



A Monthly Update for Maryland Dining Employees

The Dish

December 2025

Directors Corner



As we are progressing through the fall 2025 semester, I want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate all of the exciting updates coming to Dining Services.

As we wrap up another incredible semester, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of our Dining Services team.

Your dedication, teamwork, and Maryland Hospitality have once again made a lasting impact on our campus community. From early mornings to late nights, you've provided exceptional dining experiences to thousands of

guests each day, fueling not only their bodies but also their sense of belonging at Maryland.

The Division of Student Affairs recently hosted its annual Years of Service Awards Dinner, honoring employees who have dedicated 30 years or more to the University of Maryland. We're proud to recognize several members of our Dining Services family for their remarkable commitment and contributions over the decades:

Their years of service reflect a deep passion for excellence and a lasting impact on our campus

community. Congratulations to all for this incredible achievement!

As we head into winter break, I encourage you to take time to rest, recharge, and celebrate with family and friends. You've earned it. Thank you for another successful semester, and here's to a bright and fulfilling new year ahead!

Chris Moore • Director of Dining Services



Michael Christie
30 years



Naila Hussain
35 years



Manuel Molina
35 years



David Bullock
35 years



Bart Hipple
35 years

Employee Spotlight

This month's spotlight goes to Yetnayet Woldetensay!

With nearly 20 years of dedicated service, Yetnayet has been a cornerstone of Dining Services since beginning his journey at North Campus. Known for his patience, dependability, and willingness to lend a hand, he embodies the spirit of teamwork that keeps our operations running smoothly.

Thank you, Yetnayet, for your commitment, kindness, and the positive energy you bring to the Convenience Store team every day. Your hard work and friendly attitude make a lasting impact on everyone around you!

We are so proud of Yetnayet and thankful to have him as a member of the Convenience Shops team!

Nominate a team member for next month's *Employee Spotlight*!



What's Cookin'??

During President Pines' recent Campus Address, Dining Services received special recognition for its exceptional contributions to the University community. President Pines highlighted our team's vital role in shaping the Maryland experience, serving millions of meals each semester while providing a welcoming, supportive environment that helps our students and guests thrive.

Following the address, colleagues from across the Division of Student Affairs and beyond shared their congratulations and pride in our team's accomplishments:

"So glad the highest levels of leadership are celebrating your team's great work!"

— Allynn Powell, University Career Center

"It's well-deserved recognition for all the hard work and commitment of so many."

— Colleen Wright-Riva, Assistant Vice President

"Outstanding! Well earned and much deserved recognition of this fabulous team!"

— Tracy Kiras, Strategic Communications and Marketing

"Fantastic! Top to bottom a great team."

— Warren Kelley, Sr. Associate Vice President

These messages of support reflect what we already know, Dining Services is made up of dedicated, talented, and passionate individuals who bring Maryland Hospitality to life every day. Congratulations to our entire team on this well-deserved recognition!

Upcoming Workshops

» Suicide Prevention Training:

Training to Evaluate, Respond to, and Prevent Suicide (T.E.R.P.S.) for Terps is a 3-hour in-person comprehensive training that provides faculty and staff the information needed to recognize when a student is in crisis and the skills and resources to respond effectively.

[Register here](#)

» Dec 3 • 9:00 am–12:00 pm [Register here](#)

» ServSafe Training (Spanish):

» January 13th & 14th

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» ServSafe Training (English):

» January 15th & 16th

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Culinary Showcase:

» January 15th, 11:00 to 1:00pm in Yahentamitsi Dining Hall

» January Jumpstart Training:

» January 15th, 11:00 to 1:00pm in Yahentamitsi Dining Hall