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HILTON GARDEN INN DALLAS/LEWISVILLE

TRAINS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Lewisville, Texas, Nov. 3, 2008 – The Lewisville Hilton Garden Inn is training area high school students to be hospitality industry leaders of the future.

The students are from the Dale Jackson Career Center and the Lewisville Independent School District. The hotel staff are training the students through an internship program that allows the students to see all aspects of hotel management and the hospitality industry.

Fourteen students are interning through the program, which started in September and runs through the end of the school year in June.

“The internship benefits my students by giving them real world experience and the opportunity to work with people who are experts in their field,” said Nelda Mills, the Dale Jackson Career Center hospitality instructor. “The internship allows students to explore and experience the different areas of the hotel and gain overall confidence. It allows culinary students to fulfill the hours they need to be accepted into a Culinary School. It also allows students to receive a front desk certificate which will aide the students who would like to work for The Hilton Garden Inn.”

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Ryan Konz, general manager of the Hilton Garden Inn Lewisville, said it was important to him and to the hotel staff to get involved in the community.

“The Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Lewisville and Convention Center wouldn't have been there if it wasn't for the citizens,” Konz said. “The community funded the Convention Center and it is our role to give back for helping make that happen.”

Konz said the students are working in all areas of the hotel – from the front office to helping with banquets. He said their teacher lets them know when they are ready for feedback from the hotel.

Mills said the experience her students will gain through the internship program could help them find jobs after high school.

“ The Hilton Garden Inn is training the students with the Hilton standards,” she said. “Which will potentially prepare them to be future Hilton employees.”

The 165-room Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Lewisville offers many business- and leisure-oriented features and services designed to accommodate guests with conveniences, comforts and efficiencies. Its conference center includes a beautifully appointed, 16,000-square-foot conference center with flexible meeting space (including a 10,000 sq. ft. ballroom) and high-tech capabilities. The property features wireless technology, 24-hour complimentary business center, Great American Grill[®] restaurant, Pavilion Pantry[®], a

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