



**Academy of Hospitality and Tourism  
Schools of Choice  
National Academy Foundation  
Site Report**



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**DATES:** August 24, 2009 – September 29, 2009

***A. STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL EVENTS***

***MSSH CURRICULUM FAIR, SEPT 22, 2009***

Academy officers developed brochures, a banner and posters to promote DECA, the AOHT clubs and the magnet program to the school.



*Pictured Right, M. Cabrera poses with club officers*

***Johnson and Wales Presentation***

Presenter Terrence Dunn explained application procedures, programs offered and scholarship opportunities to the students.

***Bank of America Presentation***

Representatives from Bank of America discussed checking and savings accounts, balancing checkbooks, hidden fees charged by banks to the students.



*Pictured left, students practice their check writing skills*

***September Dress for Success***

Students dress in business attire for the entire school day. The activity is done on a monthly basis to promote job readiness skills, the do's and don'ts of acceptable business attire, and how to present oneself in the most positive light for a job interview. This Dress for Success was accompanied by a 'Meet and Greet' session in the MSSH media center. Seniors had an opportunity to welcome the freshman class to the school – this was also the first phase of a

mentoring program being developed by Ms. Cabrera [Marketing teacher] and Ms. Kelly [Intro to Hospitality & Tourism teacher].

## **DECA**

DECA Officers are working on a public relations campaign to educate the academy students about DECA, what it stands for, the club's mission and vision and the importance of community service. The students have implemented the "Miami Springs Goes Green" initiative – where AOHT students will work in conjunction with ECO-Hawks [another service club in the school] to implement a school-wide paper recycling program.

## **Tourism and Hospitality Club Meetings, 2009**

The AOHT students have selected their officers and are busy planning their fundraising and community service projects for the 2009-2010 school year. Students meet on a monthly basis with their club sponsors Ms. Cabrera and Ms. Kelly.

The Hospitality Club is ready to begin selling Halloween Grams to the school in order to raise funds for future events. They are also seeking to secure permission to have a 'jean day' at school. If this is approved, Miami Springs' students would pay \$1.00 to wear their jeans to school, and a portion of the funds raised would benefit the AOHT.

## **B. Curriculum Enhancement**

### ***Freshmen***

#### ***Ms. M. Companioni- Introduction to Hospitality & Tourism***

Students are working on their "Discover Dade" familiarization tour in addition to working on projects as provided by the NAF curriculum

### ***Sophomores***

#### ***Ms. M. Bolt & Ms S. Perez-Destination Geography***

Students have just completed a "Where in the World Project" displayed in the Academy Room, 129. Students had to research their ancestors and provide a brief synopsis. Their pictures and synopses were then posted on a world map indicating their heritage. This activity was accompanied by lessons on cultural sensitivity, cultural awareness, map skills, as well as an examination of factors that create desirable travel destinations.

### ***Juniors***

#### ***Ms. M. Bolt -Computers for Tourism***

Student are working on employability, time management and decision -making skills. They are also involved in case studies on ethics, lifestyle goals and career aptitude and career exploration projects.

### ***Seniors***

#### ***Ms. M. Cabrera- Hospitality Marketing***

One group of seniors has begun a mentoring project. Seniors are assigned to the Freshmen class of AOHT and they work on team building exercises in order to get to know each other, provide support and guidance to the underclassmen.

Another group has begun learning about the three mail selling philosophies and creating a restaurant of their choice. Based on the philosophy, they are to create the menu, design, and launching event for their restaurant. Lastly, they will present one artifact from their restaurant, such as the menu, and one menu item.

## **C. STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVITIES**

### ***NAF Summer Institute – July 7-11, 2009***

Attendees: M. Bolt, M. Cabrera, C. Mills, S. Perez.

M. Bolt and Liz De Las Cuevas [Booker T Washington] presented a workshop entitled "Teen Leaders and effective Habits of Leadership and C. Mills and S. Perez presented " at the conference.

**AOHT Team Meetings** – Bi-Monthly meetings – Facilitated by M. Bolt & attended by M. Cabrera, M. Kelly, S. Perez and AOHT Counselor, B. Bales.

**Monthly Instructional Leaders Meeting** - attended by M. Bolt, M. Kelly

**IPEGS training** – All MSSH faculty

**Career Experience Opportunity Liaison Training** – M. Bolt  
ESSAC – M. Kelly

**NAF Curriculum Training** – B. Bales, M. Bolt, M. Medina, M. Cabrera,

#### ***D. PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES/AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS***

#### ***Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Open House, September 16, 2009***

Over 75 parents attended the AOHT Open House on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents were able to meet with the academy elective teachers and were given an overview of the academy's 2009-2010 goals, expectations for behavior and academics. Academy officers wasted no time in their fundraising efforts; officers sold baked goods donated by parents and students. Attendees were also able to purchase dinner for a nominal price. Advisory Board members in attendance were Paul Michael Klein, St Thomas University, Benton Launerts, Marksman Security Corp and Manuel Mares, Florida National College. Other invited guests included, Petra Brennan from the Visitor's Industry Council, Fabiana and Ashelyn Ferrer MSSH AOHT alumni and Roselyn Bienaime, Miami Beach Sr HS alumni. Representatives from Florida National College, Johnson & Wales and St Thomas University provided critical information regarding application deadlines, scholarship opportunities and programs of study offered at their respective universities. The evening concluded with raffle prizes donated by VIC.



***PICTURED LEFT: PARENTS LISTEN ATTENTIVELY TO THE PRESENTATIONS AT THE AOHT OPEN HOUSE***

#### ***E. PROJECTION OF ACTIVITIES***

- Freshman Familiarization Tour – Miami Seaquarium September 30, 2009
- Dual Enrollment- Course Offered: Introduction to Hospitality & Tourism, Prof Paul Michael Klein St Thomas University – commences September 30, 2009
- DECA Student Conference – Jungle Island, October 13, 2009
- Magnet Application Training – M Arabi, M. Bolt
- NAF Curriculum Pilot Fellows - M. Bolt, M. Kelly  
*1<sup>st</sup> Meeting – Chicago, IL Oct 22-24, 2009*

#### ***E. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND CONCERNS***

- Need to Fundraise to participate in annual student fam tours
- Increase service learning opportunities for students
- Securing fall internship opportunities for juniors not placed during the summer
- DECA Membership Drive