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### The School Choice Group announces The Michael Perelstein Memorial Scholarship Fund 2016

**\$25,000 Scholarship fund created to support New York City students in  
grades 2-12 to  
pursue their unique passions and talents**

(White Plains, NY- May 3, 2016) [The School Choice Group](#), the global education consulting firm headquartered in White Plains, New York, in partnership with [The Parents of Accelerated Learners, NYC \[PALNYC\]](#), just announced the third annual Michael Perelstein Memorial Scholarship Fund “**The Discover Your Passion Competition**” for New York City based students from second through 12th grade. The scholarship awards children who show exceptional promise and passion for their unique individual interests and passions to include academic fields, sports, music, the arts, community service, entrepreneurship, technology, etc. This year the fund has increased to \$25,000 and the awards extended through the high school grades. The focus on individual passion and the personal story behind the fund are what make this scholarship unique.

Elizabeth Perelstein, the Chair and Founder for the School Choice Group, established this scholarship fund in 2013 to honor her late husband, Michael Perelstein. Michael died at the age of 56, while he was riding with the Westchester Cycle Club, one of his personal passions. A child of Holocaust survivors, Michael was directed by his parents to consider career and life choices based on practical or financial reasons, and not by his personal interests and unique talents. The Perelstein children followed a different path, pursuing their own passions. Michael then realized the true importance of nurturing passion and talent and even changed careers to support his own. As a result, supporting the passions and talents of children is the mission of The Michael Perelstein Memorial Scholarship Fund.

“I know Michael would have wanted to create opportunity for young people and, in our third year, I can say that the children who have benefited from the scholarship keep Michael's memory alive through their hard work, dedication, and success. I am pleased to be able to affect the educational paths of talented youngsters as a result of Mike's tragic death,” said Elizabeth Perelstein.

**The Discover Your Passion™ Competition will award the grand prize winner \$5000 toward his or her pursuit; there will be up to 9 more awardees, to receive appropriate support for their projects, for a total of \$25,000. Finalists will be selected from each of three age categories: 2-5th grade; 6-8th grade; 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The scholarship winners will be announced on October 11, 2016. For complete information about the scholarship and to apply, see [www.schoolchoicegroup.com](http://www.schoolchoicegroup.com)**

To read about the previous 2013, 2014 and 2015 Perelstein Scholars, please click below:

2013: <http://www.schoolchoiceintl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Scholarship-winnerspress-release-3.pdf>

2014: <http://www.schoolchoiceintl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/The-Michael-Perelstein-Memorial-Scholarship-Fund-Discover-Your-Passion-press-release.pdf>

2015: <http://www.schoolchoiceintl.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Press-Release-2015-DYP-Finalists.pdf>

**The School Choice Group**, is the leading global education consulting firm, specializing in school placement for private, public, specialized and international schools, from preschool through college. With over 140 experienced consultants, including Special Educators in 77 locations globally, the SCG works to help find the right schools for children, anywhere in the world. An industry leader, The School Choice Group Founder and Chair, Elizabeth Perelstein, co-founded the British International School of New York. Its business division, [School Choice International](#), also conducts research, provides survey data and policy analysis for corporations, schools and governments setting or re-evaluating education policy. School Choice International innovated the only web-based resource to compare education across the globe, [Global Education Explorer](#). Its consumer division, [School Search Solutions](#), developed the first school-child matching tool, [LEAP](#) that considers both subjective and objective criteria between the child and school. For more information see [www.schoolchoicegroup.com](http://www.schoolchoicegroup.com)

**Parents of Accelerated Learners, NYC [PALNYC] & The P.A.L. Workshops** support NYCbased parents and their children by offering educational workshops, talent developmentbased resources and programs, mentorships and a discovery platform for web and app-based learning tools for kids. PALNYC connects experts with parents to support the cognitive, social and emotional needs of their children. PALNYC is passionate about closing the education gap in NYC by providing access to events at low or no cost to make sure that every parent who wants to pursue quality education for their child has that opportunity. PALNYC is a founding sponsor of the NYC Gifted and Talented Symposium, a one day event to support high potential youth. For more information or sponsorship see [www.palworkshopsnyc.org](http://www.palworkshopsnyc.org).