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“The Apprentice” Winner to Teach the H-F Community “How to Be Successful in Business and Life”

Flossmoor, Ill. Nov. 16, 2009-- Winner of the first season of “The Apprentice,” star of E!’s “Giuliana and Bill” and South suburb grad (Carl Sandburg High School) Bill Rancic will visit H-F to speak at Mall Auditorium about “How to be Successful in Business and in Life.” The event, sponsored by H-F’s DECA (business marketing, management and entrepreneurship student organization), will benefit the organization’s charity of choice, the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Not only famous for his television run, Rancic, 38, founded an Internet-based company when he was 23 years old, and now Cigars Around the World is a multi-million dollar business. Rancic now sits on the board of directors of Cigars Around the World. He shares financial advice with a number of professionals including his TV boss, Donald Trump, and frequently tours the country and world to speak to various business professionals and students. He has written two books about business and was named a New York Times best-selling author.

Michael Patterson, DECA faculty sponsor, believes that Rancic’s visit will add to what students learn in business classes every day. “Mr. Rancic represents the kinds of dreams the students who take our classes have here at H-F; the ones that aspire to do great things in business. He helps provide relevance to the curriculum that we teach. Business courses at H-F are elective courses, but they are classes that provide the necessary skills everyone needs to be successful when they leave H-F and head into the work force or into college,” he said.

Rancic’s presentation is scheduled for Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students and senior citizens, and \$15 for adults and can be purchased at the H-F campus store and at the door the night of the event. Any tickets bought before Nov. 23 will receive a presale \$2 discount.

Members of the community also have the opportunity to share dinner with Rancic at Homewood’s Bamboo Blue Restaurant prior to the event. Twenty-five lucky community members who donate to the MDA will be chosen two weeks prior to the event.

All community members are given the option to make a donation to the MDA. Donors will earn recognition in the event program, and will receive a special thank you from DECA.

Patterson encourages all of the H-F community to attend this event. “This is an incredible opportunity for people to come out and have a chance to listen to a true success story; someone who got his start right here in the South suburbs. Mr. Rancic’s success has come through a lot of hard work and determination. I believe that his message is the kind of motivation that many of our local business owners, as well as aspiring entrepreneurs, need to hear in these trying economic times,” he said.

Tickets are sure to go quickly for this once in a lifetime opportunity. Community members and H-F students and staff are encouraged to buy tickets early.

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