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*Bags &*  
**BOURBON**

*Benefitting*



**College Now**  
*Greater Cleveland*

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**KeyBank** 

## Dear Bags & Bourbon Guest,

We are delighted and thankful that you have joined us for Bags & Bourbon here at the Great Lakes Science Center. Since its inception as the Bag Lady Luncheon in 2013, our event has evolved in many ways but, just as our founders Judi Embrescia and Sally Stewart intended, continues to raise significant money for College Now's Mentoring Program.

This year, we are proud to bring you a newly revamped evening complete with Bourbon tasting, cigar rolling, and over 200 high quality silent auction items. As you make your way through the silent auction by way of our Bourbon Trail, you will find baskets filled with popular Bourbon spirits straight off of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail such as Buffalo Trace, Old Forester, Woodford Reserve, and more! Be sure to follow the trail to the Bourbon room, where you can taste what Cleveland Whiskey and Western Reserve Distillers have to offer! In addition to Bourbon, you will also find a large collection of high-end, luxury, brand-new, and (a few) gently used handbags. Last, but certainly not least, we are excited to offer an incredible collection of "Over the Moon" experience items for auction that are sure to please the traveler, Bourbon enthusiast, and sports fan alike. We hope you enjoy this evening as much as we have enjoyed getting everything ready to welcome you to Bags & Bourbon 2022.

This event has been made possible through the generosity of our Bags & Bourbon Sponsors, the Men's Committee, our Sponsorship Committee of Akram Boutros, Amy Brady, and Mark Ross, and most notably KeyBank, our exclusive title sponsor. We would also like to thank the individuals and organizations who, over the last two years, have donated items, hosted events, and purchased tickets. We are grateful to our partners at the Great Lakes Science Center for providing this amazing space for our event. Additionally, we would like to thank the College Now staff for the countless hours and remarkable effort they have dedicated to the success of Bags & Bourbon 2022.

Most of all, we would like to thank you, our guests, for joining us today and for your support of College Now Greater Cleveland. Proceeds from today's Bags & Bourbon event benefit College Now's Mentoring Program, which currently serves over 1,700 mentor/mentee pairs. Thank you for helping College Now to help more students than ever achieve their goals of postsecondary educational attainment.

Enjoy what we hope will be an "Out of this World" evening and happy bidding!

