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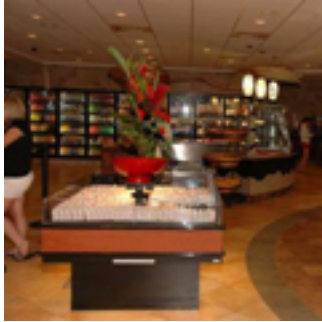
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The University of Dayton has received national recognition for its dining services after completing a major renovation of one of its residential dining facilities.

The National Association of College and University Food Services awarded the University of Dayton a silver medal in its annual Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards competition. The University earned the recognition in the category of "Retail Sales – Multiple Concepts/Outlets – Medium School."

The category includes retail food services such as food courts, marketplaces, concessions and sit-down restaurants. Entries are judged on menu selection, marketing and food merchandising and presentation.

"The Horton Award is about excellence," said University of Dayton Dining Services Director Paula Smith. "There is a 37-year tradition with this award, and we have always had the deepest admiration for the winning schools. Only the best in North America are recognized for their achievements. We are now one of them."

Students returning to campus in 2008 were treated to an improved dining experience at Marycrest Complex, which received a \$3.7 million renovation during the summer. The renovation included new dining options such as international cuisine and specialty sandwiches, a new design that gave the area a restaurant feel and extended food service hours.

Smith said the judges considered the renovations to Marycrest, but the award primarily focused on the operations of the facility along with the staff and leadership team.

"Our staff has the ability to 'wow' the customer with an assortment of unique dining options and experiences, and they demonstrate services noteworthy of national recognition," she said.

The NACUFS is the trade association for foodservice professionals at more than 625 institutions of higher education in the United States, Canada, Mexico and abroad, with membership including more than 500 industry suppliers.

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