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MFHA Takes a Dip in Miami with Showcase of the Stars™

Industry Professionals Offer Career Advice, Motivation and Inspiration to Students

(Miami, FL) – In collaboration with the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism’s 19th Annual Student/Industry Conference, hosted by the Visitor Industry Council, the Multicultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance (MFHA) will bring its award-winning Showcase of the Stars™ event to the Miami Beach Convention Center on Tuesday, April 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.

Showcase of the Stars™ is a live, interactive career exploration event that aims to *educate, inspire and motivate* future leaders by engaging students with tangible examples of success, guiding them to move forward, and encouraging them to work hard and believe in themselves.

Nearly 900 high school students from Dade County Public Schools will have the opportunity to explore career options in the food and hospitality industry, network with professionals and ask their most pressing questions. The conference agenda includes MFHA’s Showcase of the Stars™ event, a college and career fair, as well as an internship interview session.

Participating Industry leaders at Miami’s Showcase event include: Alberto Eyzaguirre, Franchise Owner, Sawgrass Square, **Chick-fil-A**; Sergio Izquierdo, Human Resource Consultant, **McDonald’s Corporation**; Diane Landress, Director of Business Development, **PepsiCo Foodservice**; Cirabel Olson Lardizabal, Director, Strategy & Planning, **Sodexo**; and Robin G. Lowe, Vice President Quality Assurance, **Golden Corral**.

For more information on the Showcase of the Stars™ program or to find out the dates and locations of upcoming events, visit www.mfha.net.

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’s *Showcase of the Stars™* 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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