committed to educating all qualified students.

Xavier College Preparatory is a Catholic community that strives to prepare young women with knowledge, skills, and integrity to meet the challenges of a changing global society in a positive and productive manner. This pursuit of excellence, individual and cooperative, is our mission.