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NDSU Hospitality Students to Host “Pineapple Days”

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FARGO- Each month, more than 26,000 people in North Dakota seek and receive assistance from charitable feeding programs supplied by the Great Plains Food Bank. One in twelve North Dakotans seek emergency food assistance each year. In effort to educate people about the hospitality industry and raise awareness for the Great Plains food bank, the NDSU Hospitality Student Association (HSA) will be hosting the 3rd annual “Pineapple Days” in September. This will consist of networking opportunities for hospitality students to meet prominent local employers and to show other students what the hospitality industry is all about. Pineapple days will help future leaders of the hospitality industry see the great opportunities we have here in the Red River Valley.

On Tuesday, September 15th, local chefs will compete in “Chopping Out Hunger” on the East patio of the Memorial Union from Noon – 1pm. Chefs from the Holiday Inn, NDSU Dining Services and NDSU Hospitality students will participate in a challenge to make the best dish from items found in a food bank. Judges for the event include Student Body President, Amber Altstadt, Food Network TV challenger and Architecture professor, Stevie Famulari. Grilled hamburgers/hot dogs will be for sale during the event. Proceeds will go to the Great Plains Food Bank. The event is open to the public.

On Wednesday, September 16th, the club will have a social event at Thunder Road, to see a unique business operation. This will include time to socialize with new members and a business meeting. On Thursday, September 16th, at 2pm, an industry panel will discuss their careers and tips for success. Panel members include a hotel GM, CVB director, HR director, event planner, restaurant owner, resort manager and more.

The pineapple has been a symbol of hospitality for centuries. There are many tales of the history of the symbol, but most agree, that pineapple represents welcome, warmth, and good cheer. Whether it was the Caribbean Indians welcoming Christopher Columbus and the Spaniards or the seafarers marking their return to the American colonies or hostesses trying to impress their guests – they all used the pineapple as an expression of hospitality. So, come discover the Pineapple at NDSU!

The Hospitality & Tourism Management (HTM) program at NDSU has around 150 students and offers classes in Restaurant, Resort, and Meeting Planning. For more information contact: Kara Wolfe, 231-8224 or (kara.wolfe@ndsu.edu)