



**In celebration of the Brilliant Lecture Series
Fifth Anniversary**

Lynn Wyatt, Chairman Emeritus

requests the honor of your presence for

**An Evening with Princess Diana's Chef
Darren McGrady**

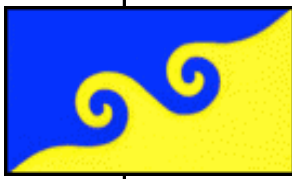
Saturday, the eighteenth of September

**Seven o'clock
Champagne Reception**

**Half after seven o'clock
Private Seated Dinner
Prepared By Royal Chef, Darren McGrady**

La Colombe d'Or Mansion
Zagat award for new decor · best in Houston
3410 Montrose Boulevard

Black tie



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The Brilliant Lecture Series is a Houston, Texas not-for-profit organization whose aim is to support young people and their families, particularly students from underrepresented portions of society, in their journey through life. We provide support, inspiration, and a forum for generating new ideas through our lectures, workshops and in-school programs. The mission of *the Brilliant Lecture Series* is to motivate and inspire by presenting national and international leaders, role models, philanthropists, artists, humanitarians, authors, and entrepreneurs to our great city. The organization was established and received its 501 (c)3 status in November 2005 and has three on-going programs to achieve this mission; Conversations with Brilliance, Brill Talks, and our International Youth Leadership Forum. Thus far we have made a direct and positive impact on more than 25,000 students and their families.

- **Conversations with ... series.** Once every quarter, Conversations with Brilliance hosts someone 'brilliant.' From international leaders, prize-winning authors and actors, to eminent scientists and business leaders – the *Conversations with Brilliance* series offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with the world's greatest minds inspiring leadership in Houston's youth and their families. Each speaker will take the audience through his or her life – followed by a question and answer session. Since its inception, *the Brilliant Lecture Series* has presented luminaries: **Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, Sir Sidney Poitier**, former **U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan**, CNN Hero Doc Hendley, **Dame Julie Andrews, Diana Ross, Dr. Maya Angelou**, a film screening with **Lauren Bacall** followed by another film screening of **Winston Churchill** documentary *Into the Storm* in partnership with **HBO** and the **Museum of Fine Arts Houston**. Most recently, Global Colors Founder and GQ magazine Better Men Better World finalist, **Barton Brooks**, spoke of his humanitarian work around the world and in particular his current work in Haiti.

- **Brill Talks.** Brill Talks aims to engage middle and high school students in direct, interactive learning by inviting local, national and international members of our society to join us and speak about their own journeys through life, and what drove them to their own heights of success. This open dialogue is designed to inspire, improve interpersonal relationships, build cross-cultural understanding, and motivate people to stay with their dreams and goals while making a difference in both their communities and the world. We are committed to developing individuals who will one day join the workforce in industries such as oil and gas, information technology, fine arts, business, media, and engineering. These programs have featured **Sidney Poitier at Houston Community College, CNN Hero Doc Hendley at Royal Oaks ISD schools**; Global Colors Founder **Barton Brooks at Spring Branch ISD schools**; **media careers with Comcast Cable and Fox26 at Houston ISD schools**; **NASA** sponsored event at **University of St. Thomas** on careers in the fields of science, math and technology; and a banking/finance program held at the **Federal Reserve with Wells Fargo and Capital One Bank**.

- **International Youth Leadership Exchange Program.** With income generated through *the Brilliant Lecture Series*, we have established the International Youth Leadership Exchange Program. The first exchange visit was for a group of students from a Houston high school to **The Jubilee School in Amman, Jordan**. This came as a direct result of the lecture presented by Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan. We are currently working on our next exchange visit to Uganda as a result of our time with Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Our students will work on clean water and sanitation projects in partnership with *Wine To Water*.

The Brilliant Lecture Series works to provide transformational experiences through lectures, direct in-school programs and cross-cultural opportunities.



BRILLIANT LECTURE SERIES

“BRILL TALKS”

Youth Education and Outreach
Fifth Anniversary Year | 2010 – 2011

PROGRAM

5th Year | 5,000 Students Each Semester

Each open dialogue inspires, improves interpersonal relationships, builds cross-cultural understanding and motivates students to stay with their dreams and goals while making a difference in both their communities and the world.

LOCATION

Programs are held at various schools including Spring Branch ISD, Royal Oaks ISD, Houston Community College, St. Francis, Houston Community College and others depending on school availability.

IMPACT

Each “Brill Talks” in-school program reaches **over 1,000 students per school** depending on the subject, school & auditorium capacity. **5,000 students, teachers and faculty each semester!**

Each program is recorded and a DVD created with jewel case for distribution to each school library as an ongoing educational tool for teachers and students.

The direct in-school programs with the DVD recordings have a perpetual and positive impact with **thousands of students for years to come.**

OUTCOME MEASUREMENTS

Tracking outcome measurements is conducted through: student surveys on program content, relevance and impact; scored teacher evaluations on student and classroom impact; and school records of student course, grade and degree completion.