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Da Vinci Dinner Delights Trinity Community

The much-anticipated annual Trinity College Foundation fundraising dinner was held on Friday 2 August in the Ian McLachlan Room at the Adelaide Oval. Leonardo da Vinci inspired this year's theme with guests embracing and celebrating innovation, invention and creativity. Guests were welcomed by members of the robotics team and their recreation of a da Vinci designed cart they had cleverly automated.

Pre-dinner drinks were served as guests took their first look at the wide selection of auction items on offer before being seated for the Kurna Welcome and Grace from College Captains Zara Cox and Allistar Walling. The MC David Matters then welcomed Year 10 student Nathan Stafford who performed the musical standard *Mona Lisa* by Nat King Cole.



Head of Trinity College, Nick Hatley then took to the stage and officially welcomed all guests and encouraging everyone to enjoy the evening before introducing Foundation Chair Mr David Russell. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and made special mention of our valued corporate sponsors. He also reminded guests that all funds raised by this event go directly to help students of Trinity excel. The Chair then introduced the guest speaker Year 11 student Cooper Everett, the current beneficiary of the Foundation General Excellence Scholarship. Cooper spoke with passion about his love of learning and how the scholarship has afforded him many opportunities for which he is extremely grateful.

Guests then enjoyed a special treat when Year 5 student Joya Ditroia took to the stage and gave an exquisite performance of the PiNK song *What About Us?* Dancers Eliana Girgolas (Year 5), Annalyse Mougos (Year 2), Alexis Guidotto (Year 5) and Lily Bolzon (Year 5) accompanied Joya.

After the formalities and entertainment guests enjoyed a sumptuous dinner and the opportunity to place a bid for one or more of the over 80 donated items to help raise money to support the Foundation. There were three major auction items up for grabs including a corporate box at the Adelaide Oval for 10 people including catering and drinks to see the Crows v Collingwood game, a robotic Mona Lisa artwork and a one of a kind, Hot Lap at Tailem Bend with a V8 Holden Red Bull Driver. Other notable silent auction items included; a private chauffeured winery tour for two people in the Barossa or McLaren Vale, an authentic Stan Smith 2019 Autographed Tennis Book, a Mount Lofty House accommodation and restaurant voucher and a Makita Cordless Tool Kit 18V Brushless Five Piece Combo Kit.

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Guests could also participate in a table raffle for \$10.00 a ticket with the choice of two great prizes; a priceless bottle of 1998 Penfolds Grange donated by the Matters Family or two nights' accommodation at the luxurious McLaren Eye with the Yangarra VIP wine experience donated by AON Insurance and valued at \$1,250.00. The sale of raffle tickets raised \$2715.00 for the Foundation.



While final winning bids were being calculated Year 12 students Erin Sowerby and Jordan Schumacher brilliantly performed a 20 minute set of classic tunes to the delight of guests. DJ Ralf then played a rocking post dinner set for the many guests to dance the night away.



The Foundation Board is pleased to announce that the 2019 Trinity Foundation da Vinci Dinner raised \$34,664.00. The Foundation Board extends their thanks to all donors and volunteers who made the night such a success as well as the Trinity families who donated items towards hampers and baskets that generated \$1,161.00 in the silent auction. The 2020 dinner date and theme will be announced later in the year.

We would also like to acknowledge the generous support of our corporate donors.

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