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Award-Winning Showcase of the Stars™ Career Event Visits UMES Campus

Professionals of the Foodservice & Hospitality industry educate, motivate and inspire

(Princess Anne, MD) – The University of Maryland Eastern Shore welcomed the Multicultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance’s (MFHA) award-winning Showcase of the Stars™ program to its campus on March 24 and 25, 2010.

Over 170 students from Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Prince George County High Schools and over 100 students from UMES participated in the event. Students demonstrated their interest by asking questions, sharing their own experiences and networking with industry professionals, who in turn, shared their success stories and offered career advice.

A junior from Wicomico High School said she now sees that, “If I want something in life, I should start now and try my best at everything.”

A UMES college student studying Hotel/Restaurant Management said, “This panel has opened my mind...It doesn’t just take a college education. The real work starts when you graduate.”

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.

The Princess Anne Showcase was funded by a grant from Choice International Hotels.

To learn more about upcoming Showcase of the Stars™ events, visit MFHA’s website, 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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