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**The Tampa Alumnae Panhellenic Association Hosts 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction**  
*Event Raises Money for Local Collegiate Women in Need*

Tampa, FL (March 1, 2010) – [The Tampa Alumnae Panhellenic Association](#) (TAPA) will host its 7th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 6:30 pm at [The Michael Murphy Gallery](#) in South Tampa, located at 2701 South MacDill Avenue. 100% of the proceeds from the auction and a portion of the ticket sales will go towards academic scholarships for deserving collegiate women from the Tampa area who are involved in Panhellenic organizations.

Tickets are \$25 if purchased prior to March 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets at the door will be \$35. Food and beverages will be provided by [Datz Deli](#) and Southern Wine and Spirits. For two hours, guests will be able to enjoy jazz music and mingle in over 5,000 sq. ft. of gallery space at Michael Murphy's new, much larger location. Attendees can view exhibitions from locally and nationally renowned artists such as Martha Marshall and Brian Miller.

"It's a great cause and it's sure to be a fun event," says event Chair Andrea Cepeck. "Our goal is to help foster the development of promising collegiate women in our own community. The money we raise for scholarships will give financial assistance to young women who might not have the means to attend college full time. Without scholarships, these women might not have time or funds to participate in panhellenic organizations that are such a integral part of the collegiate experience."

Last year TAPA raised \$3,500 and gave out 4 scholarships to deserving young women. This year they hope to exceed their goal and raise more than \$5,000. Auction items include a wine basket from The Columbia Restaurant, a suite at the St. Pete Times Forum for a Lightning game, and customized personal training sessions, to name a few. TAPA is currently accepting additional donations for the auction through Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>. To donate auction items, or order tickets in advance for this event, please contact event co-chair Shannon Walsh at [swalsh3d@hotmail.com](mailto:swalsh3d@hotmail.com) or (813) 758-5881.

This event is open to the public.

**About TAPA:**

The Tampa Alumnae Panhellenic Association (TAPA) is an organization of women that promotes good scholarship and service to our communities. TAPA was founded in 1990 in Tampa, FL and consists of 21 member organizations. It is a not-for-profit organization with scholarship programs designed to help further the development of college life for women through financial support. Comprised of hundreds of Tampa Bay women, it's purpose is to assist collegiate and alumnae Panhellenic associations, cooperate with colleges and universities, and foster interfraternity relationships. Each year, panhellenic affiliated collegians and alumnae donate more than \$5 million to worthy causes, provide \$2.8 million in scholarships to women and volunteer 500,000 hours in their communities. For more information about TAPA, please visit [www.tampapanhellenic.org](http://www.tampapanhellenic.org).