

## community events

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# Mountaineer Montessori School

## "An Epic Evening" To Boost Education Without Limits!

An uplifting evening of great music, art and food will take off on Saturday, March 28, when Mountaineer Montessori School presents its annual spring gala, "An Epic Evening," at the Woman's Club of Charleston. The event celebrates education that empowers unlimited potential and inspires the future for students, community, and world. Proceeds will help sustain Mountaineer Montessori's annual \$50,000 financial aid commitment to Charleston families.

Hosted by Amanda Barren of WSAZ-TV and Jim Strawn, the evening will feature cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, with music by Minor Swing and dancing to Vinyl Village. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on a wide array of unique silent auction prizes, including many wonderful donations from generous South Hills businesses. A highlight of the evening will be a live auction of one-of-a-kind class art projects created by MMS students and celebrity artists. Online bidding for the silent and live auctions will be available for those unable to attend. Text epicevening to 72678 to sign up and get in on the excitement!

Founded in 1976, Mountaineer Montessori is West Virginia's original and largest Montessori school, offering a world-class, student-centered education experience to 142 students ages 3



Students take pride in helping their school with their art.



A.J. and Abbey Florelli



Advantage Technology is one of the leading sponsors of the annual spring gala.



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An auction of class art projects is a highlight of the evening.



Charly Hamilton is one of the celebrity artists taking part in the art auction.



Minor Swing

through eighth grade at campuses at the University of Charleston and in South Hills. MMS receives no government support, and events such as "An Epic Evening" provide critical funding for financial aid, as well as teacher appreciation and specialty programming. Come Montes-SOAR with us on March 28!

Tickets start at \$85, with sponsorships available at \$250 and up.

To make a reservation or to make an auction or financial donation, please go to [www.mountaineermontessori.org](http://www.mountaineermontessori.org) or text epicevening to 72678.

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