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AREA HIGH SCHOOLS TAKE RIVALRY INTO THE KITCHEN

Chili Cook-Off Kicks Off The Campus Kitchens Project Semester of Service

Potomac, Md. – On Friday, January 13, teams of student chefs from five high schools will compete in a chili cook-off to kick start a weekend of service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Under the guidance of chefs from **Marriott Inc.**, and DC Central Kitchen, the high school chefs from **St. Andrews Episcopal High School**, **Gonzaga College High School**, **Archbishop Williams High School** (Boston, MA), **Atlantic City High School** (N.J.) and **Hospitality High School of Washington, D.C.**, will compete while producing 150 meals for **Bethesda Cares**, an organization dedicated to assisting and feeding the homeless in the DC Metro area. Students from the competing schools regularly prepare and distribute food to those in need in their communities through **The Campus Kitchens Project**.

An all-star line up of judges, including Top Chef Contestant and area restaurateur **Spike Mendelsohn**, **Marriott, Inc. CEO Arne Sorenson**, **DC Central Kitchen's President and Founder Robert Egger** and **DCCK CEO Mike Curtain**, will determine the winner.

WHAT: The Campus Kitchens Project & Marriott, Inc. High School Chili Cook-off

WHEN: Friday, January 13, 2012
2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. *
*Judges will announce winner at 3 p.m.

WHERE: Marriott, Inc. Headquarters
10400 Fernwood Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

Participating High Schools: Campus Kitchen at St. Andrews Episcopal School, Campus Kitchen at Gonzaga College High School, Archbishop Williams High School (Campus Kitchen at the University of Massachusetts Boston, MA), Atlantic City High School (Campus Kitchen at Atlantic City, NJ), and Hospitality High School (Washington, D.C.)

Chef Mentors sponsored by: Hotel Restaurant Management Program - University of Maryland Eastern Shore at Shady Grove, Academy of the Culinary Arts - Atlantic Cape Community College, and University of Massachusetts Boston

About The Campus Kitchens Project:

The Campus Kitchens Project (CKP) is a national organization that provides healthy meals to those in need by harnessing the spirit of student volunteerism within local communities. Now in its tenth year, CKP operates on 31 university and high school campuses. Thanks to the support of the Walmart Foundation, Sodexo, General Mills and the Corporation for National and Community Service, CKP continues to grow. More information on CKP is available at www.campuskitchens.org.

About St. Andrew's Episcopal School

St. Andrew's is an organizer for this year's cooking competition. St. Andrew's Episcopal School is an independent school in Potomac, Maryland. St. Andrew's demonstrates a commitment to community service – from local projects to service trips and projects around the world. Through service learning, the school teaches one of its founding values: that one's life gains meaning when he or she accepts responsibility for contributing to others' well being. St. Andrew's is a participating school in The Campus Kitchens Project. Each year, the school produces thousands of meals for Bethesda Cares- a local program for the homeless and unemployed. www.saes.org

About Marriott, Inc.:

Marriott Inc. is host and sponsor of this year's cooking competition. MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (NYSE:MAR) is a leading lodging company with nearly 3,700 lodging properties in 72 countries and territories. Marriott International operates and franchises hotels under the Marriott, JW Marriott, The Ritz-Carlton, EDITION, Autograph Collection, Renaissance, AC Hotels by Marriott, Residence Inn, Courtyard, TownePlace Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites, SpringHill Suites and Bulgari brand names; licenses the development and operation of vacation ownership resorts under the Marriott Vacation Club and Grand Residences by Marriott brands and licenses the development of The Ritz-Carlton Destination Club brand to the newly independent Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation; licenses and manages whole-ownership residential brands, including The Ritz-Carlton Residences, JW Marriott Residences and Marriott Residences; operates Marriott Executive Apartments; provides furnished corporate housing through its Marriott ExecuStay division; and operates conference centers. The company is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, USA, and had approximately 129,000 employees at 2010 year-end. It is ranked by FORTUNE as the lodging industry's most admired company and one of the best companies to work for. In fiscal year 2010, Marriott International reported sales from continuing operations of nearly \$12 billion. For more information or reservations, please visit our website at www.marriott.com, and for the latest company news, visit www.marriottnewscenter.com.

About Hospitality High Public Charter School:

Hospitality High Public Charter School (HHS) is the nation's only high school dedicated to careers in hospitality management. The mission of HHS is to provide students with an excellent educational program designed to promote success in college and the hospitality industry. HHS is an open enrollment school serving students in grades 9 through 12. HHS is Middle States Accredited and had Washington, DC's highest growth rates in reading and math on the DC-CAS in 2011.