

# *Achievement Beyond Obstacles*

Rotary 4-Way Fest  
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# Achievement Beyond Obstacles (ABO)

- Do you want your scholarship dollars to be more impactful?
- Do you want to help students that have had incredible challenges and still graduate?
- How can you really make a difference in these special students lives?



# Achievement Beyond Obstacles (ABO)

- Focusing on Students Who Are
  - Overcoming Incredible Life Challenges
  - Seniors Graduating High School
  - Have the Ability to Succeed at Next Level of Education
  - Have a Financial Need
- High School Counselors can make the selection



Key Words –  
Students with Tenacity

# Characteristics of Selected Youth

- All socio-economic situations – majority are poor
- Challenges - drugs, health, death, pregnancy, etc
  - Self Imposed
  - Parental Imposed
- Many will not know what it takes to go to school past high school
- Many will have no support for further education



# Achievement Beyond Obstacles Events

- High School Counselors Select Students
- Leadership weekend with facilitators Dean and Rochelle Whellams - REQUIRED
- Financial Education - Budgeting, FAFSA, etc
- Mentoring – Events, food, DFS students



# Achievement Beyond Obstacle Events

- Rotary Club Speech - REQUIRED
- Interviews for those selected
- Scholarship Selection
- Scholarship Awards Banquet



# Leadership Weekend

- Purpose: Build self-confidence, self-worth and ability to make good decisions – Modeled on RYLA
  - Three G's
    - Growth Mindset
    - Gratitude
    - Going Forward
      - What
      - So What
      - Now What
  - Get To vs Have To



# Leadership Weekend

- Weekend builds Community where youth can trust each other and do some real learning
  - Rotarians are part of that community
- Program has many similarities to RYLA (5180/5190) but is done in 2 days







# Rotary Club Luncheon Speeches

- Youth Speak for 3 to 5 minutes
  - Speech covers - Challenge, solution, where next
  - Highly emotional
- Youth spend morning with trainers preparing for speech
  - Have someone close by to support if needed



# Scholarships

- Every student should get a small reward for participating in speeches
- Scholarships can range from \$500 to \$3500 for those selected
- Mentors will increase success rate of youth



# Achievement Beyond Obstacles

- Rotarians involved:
  - Get great benefits
  - Hard to understate how those involved change
  - All ask – how did these youth keep going?
  - It becomes the culture of the club



# Achievement Beyond Obstacles

- Program can be run by 1 club or 10 clubs
  - More people means more aspects can be added
  - More people means more mentors
  - More people means more scholarship money



Thank Reno South Rotary for starting and developing this program for over 20 years!!!

# First Steps

- Define the program your club(s) will undertake and be open to change
- Educate Club/Area on Program
- Recruit Chair and Committee
- Determine how program will be funded

# First Steps

- Decide when will program be launched
- Educate Superintendent, Principal(s) and Senior Counselor(s) on Program
  - Are schools interested?
  - How many students are appropriate?
- In Multi-club Programs Determine how to Manage Funds

# District Resource for ABO

- Bill Boon, District ABO Chair
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  - 775-636-0384
- Jonnie Pullman, Past President of Reno South
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- Tom Boag



# Achievement Beyond Obstacles – Up for a Challenge?



# What is needed-TMCC

- Estimated 2017-2018 Academic Year Budgets (2 semesters)

- Resident

• Off-Campus	Full Time	3/4 Time	1/2 Time	<1/2 Time
• Tuition & Fees	\$3120	\$2288	\$1664	\$1040
• Books/Supplies	\$1200	\$880	\$640	\$400
• Room/Board	\$9065	\$9065	\$9065	\$9065
• Personal	\$2334	\$2334	\$2334	\$2334
• Transportation	\$3142	\$2304	\$1676	\$1047
• <b>Total</b>	<b>\$18861</b>	<b>\$16871</b>	<b>\$15379</b>	<b>\$13886</b>

# What is needed-UNR

- Estimated 2017-2018 Academic Year Budgets (2 semesters)

- Resident

- Off-Campus Full Time

- Tuition & Fees \$7600

- Books/Supplies \$1300

- Room/Board \$10940

- Personal \$2500

- Transportation \$3142

- **Total** **\$25482**