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UB Campus Dining Wins National Award

(BUFFALO, NY) - The University at Buffalo is pleased to announce that Campus Dining and Shops has been named a recipient of a National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) 2016 Loyal E. Horton Dining Award. Named for a NACUFS founder, past president, and highly regarded innovator, the dining awards celebrate exemplary menus, presentations, special event planning, and new dining concepts, and provide an avenue for sharing ideas and creative presentations in campus dining services.

More than 80 colleges and universities across North America submitted entries in six categories, including Residential Dining Concepts, Residential Dining—Special Event, Retail Sales—Single Concept, Retail Sales—Multiple Concepts/Market-place, Catering—Special Event, and Catering—Online Menu. A team of six judges examined each entry carefully and selected top candidates in each category.

"It is a tremendous honor for our newest dining location, Seasons – Fresh Café and Organic Juice Bar, to be recognized as one of the best Retails Sales – Single Concept in the nation," said Raymond Kohl, marketing manager for Campus Dining and Shops.

"The Loyal E. Horton Awards is one of the best ways for the organization to market and promote excellence. Recognition by one's peers in a national professional organization is of high value for member institutions," said Michael Laux, Chair of the NACUFS 2016 Loyal E. Horton Task Force.

This year's contest entries will be displayed at the NACUFS 2016 National Conference in Anaheim, California and award winners will be publically recognized at a luncheon on July 16, culminating with the announcement of the grand prize winners. All winner are listed here: <u>http://nacufs.org/recognition-dining-awards/award-winners/</u>

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UB's Campus Dining & Shops' (CDS) primary purpose is to offer a variety of high quality, high value, and innovative dining options designed to fit the varied lifestyles and nutritional needs of the university community. Serving foods from local growers, striving to achieve sustainability, and expanding the availability of dining choices are ways that we enrich the dining experience. We challenge our experienced and knowledgeable employees daily to provide exemplary customer service. CDS is a multi-unit company employing over 1,300 people. In addition to providing the university's dining services, CDS also serves the UB community through management of the UB Card Office, Three Pillars Catering, Retail and Convenience Stores, and Vending. In our day-to-day operations we rely on inherent core values: quality items, value prices, environmentally friendly settings, ethical treatment of all, and conducting all phases of our business with integrity.

NACUFS was founded in 1958 by a group of 20 college and university foodservice professionals from across the United States. Since its inception, NACUFS has focused on its mission to support and promote excellence in collegiate dining by providing members with educational and training opportunities, technical assistance, scholarships, industry information, and research. NACUFS membership is composed of institutions of higher education from across the United States, Canada, and abroad; and, industry members from the food, equipment, and consulting market segments. For more information visit www.NACUFS.org