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ALEX TREBEK TO SPEAK AT FIRST-EVER DELCO HI-Q RECOGNITION DINNER

Guess who's coming to dinner right here in Delaware County!

The Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber is happy to announce that it's Alex Trebek, charismatic host of Jeopardy!. The immensely popular TV quiz show is seen worldwide, including weeknights at 7 on Philadelphia Channel 6-ABC.

The genial, award-winning host of the quiz show that tests contestants' broad range of knowledge under pressure will be guest speaker at the first-ever dinner to recognize the scholastic ability of participants in this year's Delco Hi-Q academic quiz competition for high school scholars.

The "Partners in Education" dinner is set for Thursday, May 19, at the Corporate Events Center at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill. A VIP reception at 5:30 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to honoring each student from each of the county's 21 participating public, parochial and private high schools who took part in the 57th season of the nation's oldest continuous academic quiz contest, the dinner will honor the three top-scoring 2005 Delco Hi-Q Championship teams.

Since 1984, when Jeopardy! debuted, Trebek has challenged and entertained millions of viewers worldwide with well over 4,500 evening shows. He's now leading the blockbuster series into its 21st season, firmly establishing Jeopardy! as "America's Favorite Quiz Show." A genuine audience favorite, as a result of his work on Jeopardy! and the series' great success, Trebek has won three daytime Emmy Awards for "Outstanding Game Show Host."

Accustomed to asking questions on the show in the form of an answer, the famous guest speaker will answer questions from the audience following his message to this year's Delco Hi-Q participants, their parents and others attending the dinner.

"We're excited that Alex Trebek will be our speaker," said dinner chairman John Unangst, president of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union (FMFCU), one of two primary corporate sponsors of Delco Hi-Q. The other primary corporate sponsor is Kimberly Clark, Chester Division.

Unangst also is excited that the dinner will recognize scholastic achievement in the same way as athletic achievement is recognized. He believes academically talented students deserve the same public accolades as star athletes. It's been long overdue, considering the fact that since its founding in Delaware County in 1948, Hi-Q has given thousands of student scholars the opportunity to demonstrate their scholastic proficiency through friendly but fervent fast-paced competition among their peers.

Student teams of 10 compete for cash awards for their school, as well as a first place trophy to display for a year. But each student is a winner, said Unangst, who noted corporate support is being sought to ensure each of this year's Delco Hi-Q competitors can attend the dinner free of charge.

Along with being a 2004/05 Diamond Sponsor of Delco Hi-Q, FMFCU's dedication to education includes the opening of the first-ever high school Credit Union Branch in Delaware County, at Interboro High School; three annual scholarships for higher education; title sponsorship for the 2004 "Dare to Dream" career program; and the development of Start Smart™ Financial Education from Cradle to College for young credit union members.

The Delco Hi-Q program is jointly sponsored by The Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit.

Watch for more about the dinner in the coming weeks. But right now, learn how to get involved in this worthwhile event to honor academic achievement by calling Ginny Miller of The Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber at 484-486-1083 or Peggy Sweeney of the Chamber of Commerce at 610-565-3677.

For more information on Delco Hi-Q, visit its Web site at www.delcohiq.org

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