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US Foods Launches Scholarship Program to Inspire Next Generation of Culinary Leaders

US Foods Scholars to Award Scholarships and Professional Development Opportunities to Students Pursuing Careers in the Culinary Arts

ROSEMONT, Ill. – Aug 24, 2017 – US Foods (NYSE: USFD) is pleased to announce the creation of US Foods Scholars, a program that awards financial support and professional development opportunities to students who plan to pursue an education in the culinary arts and enter the restaurant industry.

Launching in Chicago, the company will partner with the Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) to identify participating high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding potential and achievement in the culinary arts and need additional resources to take the next step of their culinary journey. The program aims to inspire students to reach their full potential and contribute a meaningful solution to the talent shortage facing the restaurant industry.

“As the restaurant industry continues to surge with a forecast of 1.7 million new restaurant positions by 2025, there is an overwhelming need for skilled applicants¹,” said Debra Ceffalio, senior director of corporate communications, US Foods. “US Foods Scholars is a way we can help the industry tackle a major challenge, and support our communities in a meaningful way, beginning right here in Chicago.”

“We are thrilled to have the support of US Foods. The US Foods Scholars program will have a lasting impact on these students who might not otherwise have the means and opportunity to pursue a career in the culinary arts,” said Karen Brosius, president of C-CAP. “As one of the country’s largest foodservice companies, US Foods will also be able to provide unique and valuable training opportunities for our students.”

About Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP)

Led by chef, author, and restaurateur Marcus Samuelsson as board co-chair, Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) is a national non-profit that educates and guides underserved high school students toward a bright future. Through its holistic approach to culinary training and career exploration, C-CAP prepares students for the workplace through chef mentoring, field trips, job shadows, work experience and job skills, and college and career advising. As part of this well-rounded support, C-CAP also provides hundreds of high school graduates with scholarships to afford further training. C-CAP’s work impacts over 17,000 students each year and has awarded over \$53 million in scholarships since its inception in 1990. Countless C-CAP alumni work throughout the country and are guiding the future leaders of the culinary and hospitality industry.

About US Foods

US Foods is one of America's great food companies and a leading foodservice distributor, partnering with approximately 250,000 restaurants and foodservice operators to help their businesses succeed. With nearly 25,000 employees and more than 60 locations, US Foods provides its customers with a broad and innovative food offering and a comprehensive suite of e-commerce, technology and business solutions. US Foods is headquartered in Rosemont, Ill. and generates approximately \$23 billion in annual revenue. Visit usfoods.com to learn more.

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ⁱ Bureau of Labor Statistics