

RECORD HIGH PRESENTED BY PRUDENTIAL CENTER ANNOUNCES SECOND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEVILS YOUTH FOUNDATION

TWELVE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TO RECEIVE \$1,000 MUSICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY – November 15, 2023 – <u>*RECORD HIGH*</u>, a robust, cutting edge, contemporary music education program designed to prepare New Jersey high school students for a career in the music industry both on and off the stage, announced today that the program is once again partnering with the <u>Devils Youth Foundation (DYF</u>) for the second annual scholarship program. Individual awards of \$1,000 will be given to twelve high school seniors from New Jersey who demonstrate notable talent in music, industry interest, technical support, and leadership roles within their local communities. Teachers or music professionals with firsthand knowledge of the student's abilities are welcome to submit applicants for consideration.

The Devils Youth Foundation continues its commitment of bringing life-changing opportunities to New Jersey's youth through the power of sports and entertainment and by virtue of the support of its marquee brands, the New Jersey Devils, Prudential Center, and the *RECORD HIGH* program. This year alone, DYF will support over 12,000 youth in the Greater Newark Area.

"The Devils Youth Foundation and Record High's Scholarship in music is not just an investment in talent; it's an investment in the beauty and inspiration that music brings to our lives," said **Allison Blitzer**, Chair of the Devils Youth Foundation. "With these twelve scholarships, our aim is to champion high school seniors who have not only showcased exceptional musical interest and ability but have also taken on a leadership role within their communities."

In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship, each student will be invited to a reception at a New Jersey Devils home game later in the season and participate in all *RECORD HIGH* after-school education programs for the balance of their senior year.

"RECORD HIGH is extremely excited to once again partner with Devils Youth Foundation to provide twelve New Jersey High School students with the opportunity for scholarships," said **Mark Conklin**, Vice

President, Artist Relations & Programing, Record High at Prudential Center. "Over its inaugural year, *RECORD HIGH* has already established itself as one of the premier music programs in the state of New Jersey by providing unforgettable experiences for its participants. We cannot thank the Devils Youth Foundation and Blitzer Family enough for their continued partnership and support of this initiative."

Applicant Criteria:

- Graduating high school senior who is a New Jersey resident.
- Notable vocal, instrumental or musical composition talent as judged by the Record High scholarship committee.
- Demonstrated history of leadership and/or volunteerism in their community.

Submission Process:

- Teacher/music professional must fill out the application on behalf of the student applicant.
- Teacher/music professional must submit an essay (250 words or less) answering why their student deserves this scholarship, focusing on the student's musical background and accomplishments and demonstrated leadership and volunteer history.
- Submit a 1 to 2-minute YouTube video of student applicant demonstrating their musical abilities.

To apply for the scholarship program, please click <u>HERE</u>. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2024.

About RECORD HIGH:

"RECORD HIGH" at Prudential Center and HBSE is a groundbreaking initiative that embodies CAREERS, COMMUNITY, and CONNECTION in the music and entertainment industry. This unparalleled program is designed to empower young individuals to pursue their dreams and introduce new opportunities within the industry by providing educational resources, mentorship, and networking connections. With a strong focus on underserved high school students and 'at risk' young adults, "RECORD HIGH" aims to bridge gaps in education and employment while fostering a direct link between aspiring talents and established industry experts. Through this initiative, Prudential Center reaffirms its commitment to creating lasting positive impact in Newark and its surrounding communities. For more information about RECORD HIGH, visit https://therecordhigh.org/.

About HBSE (Harris Blitzer Sports & Entertainment):

Recognized as one of the most innovative and entrepreneurial companies in the industry today, HBSE is a leading sports and entertainment company, with a focus on inspiring possibilities in people and enhancing the communities where we live, work, play and win. HBSE brands provide distinctive and innovative ticketing, booking, hospitality, concessions and catering opportunities and services connected to game and event experiences. Founded by Josh Harris and David Blitzer, HBSE's global portfolio has grown to include premier sports franchises, brands, venues and investment platforms, centered around marquee assets, the Philadelphia 76ers, the New Jersey Devils and Prudential Center.

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