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Celebrate Italian American Heritage Month with a Panel and Discussion

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College is celebrating Italian American Heritage Month with a panel and discussion, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2-3 p.m., in the Library Upper Commons (A Building). The Triton community, faculty and staff are invited to attend. Ciao!

The panel will feature:

- **Frank Di Piero (Moderator)** – Host of the *Keepin' It Real with Frankie D* podcast; author of *My Big "Family," Teddy Bianco Goes to Italy* and *Nonno's Magical Garden*; director of Casa Italia in Stone Park; Triton College alumnus; District 234 Board of Education member.
- **Maryann Pisano** – Staff writer at Triton College; author of *Caterina's Journey* and *The Decision*; school board member for Rhodes School District 84.5.
- **Louis H. Rago** – Triton College Foundation board member; president of the Original Rago Brothers Funeral Homes.
- **Tony Renelli** – Triton College Operations and Maintenance Department.
- **Colleen Rockafellow** – Associate vice president of Business Operations at Triton College.
- **Katie Rullo** – Associate dean of Continuing Education at Triton College.
- **Peter Volpe** – President of Wintrust Bank Chicago – Norridge/Mont Clare; Casa Italia board member; board member for Elmwood Park Community Unified School District 401; Triton College alumnus.

Di Piero will ask panelists how the Italian-American experience has inspired and influenced their lives, as well as their individual stories. Enjoy pizzelles (traditional Italian waffle cookies) and coffee!

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Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, Ill., Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton also holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 14,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at <http://www.triton.edu/>.