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INTERACTIVE CAREER EVENT PRESENTS AT JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY

Successful Industry Leaders Offer Guidance, Opportunity and Student Interaction

Providence, RI (Mar. 18, 2010)—The Multicultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance (MFHA) will present its award-winning Showcase of the Stars™ event at Johnson & Wales University on Thursday March 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 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.

Showcase of the Stars™ will be held in the Harborside Recreation and Athletics Center on the Providence campus. Nearly 300 Johnson & Wales University college students from diverse backgrounds will participate. Following the panel, the industry leaders will host classroom discussions, providing students an opportunity to discuss their career goals and ask questions.

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."

Participating industry leaders are: Joe Cacciatore, Food Service Director, **ARAMARK**; Mike Grey, Vice President Operations, **Sodexo**; Suzanne Fredericks, Director of Food Service, **Morrison Management Specialists**; Frank Lewis, Business Development Manager, **PepsiCo Foodservice**; and Fred Soykan, Human Resources Consultant, **McDonald's Corporation**.

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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