

## An Explosion of Color

### Van Houten Marketplace Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Edinboro, PA

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



#### Segment: College & University

**Environment:** Edinboro is one of 14 universities in Pennsylvania's state system. Located on a picturesque 585 acre tract—including a five-acre lake, open fields and woods—it has an enrollment of 7,200, of which about 2,600 live on campus.

**Location:** Van Houten Dining Hall is located in the center of campus and functions as the main on-campus dining facility. It incorporates two large, ground-floor dining areas, Van Houten



North and Van Houten South, as well as the University Club, a private dining area for faculty and staff, and the first-floor President's Suite for VIP receptions and special events.

**Design Elements:** The interactive dining environment brings people together by breaking down the barriers between the kitchen and the public space and placing fresh ingredients and meal preparation at center stage. The space juxtaposes the abstract visual excitement of an urban bistro with the intimacy and community of a farmers market.

**Servery Size:** 3,000 sq.ft.

**Serving Stations:** 10

**Seating Capacity:** 516

**Hours:** Breakfast (M-F)—7 a.m.-9 a.m.; Brunch (Sat./Sun.)—11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Lunch (M-F)—10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Dinner (Sat./Sun.)—4 p.m.-6 p.m.

**Menu:** a mix of standard college favorites (pizza, burgers), comfort foods and ethnic options (Mexican, Italian, Asian, etc.)

**Staffing:** 33 FTEs

**Contractor:** Wood Co.

**Design:** Connor Architecture **FM**

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