 *Angela Spitalieri Ianiro*

Suzanne Aral-Boutros & Angie Spitalieri Ianiro

## Schedule

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**SILENT AUCTION**

6:15 pm

**REMARKS FROM LEE FRIEDMAN**

COLLEGE NOW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

7:15 pm

**RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

7:30 pm

**BAG PICKUP BEGINS**

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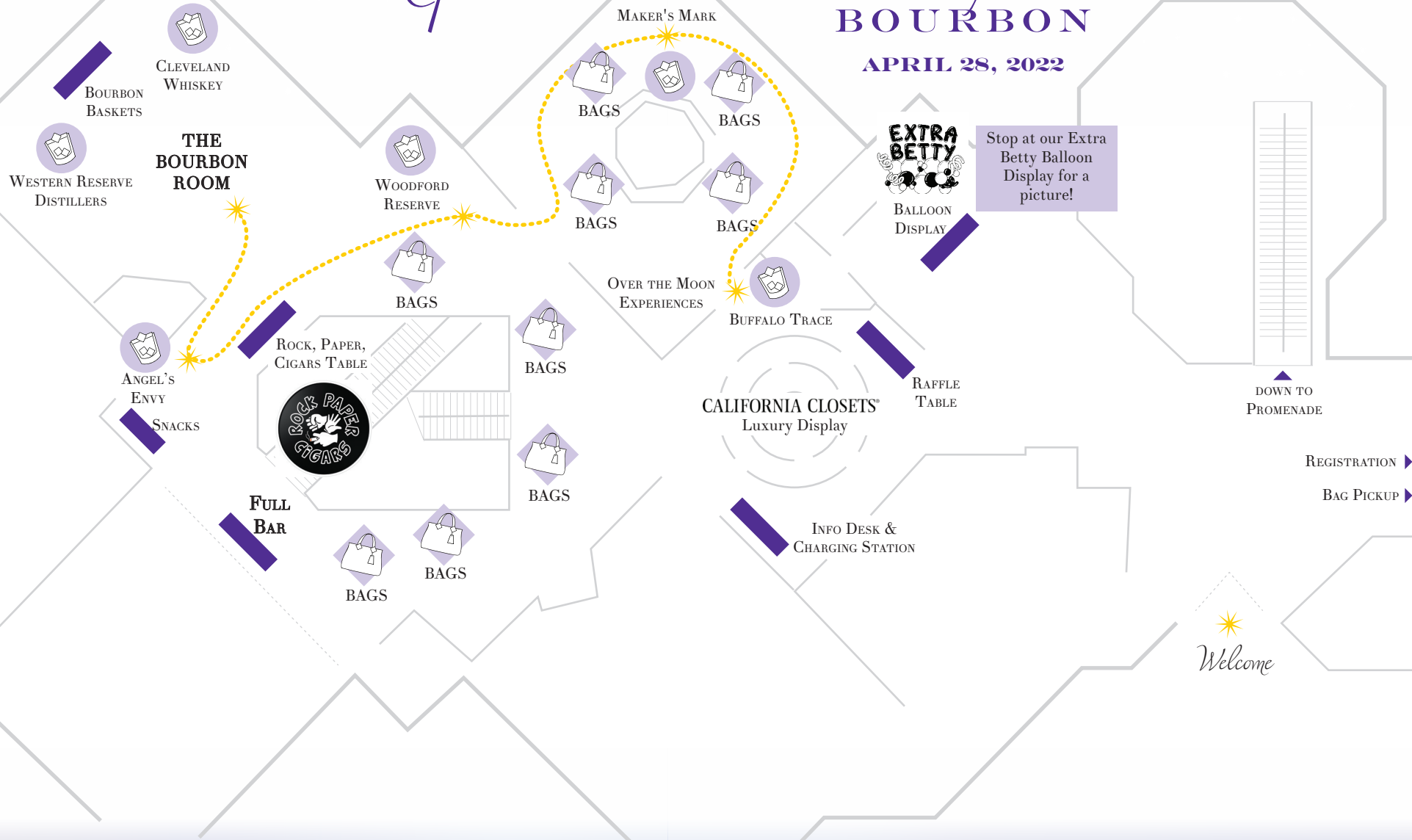
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## Map



# Bags & BOURBON

APRIL 28, 2022



## ABOUT THE COLLEGE NOW MENTORING PROGRAM

Proceeds from today's Bags & Bourbon event benefit College Now's scholarship and retention services, which includes the College Now Mentoring Program. The Mentoring Program began in 2011 as an effort to increase college completion rates among College Now scholarship recipients. We are thrilled to share that 90% of students in our Mentoring Program return to college for their second year. Equally exciting, the first two cohorts of students who were required to participate in the Mentoring Program as a condition of their College Now scholarships graduated from high school in 2013 and 2014; these mentored students average an impressive 70% on-time college graduation rate, higher than the 62% graduation rate for all students nationally regardless of background or income, and significantly higher than the 41% rate of their peers who receive the federal Pell grant.

After Cleveland was named a Say Yes to Education chapter in 2019, the Mentoring Program grew from 1,100 total pairs to now serving more than 1,700 pairs, as every Say Yes Cleveland scholarship recipient is paired with a mentor through the program, as well. We are very proud of the fact that 255 of our mentors are themselves former College Now scholarship recipients!

### *Helpful Hints*



Interested in buying a raffle ticket? This year, we have three options – the KeyBank Red bag, the Rolex Raffle, and the “Fill Your Closet” Raffle sponsored by California Closets. You can purchase tickets on your phone via BidPal, visit our raffle kiosk, or look for a volunteer who can help you purchase them!



Remember! There is no seated dinner or program at Bags & Bourbon 2022. Food stations will be available in the Bourbon Room and near the Bar beginning at 4:30 pm.



See an item you like? Add it to your “watch list” so you can access it quickly during the auction!



Enter a maximum bid and let BidPal do the bidding for you!



Phone running low on battery? Charge it at our charging station, conveniently located near the California Closets display.

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