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Columbus State Supports Hollywood Casino Columbus With Recruitment and Training of Culinary Team Members

Columbus, OH., July 27, 2012 – The knives are sharpened and the aprons are pressed. Today, Columbus State Community College and Hollywood Casino Columbus will begin recruiting and interviewing for more than 450 food & beverage team members at Columbus State’s downtown Columbus campus. The successful applicants will serve up specialties and entertain diners when Hollywood Casino opens on October 8.

Interviews will be conducted this Friday and Saturday for a variety of positions at the casino. These include chefs, bakers, kitchen stewards, restaurant supervisors, food servers, beverage servers and bartenders. Experienced culinary professionals and aspiring food and beverage workers are encouraged to apply online at www.hollywoodcolumbus.com.

“The Hollywood Casino team will strive to create exceptional culinary and service experiences at every opportunity--from our fine-dining steakhouse to our casual concepts, and everything in between.” said Hollywood Casino Columbus General Manager Ameet Patel. “And our partnership with Columbus State enables us both to recruit well-prepared future team members right now, and to benefit longer-term from the school’s depth of training programs.”

“We’re excited to partner with Hollywood Casino as it creates the largest number of culinary positions we’ve seen in the Columbus area in recent memory,” said Cheryl Hay, Director of Workforce Development. “We have a long history of training professionals to serve in local kitchens and dining rooms, and we are excited to join Hollywood in this important workforce development program.”

The future team members include West Side residents, as well as other local residents who are currently unemployed, under employed, seeking a first job or looking to make a career change.

About Hollywood Casino Columbus

Penn National Gaming, Inc. is developing the \$400 million Hollywood Casino Columbus on Columbus' West Side. The 160,000 square foot gaming facility will feature 3,000 slot machines and 100 table games. Other amenities include Final Cut Steakhouse, Epic Buffet, Take 2 Grill, a sports and entertainment lounge and over 20,000 square feet of multi-purpose banquet space. The casino will employ approximately 2,000 team members in addition to the 3,500 construction jobs created in building the facility. For more information, go to <http://www.hollywoodcolumbus.com/>.

About Columbus State

Columbus State Community College has been dedicated to meeting the educational needs of its community for nearly a half century. The college has grown from an initial enrollment of 67 students in 1963 to more than 30,000 students today. Columbus State's Career and Technical Programs Division offers two-year degree programs in more than 55 areas of business, health, public service, human service and engineering technologies. In all, there are more than 200 associate degree and certificate programs available. Go to <http://www.csc.edu/> for details.