

A Parade of Colors

Marletto's Marketplace

Webster University
St. Louis

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Segment: College/University

Location: Adjoins Maria and Loretto residence halls (the name, Marletto's, is a combination of the names of the two residence halls) housing a total of 240 freshmen.

Size: 4,470 sq.ft., including renovated seating area, service area, and a portion of the kitchen.

No. of Seats: 212

Staff: 30 (22 FTE's)

Hours of Operation: 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. (M-F); 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 4:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. (Sat.-Sun.)

Project Background: Webster's on-campus dining hall was a traditional straight-line, single-point-of-entry design with limited choices of foods

prepared under mysterious (to customers) circumstances in the unseen kitchen. The new Marletto's is a modern "marketplace" style servery with multiple stations, to-order preparation in many cases and vastly expanded meal options.

Design Elements: the space features bold floor patterns and colors (including an eggplant-colored ceiling) and an industrial-like lighting pattern radiating outward from its Mongolian grill station. The space comes complete with stereo surround sound

Dining Options: eight serving stations centered around **Showcase**, the most popular, which features a Mongolian grill where items are prepared to order from ingredients drawn from 10 hot/cold wells. Showcase serves mainly one Asian entrée per meal, but about a quarter of the time it also serves other choices like specialty grilled sandwiches, pastas, quesadil-

las, fajitas, pancakes and crepes. The other stations are **Classics** (comfort foods), **Sizzle** (grill), **Pietanza** (pizza/pasta), **Deli-Icious** (make-your-own-sandwich deli), **Fresh!** (salad/soup bar), **Quenchers** (beverages/frozen yogurt/Belgian waffles/cereals) and **Goodies** (desserts)

Avg. Daily Traffic: 510

Management: Sodexho

Opened: August 23, 2004

Cost: \$900,000

Design/Construction: TM2 Construction (general contractor); Connor Architecture (architect); Spellman Brady & Co. (interior design)

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