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## MDA lock-up yields \$12,000 in support

**The Ruston community came together to raise \$12,000 during the Muscular Dystrophy Association Executive Lock-Up on Thursday. All proceeds go to sending children to MDA summer camp that is held every June in Pollock. The event is held at Jim Taylor Ford each year. The Jim Taylor Ford and MDA staff would like to thank the Ruston community and businesses for their support toward this cause.**

## Luce: We offer a number of social programs

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“We have athletes who are on the road most of the year, who attend our school,” he said. “We have students who are uncomfortable at their schools. Or maybe parents want their students to home-school. This is the type of groups we typically see at our school.”

Returning and new families will be able to learn about the extensive curriculum models available through the online charter, including one track designed specifically for home-school cooperatives, as well as its

diverse Early College program that allows qualified high school students to graduate with two years towards a college or associates degree from a Louisiana University or community college, Luce said.

The open house event will also give the virtual classmates from each grade the opportunity to meet in person and share experiences for the first time this year. School administrators and teachers are also present to meet students and explore the online charter program with prospective families.

Lunice said parents, guardians and students receive instruction from the curriculum, and have access to the schools teachers on any questions that may arise through the school year.

In addition to the school, the program offers a number of social activities including field trips once a month and a prom hosted in the state.

“We offer a number of different social programs and opportunities to speak with teachers so that parents or guardians do not have to worry about their students feeling

left behind or not getting enough social activity,” he said.

The school is currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year, where a limited number of seats in all grades still exist, and the 2018-2019 school year.

The school is proud to offer spots in their school to students who have been displaced due to the recent impact of hurricanes in Florida, Louisiana and Texas.

For more information, visit [www.UniversityViewAcademy](http://www.UniversityViewAcademy) or call the school at 225-421-2900.

## Oslowksi: There will be a deal for new members

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we couldn’t have picked a better place. The city of Ruston has been the best city we have ever worked with in terms of coming to town and wanting to build a new business.”

The 18,000-square-foot club will feature a wide variety of equipment, including treadmills, ellipticals, arc trainers and stationary bikes—all pointed at 70-inch televisions for member entertainment while working out.

“Planet Fitness also offers a popular 30-minute PF Express circuit room, dedicated abs and stretching area, a full complement of user-friendly strength equipment, the new PF-360 Circuit machine and full locker rooms that include free day-use lockers, private changing rooms and tile showers,” Oslowksi said. “The Ruston location will also offer a deal for new members starting in mid-November of just \$1 down as an enrollment fee, followed by \$10 a month thereafter, with no commitment.

“And because value is prioritized at Planet Fitness, a Black Card® membership deal will be available at \$19.99 a month until the club opens. It includes supplemental amenities such as the ability to bring a guest every day at no additional charge, access to more than 1,400 clubs in the Planet Fitness chain, as well as use of massage chairs, HydroMassage beds, tanning and Total Body Enhancement booths, along with 50 percent off select cooler drinks.”

More details about the club, including a planned ribbon-cutting ceremony and background about Planet Fitness’ goal to further invest in the Ruston community, will be released during its grand opening.

## Carlie: Teachers really helped us

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Carlie, who has played piano her whole life, has yet to narrow down her schools, but plans on going into a major that revolves around her piano.

Ashley said she wants to become an English professor one day, while Mary would like to attend medical school in the future.

All three ladies said they credit their school and its faculty for helping them along the way.

“Our teachers have been tremendous and have really taught us everything we needed to know to prepare us for this and our future,” Carlie said. “We’re happy to have them as teachers.”