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Dream Gala Will Be A Night Of Sweet Memories With Bret Michaels, Julianne Hough And Gene Stallings

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Diabetes does not discriminate. It's very democratic. Any age, sex, race is open to this deadly disease. Most folks think of it as that pesky finger-pricking-disease. But it's so much more than that. Yes, victims of diabetes do have to test their blood sugar and some have to use insulin. But its effects are far more dramatic and life changing. While diabetes may not have the initial gut wrenching impact that cancer does, it's just as insidious in so many ways.

Sorry for the downer lede, but it was necessary to build the importance of the [Dream Gala](#) benefiting the [Dallas Chapter](#) of [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](#) on Saturday March 26, at the Hilton Anatole.



Yes, it will be black tie, but the celebrities on stage are not your usual stuffy-huffy-puffy types. Try Celebrity Honoree Bret Michaels, featured entertainer/cutie pie Julianne Hough and keynote speaker Gene Stallings.

Here are some tidbits for you to stockpile about the on-stage folks:

- Besides being the long-haired singer for Poison and a reality TV star, Bret's been a diabetic since the age of six. Despite having just recovered from a multitude of major health issues lately including heart surgery in late January, there's no getting him down. He'll be presented the award by JDRF President/CEO Jeffrey Brewer. If you aren't a reality TV show viewer, you might not know that Bret donated his winnings from [Celebrity Apprentice 3](#) to the [American Diabetes Association](#).

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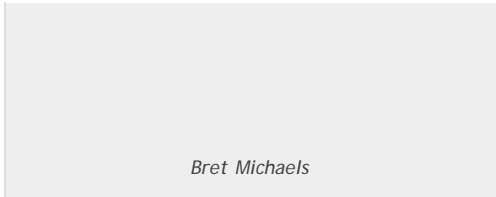


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- Julianne is probably relieved to be performing in the Chantilly Ballroom. Some folks recall the last time they saw the former "Dancing With The Stars" knockout was on stage at the soggy [Cattle Barons Ball of 2009](#). She was a real trooper that night and will be dynamite on a dry stage.
- In addition to Bret's receiving his award, Gala Chairs Dr. Arlene Jacobs and Allen Feltman have announced that Dr Pepper Snapple Group is this year's Corporate Honoree.

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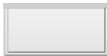
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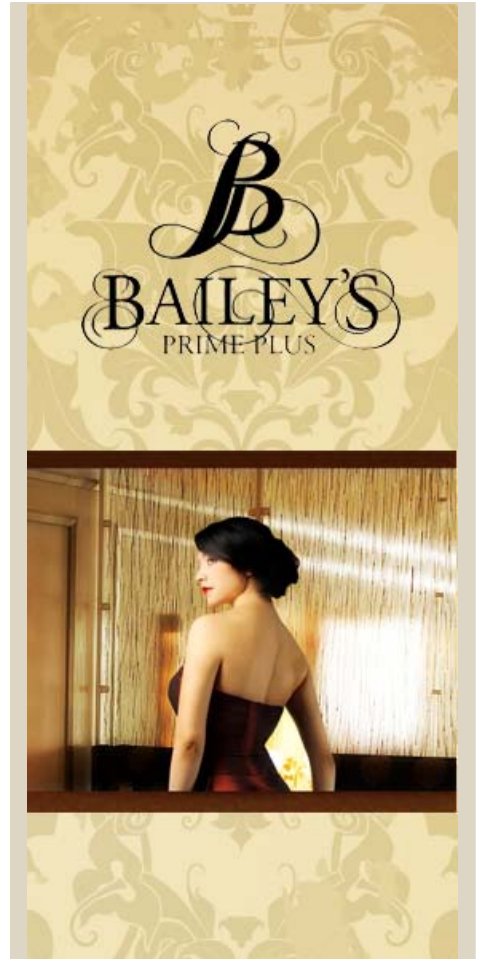


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