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ACES STUDENTS PEAK AT CAREER CHOICES FOR THE FUTURE

AVENTURA, FLORIDA — January 17, 2008. Aventura City of Excellence School's fifth annual Career Day was a huge success with more than 50 different speakers presenting to 900 eager ACES students.

The eclectic mix of speakers included ACES parents and community members, exposing ACES students to many different career options. During a tour of Career Day activities, one might find students climbing on a Coast Guard vehicle, making their own chocolate pretzels, hearing from a local TV Host or watching a SWAT team and police dog in action. Students learned about the law, banking, hospitals and how wearing "scrub hats" plays an important role in medical procedures. The City of Aventura provided policeman and crime officials to discuss the role of government and to demonstrate how the citizens of Aventura are kept safe. The assortment of careers inspired ACES students to consider many alternatives for their future including medicine, entertainment, the military, journalism, the police force, government, marketing, non-profit work, architecture, Real Estate, entrepreneurship, law, science, sales and many more.

Principal Julie Alm said, "Career Day gives our students an opportunity to learn about the wide spectrum of career possibilities for their future. It also gives our families, the City and community an opportunity to come together to share their knowledge and expertise with our students."

Speakers were personally greeted by Administration as they entered the building and then enjoyed a lovely breakfast and orientation where they had the opportunity to meet with other Career Day participants. Afterwards, they followed a schedule to speak in different classrooms.

City Manager Eric Soroka said, "Career Day enhances ACES students' educational experience by providing students with maximum exposure to excellent role models for their future choices. We're fortunate to have such great participation."

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ACES annual Career Day also gave ACES students an opportunity to dress as their own "Favorite Careers." Each class chose the best dressed Career Costume and the winning students were then honored on the Morning Show. ACES students and Career Day Speakers enjoyed seeing the selection of career outfits that ACES students chose to represent.

Our students are incredibly motivated by the "Career Day" experience, said Vice Principal Daniel Sandberg. They love discussing the future and the opportunities that await them. Our speakers commented on how smart and inquisitive students were during their talks. In addition, our staff finds the entire program very uplifting. It's a win-win proposition for our students, staff and families."

About ACES:

Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES), established in 2003, serves 900 students grades Kindergarten through Middle School as the first municipal-sponsored school in Miami-Dade County. ACES' brand new Middle School opened in August 2005 and filled to capacity in August 2007. ACES has achieved an A status for the past three years, maintains a low student-teacher ratio, state of the art facilities, advanced technology, a safe environment for students to learn, a values-based Education and a progressive curriculum; including programs for Gifted Students, Exceptional Student Education (ESE), English as a Second Language (ESOL), and Before and After School Care. In addition, ACES offers many unique programs for students and families including; "Special Interest Clubs", After School Sports, Art and Drama Programs, day and evening Parenting Workshops, and a new Middle School Leadership Speaker Series for students and families featuring leading entrepreneurs and authors. ACES won first place in the Fairchild Botanical Garden Exchange, won a state Innovation Award and has won three National Promising Practices Character Education Awards for the "Knock Your Socks Off" Parenting Workshops, Global Human Rights Curriculum and Community Care Outreach Program. ACES has been honored as one of the highest ranking combination schools (i.e. Elementary and Middle School) in the State of Florida, ranking near the top in both the state and the district. For more information, visit the school's Web Site at www.aventuracharter.org or call 305-466-1499.

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