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PGCPS STUDENTS GIVE THANKS TO THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

WHO: Students from Prince George’s County Public Schools Various student employers

WHAT: 2010 Employer Appreciation Luncheon

WHEN: Wednesday, May 5, 2010 • 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Martin’s Crosswinds
7400 Greenway Center Drive
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

BACKGROUND:

Career choices are sometimes made as early as high school. More than 1,000 students from Prince George’s County Public Schools will pay homage to their employers on Wednesday for apprenticeships and providing on-the-job training simultaneously while students are completing their high school diploma.

The Office of Career and Technical Education has hosted the Employer Appreciation Luncheon for the past 30 years. The event is organized and funded by more than 1,000 PGCPS high school students who are enrolled in the Experiential Learning Program. These students spend half the school day at their home schools pursuing regular academic coursework and the remaining portion of the day employed in various occupational careers. They successfully combine academic class work and on-the-job training at work sites throughout the greater Baltimore/Washington corridor. The luncheon is the student’s way of thanking the employer for their assistance in bridging the gap between school and the world of work.

With over 300 guests expected, the Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce will recognize and announce the Outstanding Experiential Learning Students for 2010. The Outstanding Business Partner will also be recognized.

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