The Glazer Children’s Museum made an Impact at Education Is Key Breakfast

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TAMPA, FL (Feb. 3, 2017) – The Glazer Children’s Museum hosted educators and members of the community at Education is Key on April 27. Keynote speaker Dr. Michael Rich of Harvard University discussed children’s screen time and implications for their health and development. Guests said Dr. Rich’s speech was “phenomenal” and “validated a change in process (with screens) at our house.” The entire program was live-streamed on Facebook and the video can be viewed at GlazerMuseum.org/EIK

Outstanding Student and Educator Honorees
Education is Key honors one outstanding student and educator with an Education is Key Award. This year’s winners are truly inspirational. Outstanding Student, eighth grader Ada Vasquez of Sergeant Smith Middle School, overcame failing the seventh grade and has gone on to excel in school, catch up with her graduating class, and tutor other students. A video on Vasquez’s achievements can be viewed at GlazerMuseum.org/EIK

The Education is Key Outstanding Educator is Tina Cook of Burney Elementary. Cook is a passionate science teacher who hosts Lunch and Learns for small groups of students to develop their problem-solving skills and works with gifted children from low income families. A video on Cook’s dedication to her students can be viewed at GlazerMuseum.org/EIK

“Ada is a beacon for doing everything she can to make education a cornerstone of her life success. Tina is leveraging her role to affect hundreds of kids in lower income brackets,” said Jennifer Stancil, President and CEO of the Glazer Children’s Museum. “Both exemplify our Education is Key award and empower others with their stories.”

Big News from The Glazer Children’s Museum
The Glazer Children’s Museum made a few big announcements during the Education is Key awards.

1. Astronaut Robert Curbeam to Kick off Traveling Exhibit Coming May 27
Raytheon has invested in the Museum this summer, bringing a blockbuster 5,000 square foot exhibit on STEM right here over Memorial Day Weekend. The best part: every active military family will get in free, not just to the exhibit during its run, but to the entire Museum from May 27-July 9. To kick
of that exhibit, we’ll host astronaut Robert Curbeam, who has WALKED and WORKED in space at the International Space Station and is a pioneer for African American engineers.

2. **GCM President and CEO Jennifer Stancil to lead Florida STEM Girls Collaborative**
   The National STEM Girls Collaborative has appointed Stancil to lead a new network to support Florida girls in STEM. The Museum is now receiving a small National Science Foundation grant to train middle schools to launch programs for girls in engineering, cryptography, and computer science over the next four years.

3. **Glazer Children’s Museum provides 1,200 free passes for kids who read over the summer to bring their families to the Museum.**
The passes will go to students who read through myON, Hillsborough County Schools’ reading portal. These kids have used technology to keep their end of the summer reading bargain. GCM is committed to stopping summer learning loss by leveraging our amazing Museum as a summer learning tool.

**About The Glazer Children’s Museum**
Named one of the top five Children’s Museums in America, Glazer Children’s Museum is an innovative educational and culture resource for the Tampa region. Opened in Downtown Tampa in 2010, the Museum sits among skyscrapers as well as green space, and is a central part of the cultural corridor featuring other museums, libraries and a performing arts center. The mission of Glazer Children’s Museum is to create learning environments where children play, discover and connect to the world around them in order to develop as lifelong learners and leaders. The hands-on, minds-on Museum attracts more than 210,000 visitors annually with a 53,000 sq. ft. building full of themed galleries and 170 interactive exhibits for children aged birth to ten. A combination of permanent and traveling exhibits, comprehensive year-round educational programs, and dynamic special events provide children, parents, caregivers, and teachers a rich, cutting edge, ever-changing environment for playful learning. Glazer Children’s Museum, a 501c3 non-profit, also offers over 5,000 sq. ft. of event space, 2,500 sq. ft. of classroom space and a 1,000 sq. ft. rooftop terrace overlooking the picturesque Downtown Riverwalk, along the Hillsborough River.

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