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Hospitality Retail-Restaurant Bridge Graduation HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS that on Friday December 4, 2009, Harold Washington College's Hospitality Retail Restaurant Bridge Program graduated 43 students, and;

that the students studied a rigorous curriculum designed to prepare them for entry level positions in hospitality, restaurant and retail establishments, and;

that each of the graduates successfully completed the requirements, earning a total of five certificates from the American Hotel & Lodging Association and the American Retail Federation Customer Service Certification, and;

that students were also certified in Food Sanitation by Harold Washington College, and;

that Dr. Brian Hill, who directs the Bridge Program, reports that 60% of the graduates already have jobs, living up to the Program's motto "Turning Book Bags into Briefcases."

Respectfully submitted,

Deidra J. Lewis Interim Chancellor

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