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**Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Presents Grapes for Grades
A Wine Tasting & Fundraising Event Benefiting the Hollywood Florida
Scholarship Foundation**

HOLLYWOOD, FL – Join the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for the ultimate grape experience served with a side dish of Hollywood – Grapes for Grades. The fundraising event, now in its 9th year, will take place on Friday, September 23rd from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Hollywood Beach Marriott (2501 N. Ocean Drive in Hollywood). This upscale evening includes wine tasting, gourmet food, live jazz music, a silent auction and a multi-prize drawing for either a luxurious Panama Canal cruise, Caribbean cruise or a two-night stay at the Ritz-Carlton in Naples, FL!

A portion of the proceeds from Grapes benefit the Hollywood Florida Scholarship Foundation (HFSF), a 501(c)3 organization which provides college scholarships to deserving high school seniors from local Hollywood high schools.

"[The Hollywood Florida Scholarship Foundation] scholarship has been a great help in paying for my first two years at the University of Florida, and it will aid me in my finances as I enter in the [school's] nursing program," says UF student Karolina Dominguez.

In addition, scholars have the opportunity to continue receiving scholarship dollars all through their college tenure as long as they maintain the required GPA and if there is still a need for financial aid. In the past eight years, Grapes for Grades has raised over \$196,000 dollars for the foundation and has funded approximately 225 students.

"I am a student at Florida Atlantic University, and my major is biology. By the time I finish my education, I plan on opening my own dental practice. The generosity and encouragement from the Chamber and the HFSF motivate me to keep on going until I reach my goal," adds FAU student Aunie Danyalian.

Grapes guests will enjoy delectable bites and a notable collection of wines and spirits from participating restaurants and vendors such as:

- **Dave & Buster's Hollywood**
- **French Quarter at Mardi Gras Casino**
- **GG'S Water Front Bar & Grill**
- **DiSalvo's Italian Restaurant**
- **Culinary Institute at Sheridan Tech**

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- **San Francisco Burrito**
- **Over the Top Catering**
- **Gino's Italian-American Deli & Meat Market**
- **Nilus Bakery**
- **Mama Mia's Italian Ristorante**
- **Liguoris Fired Up!**
- **Latitudes at Hollywood Beach Marriott**
- **Tijuana Flats**
- **Elements Bistro at Crowne Plaza Hollywood Beach**
- **Popcorn Zone**
- **Hollywood Discount Liquor & Wine**

The evening will culminate with the announcement of the winner of a multi-prize drawing of either a 16-day Panama Canal cruise for two or a 12-night Caribbean cruise for two or a two-night stay at the Ritz Carlton in Naples, FL!

"Winning the 2009 cruise was the most incredible gift a couple could receive! The cruise ship was clearly five-star. The crew was warmly, welcoming and did many little things to make it memorable. Equally helpful were Silvia Berman and her staff at Post Haste Travel who personally reviewed each port of call and recommended a lovely small hotel in Istanbul. Neither Lynn nor I have had such a beautiful, restful and luxurious vacation. It was simply exquisite . . . marvelous! Imagine, this year there are three great trips! Please support The Hollywood Florida Scholarship Foundation and your chance at three top-drawer vacations! Good Luck!" says Bill and Lynn Bliss of William Bliss Consulting.

The evening's featured entertainment will be Diva Joan Cartwright and the Jazz Hotline.

This event is brought to you by the following sponsors and supporters: Hollywood Police Department; E.H. Whitson Air Conditioning, Electrical & Plumbing; Hollywood Discount Liquor & Wine; Florida Power & Light; SUN Credit Union; Calvin Giordano & Associates, Inc.; Hollywood Beach Golf Resort; The Press Room; ACE Color Printing and INRO Marketing.

Support the cause and become a sponsor! Sponsorship opportunities are available. Silent auction donations and financial contributions will also be accepted.

Tickets are \$60 pre-event and \$70 at the door. Purchase our Wine & Dine Deal for only \$250, which includes two event tickets and one drawing entry.

Event tickets can be purchased at the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (330 N. Federal Highway) or SUN Credit Union (4205 Hollywood Blvd. in Hollywood) or online at www.hollywoodchamber.org.

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