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The Jackie Robinson Foundation Announces Lineup for 'Stars Pitch for Education' Charity Auction Part II Set to Launch on May 8, 2006

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NEW YORK, May 5 /PRNewswire/ -- Paging Grey's Anatomy fans. If your heart rate rises at the thought of seeing Dr. Preston Burke on the small screen on Sunday evenings, imagine having a private lunch with the man behind the dapper doctor, Isaiah Washington. If hearing the voice of summer, Dodgers announcer Vin Scully, brings a smile to your face, just think of spending an evening with the baseball legend in the Dodger Stadium press box.

The Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) today announced that Isaiah Washington, Vin Scully, Hank Aaron, Wendy Williams, Carmelo Anthony and Patti Labelle are just a few of the celebrities who will be participating in the second phase of the Foundation's Stars Pitch for Education on-line charity auction. All funds raised will benefit the Foundation including, in part, its Education and Leadership Development Program, which provides four-year college scholarships and a comprehensive set of support services to minority students, with financial need, who demonstrate academic distinction, leadership capacity and commitment to civic engagement.

From May 8th (2:00pm EDT) to May 18th (2:00pm EDT), visitors to the eBay website (<http://www.ebay.com/jackierobinson>) will have the opportunity to bid on a wide array of once-in-a-lifetime experiences including dining with Grey's Anatomy star Isaiah Washington, joining Dodgers play-by-play man Vin Scully in the Dodger Stadium press box at a future Dodgers game, touring the set of the hit entertainment television show Extra! with reporter Flavia Colgan and spending an afternoon with radio diva Wendy Williams in studio as she broadcasts "The Wendy Williams Experience."

Baseball memorabilia aficionados will not want to miss the opportunity to bid on separate limited edition Jackie Robinson numbered replica jerseys signed by the "home run king," Hank Aaron and NBA star Carmelo Anthony. And if you have ever been enchanted by soulful songstress Patti Labelle, you will want to bid on a gorgeous pair of Donna Karan shoes signed by the legendary singer. June means wedding bells for many; should the perfect engagement ring be on your mind, The Stars Pitch for Education is pleased to offer a stunning Bvlgari Parentesi ring.

"The Stars Pitch for Education gives us a chance to not only raise funds for our education and leadership development program but also offers an outstanding opportunity to introduce a national audience to the mission of the Foundation," said Della Britton Baeza, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Jackie Robinson Foundation.

Select prizes will be on display at The Jackie Robinson Foundation's Celebrating Excellence Gala slated for May 11th at The Beverly Hilton. The event will pay tribute to Don Newcombe, Jackie's former teammate and current Dodgers Director of Community Relations, and famed recording industry executive Suzanne de Passe, both of whom mirror Jackie's commitment to improving the human condition through their strong commitment to public service. For more information on the star-studded event, please contact blue room events at (310) 491-1401 or by email at amy@blueroomevents.com.

Founded in 1973, The Jackie Robinson Foundation is a public, not-for-profit national organization launched by Rachel Robinson as a vehicle to perpetuate the memory of baseball and social luminary Jackie Robinson and his pioneering achievements. This academic year (2005-2006), JRF is providing more than \$1.8 million in scholarship support to 266 Jackie Robinson Foundation scholars representing 33 states and the District of Columbia. Enrolled in 93 different institutions, Jackie Robinson Foundation scholars attend some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the United States and maintain a 97% graduation rate, more than twice the national average for minority students. For additional information on the Foundation, its programs and events, please visit <http://www.jackierobinson.org>.

JRF has teamed with Kompolt (kompolt.com) to manage the listing. Kompolt is the highly regarded "go-to" online auction agency for creating successful, high value, and high profile promotional and charity auctions for top brand companies and nonprofits.

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