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The Yeovil College Bursary Foundation (YCBF) holds fourth successful Gala dinner. ...

Last week saw an amazingly successful Charity Gala Dinner which not only raised funds for the YCBF, but also showcased Yeovil College catering and hospitality students together with a talented student pianist Joshua Hart and staff member Lorraine Dash singing "Hey Big Spender" as Shirley Bassey.

Thanks to huge efforts by everyone involved, the dinner, charity auction and raffle raised well over £2,000 with a further £4,500 provided by sponsors including Town Council, South Somerset District Council, ROK, Western Gazette, Battens, Porter Dodson, Agusta Westland and the Quedam Centre.



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Principal James Hampton said *"Once again our students and staff have put on a superb evening, with delicious food, excellent entertainment and good company; I would like to thank our generous employer sponsors who make a significant contribution to the YCBF and help us to support well deserving and hard working students."*

The YCBF charity was first set up four years ago to support hard working students, who for a variety of reasons without financial support would find it hard to stay at College and complete their studies. Each year around 6 bursaries of £500 are presented to students to support them through their education. Bursaries are often used to support the purchase of special equipment, assist with travel costs and other resources such as computers and tool kits for their particular course. Thanks also to tutors who have helped deserving learners to make an application. The trustees are considering them currently and will present to the successful applicants in early June.

During the year students, colleagues and local members of the community work together through a number of events to raise money for the bursary trust, one particularly key event held on an annual basis is the very popular Gala Dinner.

At the gala dinner, guests enjoyed a sumptuous buffet dinner starting with canapés, followed by an extensive choice of cold meats, fish, terrines and salads and ending with a delicious sweet and coffee. Menus were prepared and served by talented and professional hospitality students along with experienced and dedicated staff.

Music students will be providing the entertainment along with an 'Auction of Promises' with unique prizes including a helicopter ride, tea at the House of Commons with David Laws, Top to Toe beauty treatment, a weekend at a beach house and many others.

For further information or to make a donation please call Julie Elliott on 01935 845418, or email Julie.elliott@yeovil.ac.uk.

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