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**Johnny Bench, Former Cincinnati Reds Player, Honored at Upcoming Dinner**

March 28, 2011 Cincinnati, Ohio – The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation (CSF) is pleased to honor former Reds catcher and Baseball Hall of Fame member, Johnny Bench, as their 2011 Champion of Educational Opportunity (CEO) recipient. This award recognizes Mr. Bench’s dedication to education in Greater Cincinnati through the work of his [Johnny Bench Scholarship Fund](#).

Please save the date, Monday, May 9, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Xavier University’s Schiff Family Conference Center at the Cintas Center.\* Johnny will be honored at the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation’s Annual Student Awards Dinner, held in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the over 200 participants in the Foundation’s High School Scholarship Program.

Tickets are only \$50 and seating is limited! If you would like to attend please contact Kristen Merica ASAP at 513.345.6701 or email [kmericaCSF@fuse.net](mailto:kmericaCSF@fuse.net).

Sponsorships are still available and begin at only \$500. Thank you to our partners that have already committed their support: 5/3 Bank, AXA Advisors, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Ohio National Financial, Procter & Gamble, The Christ Hospital, The Cincinnati Enquirer, Thomas More College, University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services, WLWT-TV, and Western & Southern Life Insurance.

**Please join us on Monday, May 9, 2011 from 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at the Xavier University's Schiff Family Conference Center at the Cintas Center\*** for dinner and to recognize the hard work and dedication of the participants in the CSF's High School Scholarship Program. In addition, we will award former Reds player and Baseball Hall of Fame member, Johnny Bench, with our 5th annual Champion of Educational Opportunity (CEO) Award, for his dedication to Greater Cincinnati education through the establishment of his Scholarship Fund.

**Tickets are only \$50 and seats are going fast! Please contact Kristen Merica ASAP if you would like to attend at 513.345.6701.**

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The Foundation's High School Scholarship Program (HSSP) works with students in grades 7 through 12 who attend Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS). CPS students are eligible to participate in the program based on academic performance, school conduct and financial need. Students who participate in the High School Scholarship Program are eligible to receive a small monthly scholarship check and attend valuable college awareness workshops. The workshops and services available to the students help to better prepare them for postsecondary educational opportunities. The goal of the High School Scholarship Program is to encourage students to pursue postsecondary learning opportunities and to support them in their efforts to be the best students they can be.

\*This is not a function of Xavier University.

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Christ Hospital  
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Thomas More College  
University of Cincinnati

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Members of the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees are: Thomas Hayden,

Shannan Schmitt, William P. Gipson, Mark Hester, Terrance Ashanta-Barker, Jeff Pasquale, James R. Cullen, Marla Hurston Fuller, Danny Morris, Nikela Owens, Lorrie Platt, Amy Reed, Tom Rothwell, William Russell, and Jerome Tepe.

**About Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation**

The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1918. The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation continues to be the premier scholarship foundation in Greater Cincinnati, administering college scholarships on behalf of local businesses, corporations, individuals and other area foundations. By reaching out to motivated and deserving students who have limited financial resources, the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation helps to provide the means to attend college and the opportunity to realize their dreams. Scholarships include the Anthony Muñoz Scholarship Fund, the Johnny Bench Scholarship Fund and the Marvin Lewis Scholarship Fund. Visit [www.CincinnatiScholarshipFoundation.org](http://www.CincinnatiScholarshipFoundation.org) for a complete listing.

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