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**Brevard Achievement Center Sweetens Local Event Calendar with
Seventh Annual “An Evening of Coffee and Chocolate”**

Rockledge, Fla. – The Brevard Achievement Center (BAC), and presenting sponsors Southern Janitor and Viera High School Student Government, will host the seventh annual “An Evening of Coffee and Chocolate” fund raiser on Saturday, February 18 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Space Coast Convention Center/Holiday Inn-Express, Cocoa. Proceeds support BAC’s programs and services for people with disabilities.

Coffee enthusiasts and chocoholics alike can feed their addictions at the event thanks to the many national eating establishments, local restaurants and bakeries providing a sampling of their specialties. Over 20 well known eateries such as The Melting Pot, Panera Bread, Mimi’s Café, Uno’s Chicago Grille and Grills Riverside, as well as local specialty stores like Ossorio Bakery and Café, The Bald Strawberry, Something Sweet Cake Studio, A N.Y. Pizza House, Simply Sweeties Chocolate Shoppe, Merri Cakes, Grimaldi Candies and Alpine Yogurt Café will provide just a few of the many treats during the evening. As the event’s exclusive provider of specialty coffees, Starbucks baristas also will be on hand to serve a vast assortment of java. A cash bar will be available too for those wanting libations of a different kind.

“We truly are grateful for the extraordinary support our annual fund raiser receives,” said Dayle Olson, BAC president. “Thanks to Starbucks, our wonderful food vendors, our presenting sponsors and our many other corporate partners like FPL, SunTrust, Craig Technologies and PSS Medical, ‘An Evening of Coffee and Chocolate’ remains one of Brevard’s best, and most unique, events.”

For those wanting to take home more than a few extra calories, guests can purchase hand crafted jewelry, pottery and blown glass items made by artists with disabilities at Cogswell Street Studio, the art program of BAC; bid on a wide assortment of silent auction items and themed baskets; and enjoy entertainment by comedic juggler, Randy Cabral whose highly interactive brand of fast-paced, clean comedy has been featured on The Jay Leno Show, ABC, NBC and Fox.

The cost to attend the event is \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (321) 632-8610 or visit www.coffeeandchocolateevent.com.

The Brevard Achievement Center (BAC) was established in 1968 to assist individuals with disabilities achieve vocational and social independence. Today, the Center serves over 4,200 clients via 14 programs from its main office in Rockledge and branch locations in Titusville and Melbourne. BAC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF International) and is a United Way partner. For more information, visit www.bacbrevard.com.

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