



CRESTHAVEN ACADEMY

FOUNDATION

A Message From Our Founder - Steve Colson

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our first-ever newsletter for Cresthaven Academy Foundation! These newsletters are an opportunity for me to thank those who have supported us while also letting our community know about the exciting work happening at Cresthaven Academy!

This past year, in an effort to help improve the lives of Cresthaven families, Cresthaven Academy Foundation (CAF) has expanded its capabilities to assist our scholars and families both inside and outside of the classroom. The goal of CAF has always been to serve as a resource for the Cresthaven family as needs arise; and whether that need comes in the form of a bag of groceries for a family facing hardship, an afterschool resource for a student who needs that extra push, or a computer to ensure that not even a pandemic can stop the success of our scholars, CAF will continue to be there to provide.

Cresthaven Academy Foundation is expanding to keep up with the needs of our growing

school, and we need your help to continue that work. In that spirit, I welcome you to read more about our wonderful scholars, learn about the generosity of our friends and neighbors, and find out how you can help support our mission -- to provide support and resources that make high-quality education accessible to the students who need it most.

Thank you for your continued support,

Steve Colson



Cresthaven Academy Welcomes Back Its Scholars!

After a long year and a half of remote and hybrid learning, Cresthaven Academy is proud to welcome all of our scholars back to the classroom for full-time, in-person instruction. While these past eighteen months have certainly been challenging, our scholars, staff, and families have demonstrated our core value of grit and persevered in the face of adversity. Through continued partnership with CACS, and with the support of our donors through Cresthaven Academy Foundation, we were able to ensure that high-quality education remained within reach for every Cresthaven scholar, no matter the circumstance.

The Board of Trustees of Cresthaven Academy Foundation acted swiftly in the early days of the pandemic to ensure that Chromebooks could be secured for any scholar who did not have access to technology. This prompt response to a direct need speaks perfectly to the core mission of Cresthaven Academy Foundation -- to assist Cresthaven Academy Charter

School in achieving their mission of educating the "whole child" by ensuring every scholar has what they need to find success.

For more information about the impact that Cresthaven Academy Foundation has on its scholars and their families, click the link below.

[Learn More](#)



Cresthaven Afterschool Returns!

The Cresthaven Academy After School Program is happy to announce its return with even more programs available for our scholars. Currently serving 165 scholars, CAF provides stimulating and rigorous enrichment activities that encourage educational, intellectual, social-emotional, and physical wellness. Cresthaven Afterschool scholars in grades K-3 rotate through activities such as martial arts, music instruction, art education, and physical fitness, while 4th & 5th-grade scholars select their own activities via our club offerings, which include creative writing, chess, art, STEAM, and choir. Scholars also have off-site opportunities for basketball and swimming instruction at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. All of this is made possible through the generosity of our donors.

If you would like to support Cresthaven Afterschool and provide our scholars with a truly enriching afterschool experience, click the link below.

[Cresthaven Afterschool](#)



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A NIGHT TO *change* THE *odds*

CRESTHAVEN ACADEMY FOUNDATION
BENEFIT COCKTAIL RECEPTION
CHARITY CASINO NIGHT & DINNER PARTY

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

COCKTAIL HOUR TO BEGIN AT 6PM
EMBASSY SUITES BERKELEY HEIGHTS

For ticketing information, please visit
cresthaven.givesmart.com



Save the (New) Date!

After several postponements, the Board of CAF is proud to announce that on **Friday, May 20th**, CAF will be hosting an exciting evening of fine food, great wines, live music, and fun charity casino gaming at the Embassy Suites in Berkeley Heights. This event will allow us to partner with our supporters in the community as Cresthaven Academy Foundation continues to provide support and opportunities to Cresthaven Academy scholars and their families.

We hope you can join us in May!

For more information about the event and ticketing information, click the link below.

[A Night to Change the Odds](#)



Giving Tuesday

Join Crethaven Academy Foundation on an international day of generosity -- Giving Tuesday. On **Tuesday, November 30th**, charities from around the world are putting out a call to action to remind everyone that the most important step someone can take in empowering their community is to support it. CAF will be making an ***exciting announcement*** in the coming weeks surrounding our efforts to support this day of giving.

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Thank you for reading our first edition of the Crethaven Academy Foundation Newsletter! My name is Nick Mederos and I am the Director of Development for CAF. When I started back in June, I knew this opportunity was the culmination of all of the work I had done in my career so far. I started after college working as an English teacher in Union City before working in the

field of non-profit development. Working with CAF and experiencing firsthand the impact that Cresthaven and its mission has on scholars, families, and staff, is the greatest joy in my career so far! I look forward to working with you all to continue to support our mission. If you ever have any questions about CAF, feel free to email me at NMederos@cafny.org or give me a call at 201-655-0520.



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