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INSPIRING HOSPITALITY CAREER EVENT COMING TO DENVER

Successful Industry Leaders Offer Guidance, Opportunity and Student Interaction

Denver, CO (Jan. 22, 2010) -- The Multicultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance (MFHA) brings its award-winning Showcase of the Stars™ career exploration event to the Denver campus of Johnson & Wales University on Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.

MFHA's Showcase of the Stars™ is an interactive career exploration event that promotes career opportunities and aims to *educate, motivate and inspire future leaders* in the food and hospitality industry. Professionals from various segments of the industry participate in a panel discussion about career opportunities and engage the student audience by discussing and answering their specific questions.

Gerry Fernandez, President of MFHA believes that, "Showcase has been so successful because it motivates students, provides positive and diverse role models, and brings schools and industry together around a common goal of career mapping."

Nearly 400 students from diverse backgrounds will participate in MFHA's Showcase of the Stars™ in the Johnson & Wales University Jared Polis Auditorium. Following the panel, the industry leaders will host classroom discussions, providing students an opportunity to discuss their career goals and ask questions.

Participating industry leaders are: Christina Bayon, National Account Sales Manager Foodservice of IZZE Beverage Company; **Bobby Campbell, Joint-Venture Partner, Carrabbas; Fred Ellis, Associate District Manager, ARAMARK; Darin Gruenhaupt, Director of Foodservice, IZZE Beverage Company; Oliver Kemp, Operations Manager, McDonald's USA; Mitch Lehn, Vice President, Human Resources, US Foodservice; and Janet Spencer, Director of Marketing, Mountain City Meat.**

The Multicultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance's (MFHA) Showcase of the Stars™

MFHA's mission is to bring the benefits of cultural diversity to the food and hospitality industry by building bridges that deliver solutions. MFHA provides diversity resources, events and programs including *Showcase of the Stars™*. This program is a live, in person career exploration event that promotes careers in the food and hospitality industry. The primary audience is diverse high school and college students, as well as adult professionals transitioning to new careers. For more information, visit www.mfha.net

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