SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS BY VOLUNTEERING FOR FINALS MANIA

Houston, November 22, 2010 – Tie on your aprons and grab your spatula and join University Services in feeding hungry UH students studying hard for finals. For the third straight year, students can line up to fuel up with pancakes, sausage and juice at Finals Mania. The late night pancake breakfast will be served on Dec. 7 in Rockwell Pavilion, and the students need your support.

“This program is a success because of the commitment of our volunteers,” said Maria Honey, Marketing Manager for University Services. “We have people who have participated since the very beginning because it’s such a wonderfully fun event.”

Due to growing popularity, Finals Mania will add an extra hour of serving to help fulfill all the students’ cravings for pancakes, starting at 9 p.m. and lasting until midnight. UH Libraries, the Division of Administration & Finance and UH Dining Services, the sponsors of the event, invite any member of UH faculty and staff to join in on the fun and sign up to work a shift or for the entire event.

Finals Mania originated in Fall 2008 as a way to wish students luck as they prepared for finals. It has now exploded into a huge gathering of around 1,200 students. Students file into the pavilion to choose from buttermilk, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes. Then they can pile on the toppings, whether they prefer butter, syrup, whipped cream, strawberries or peaches. Juice, coffee and water will be offered to quench their thirst or keep them caffeinated.
“I’m so very excited to see that Finals Mania has grown so much over the years,” said Dean Dana Rooks, Dean of Libraries. “It’s a tremendous source of Cougar Pride for all of us – a fun event in a great venue. I’ve got my apron pressed and my chef’s hat on so take a study break and come have some fun and food!”

To volunteer and give the students your support, contact Lindsay Marshall at lmmarshall@uh.edu or 832.842.4722. All volunteers are encouraged to attend a training session at Rockwell Pavilion on Dec. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

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