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**Triton College HIA Students Participating in
"Empty Bowls" at Oak Park and River Forest High School**
Money Raised will Support Organizations to Fight Hunger

RIVER GROVE, IL. – The Triton College Hospitality Industry Administration (HIA) students are participating in the fundraiser "Empty Bowls."

"Empty Bowls" is a "bowl-of-soup" fundraiser hosted at Oak Park and River Forest High School (OPRF) in Oak Park, according to Bridget Doherty, an art instructor and teacher sponsor for Empty Bowls at OPRF. For one night, community members are invited to come to OPRF for delicious soup in a handmade bowl, with all proceeds going to organizations that fight hunger. OPRF pottery students along with local artists create the handmade bowls, while local restaurants and businesses donate soup and bread to fill them.

"Empty Bowls" will be Friday, March 3 from 6-8 p.m., at OPRF. Admission is \$15 for students with an ID and \$20 for community members.

"Each year, we usually raise over \$10,000," said Doherty. "We make over 1,000 bowls for this event and have over 800 attendees. This is our 20th anniversary!"

Triton College's HIA students will be making three different types of soups for the event, according to Manny Uribe, the Hospitality Department chairperson. He feels the students will learn how to create vast quantities of soup for a large amount of people, as well as raise money for a good cause.

"I want our students to learn that it is essential to participate in our community," said Uribe. "Not only is this treated as a learning opportunity, but it allows Triton students to see how we can impact other people around the world."

Doherty stressed that all proceeds from "Empty Bowls" are donated to three organizations that fight hunger at local, national and global levels: Housing Forward in Maywood, Beyond Hunger in Oak Park and Global Alliance for Africa in Chicago.

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For details about the “Empty Bowls” project,
visit <https://oprfemptybowls.weebly.com/about.html>.

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