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Coach Garrick McGee

WHAT: Ed Lacy Scholarship Awards Celebration
WHERE: Doubletree Hotel - 616 West Seventh Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma
WHEN: Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Tulsa, OK – Come and join the Rotary Club of North Tulsa on Saturday, April 28, 2012, for an evening of celebration in honor of the memory and accomplishments of Coach Ed Lacy, Booker T. Washington High School football coach and former Tulsa Public Schools Athletic Director.

We will be celebrating the 10th Annual Ed Lacy Awards and Scholarship Banquet. The Ed Lacy Scholarship Award Celebration will be held at the downtown Tulsa Doubletree Hotel, located at 616 West Seventh Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. During the banquet, two outstanding students will be recognized as recipients of this year's scholarship awards in support of their continued learning.

The reception will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by conversations with the talented keynote speaker, Coach Garrick McGee at 6:30 p.m. and will feature an inspiring performance by Rotary Men of Note and the Central High School Choir. The dinner program begins at 7:00 p.m., and will include remarks from former Booker T. Washington principal, H. J. Green, and a special presentation from the Tulsa Shock President, Steve Swetoha. Big Al Jerkins, Channel KJRH 2 News Sports Anchor, will be serving as the master of ceremonies.

You will not want to miss this exciting opportunity to hear from Tulsa's talented hometown hero and keynote speaker Coach Garrick McGee. A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Coach McGee attended Booker T. Washington High in Tulsa and played for his father, the late Larry McGee. He played at Arizona State in 1991 and 1992 under Petrino, went to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in 1993 and transferred to the University of Oklahoma. He played two years for the Sooners and ended his career fourth on OU's career passing list with 2,449 yards. He was named the Big

Eight Newcomer of the Year by the league's coaches in 1994. McGee earned an associate's degree from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in 1993 and his bachelor's from OU in 1996.

Coach McGee began his coaching career at Langston University (OK) where, from 1996-98, he coached defensive backs before moving to quarterbacks, receivers and special teams. He was the receivers and kickoff return coach at the University of Northern Iowa in 1999, and helped UNI set school records for total offense (5,253 yards) and passing yards (3,722). In 2001 and 2002, he was an offensive assistant and quality control coach with the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars. He worked as an assistant to then-quarterbacks coach Bobby Petrino, helping quarterbacks and receivers with fundamentals and assisting in all phases of special teams.

Before joining the staff at Arkansas, McGee spent four seasons (2004-07) at Northwestern University where he was the receivers and punt return coach his first two seasons and the quarterback coach and offensive coordinator in 2006 and 2007. Directing the Wildcats' spread offense, McGee's 2007 unit led the Big Ten and was No. 11 in the nation in passing (307.9 yards per game) and led the Big Ten and was No. 31 in the country in total offense (427.7 yards per game). In 2005, his Northwestern receiving corps had three wideouts ranked in the top 10 on the Big Ten season receptions list for the first time in school history.

Coach McGee was named the head football coach at University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB) on December 4, 2011, after serving on the staff at the University of Arkansas for four years, including the past two seasons as the Razorbacks' offensive coordinator. Coach McGee was a finalist for the 2011 Broyles Award that is presented to the nation's top assistant coach. McGee is a former University of Oklahoma quarterback and was a leading force behind Arkansas becoming one of the country's most prolific offenses in recent years. In his first season as the offensive coordinator in 2010, the Razorbacks earned the school's first Bowl Championship Series appearance in program history as the season culminated at the Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. In 2011, Arkansas paced the Southeastern Conference in total offense and ranked No. 29 in the NCAA at 438.1 yards per game. The Arkansas Razorbacks offense escalated to an unprecedented level after McGee became the offensive coordinator in 2010. The unit set 11 University of Arkansas single-season records in his first season, among those total yards (6,273), passing yards (4,338) and passing touchdowns (36). He and his wife, Tiffany, were married in the summer of 2009. They have two sons, Cameron, and Grant, born in September of 2011.

President Ruth Gaines said, "You won't want to miss this opportunity to join Rotarians at our *Ed Lacy Scholarship Awards* celebration as we honor Coach Ed Lacy and celebrate our students." The primary reason for holding this annual event

is to continue contributing to the education of students through recognition and presenting them with scholarship awards. The range of speakers and guests reflects Rotarians commitment to unite for a worthy cause, personified in our motto "Service Above Self."

Please reserve your table(s) and join us for this exciting event. Corporate sponsorships range from platinum to gold and silver levels. A reserved seating table of eight is \$500.00 and supports our annual celebration. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$50.00 for designated open seating tables. Individual and potential sponsors who would like additional information regarding the Ed Lacy Scholarship Awards Celebration can contact Ron Petty with the Rotary Club of North Tulsa at (918) 706-5627 or send Dr. Lana Turner-Addison an email at lturnerbbs@aol.com. Also, we plan to hold a silent auction during the event, so that you will have the opportunity to bid on items ranging from resort vacations to autographed sports memorabilia and gift vouchers. You don't want to miss this great opportunity to participate!

We are thrilled to be able to celebrate the life and achievements of the late great Coach Ed Lacy in a manner which would thrill him; honoring students and supporting their educational success.

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