

Quite a "Hangar"!

Marketplace Dining Hall

Rowan University
Glassboro, NJ

Great Spaces looks at new and recently renovated onsite facilities whose design demonstrates unusual flair, innovation or efficiencies.



SEGMENT: College/University

LOCATION: Campus Student Center

CUSTOMER BASE: 10,000 students, of which 3,000 reside on campus

SIZE: 19,000 sq.ft.

NO. OF SEATS: 700

STAFF: 125

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7 a.m.-8 p.m. (M-F); 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (Sat.-Sun.)

PROJECT BACKGROUND: The new Marketplace dining hall replaced a very traditional cafeteria-style tray line operation. The renovation was conceived two years ago when the campus dining contract was put out to bid and included in the RFP. Opening was

scheduled for January but delayed until the end of spring break in March because of last-minute delays in construction.

DESIGN ELEMENTS: The new design fills and complements the spacious area, which features ultra-high ceilings (described as an "airplane hangar" by students), through generous natural lighting courtesy of floor-to-ceiling windows, contemporary architecture boasting a rainbow of vibrant colors and an array of geometric shapes

DINING OPTIONS: eight serving stations include 360 Degrees (ethnic dishes served from a 4-ft. flat grill); Su Pane (artisan bakery/deli); il Forno (fresh-baked pizzas/hand-tossed pasta

dishes); In Salata (sizzling salads); Grill Central (grilled items) and Chef's Table (homestyle entrees)

AVG. DAILY TRAFFIC: 1,500

MANAGEMENT: Sodexo

OPENED: March 21, 2005

COST: \$5.9 million

DESIGN: Connors & Associates

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