

# Wine Auction raises \$400,000 for Santa Monica schools

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**Auction:** The Santa Monica community came out in force to support local school children at this year's Santa Monica Wine Auction on Sunday, May 15, raising \$400,000 for programs at Santa Monica's local public schools. This year's Wine Auction at the Miramar Hotel was the first to be held in person since 2019 and was dubbed a success by organizers. All together, the last seven Wine Auctions have raised a combined \$1.75 million for public schools.

"The evening was absolutely incredible," Alison Havel, president of the Santa Monica Education Foundation's Board of Directors, said in a statement provided by SMEF. "After three long years, it was magical being back in person again. The excitement was palpable! We are grateful to our generous community — our sponsors, volunteers, tasting partners, student performers and donors — for their involvement and support."