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**Live, Interactive Career Exploration Event Presents at University of Maryland Eastern Shore**

*Successful Industry Leaders Offer Guidance, Motivation and Opportunity to Students*

**Princess Anne, MD (Mar. 24, 2010)** –The Multicultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance’s (MFHA) Showcase of the Stars™ is coming to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., in the Henson Conference Center, and Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Student Service Auditorium Theatre.

The Princess Anne Showcase of the Stars™ is funded by a grant from Choice Hotels International, and it aims to *educate, motivate and inspire future leaders* in the food and hospitality industry. Successful professionals from various segments of the industry will participate in a panel discussion about career opportunities. The panelists will engage an audience of nearly 400 students by answering their specific career questions.

Panelists of the March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> are: Rob Adams, Vice President Street Sales, **U.S. Foodservice**; Tiffany Baxter, McDonald’s Owner/Operator, **Baxter Enterprises**; Corey J. Bowen, General Manager, **Henson Center Hotel & Conference Center**; Chazz Cage, Brand Performance Consultant, **Choice Hotels International**; Marvin Denson, Director of Food & Nutrition Services, **Morrison Management Specialists**; Matt Jones, Director, Franchise Management, **Choice Hotels International**; Jocelyn Saxon, Director of Food & Nutrition Services, **Morrison Management Specialists**; and Derren A. Thompson, Sr. CIR, Senior Recruiter, **Sodexo**.

Gerry Fernandez, President of MFHA said, “The Showcase of the Stars event offers students the opportunity to see careers through the eyes of people who are already experiencing career success. It inspires them to dream big and to set their goals high. It’s the most important work we can do.”

**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](http://www.mfha.net)