

New dining options coming to campus

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Diners can still order at the Food Court Express, located in the quad side of the first floor of the LBC during construction over the summer. (Rendering from Tulane Dining Services)

What do Tulane college students crave? According to a recent campus food preference survey, Asian and Latin American cuisine were the at the top of the list. In an effort to give them what they want, a renovation project this summer will add both to the university's Food Court at the Lavin-Bernick Center.

"This food court renovation has been almost a year in the making," says Jason Fibble, Director of Retail Dining.

Fibble says Tulane Dining Services conducted extensive market research during the process of choosing the new food options. Cultural cuisine proved important to meeting the needs of the student body, so East Coast, West Coast, and local signature foods will be represented in the new food court.

New additions include Star Ginger, an Asian Fusion concept developed by award-winning chef Mai Pham; Al Fuego, a Latin American diner developed specifically for Tulane and Freshens Fresh Food Studio, which offers rice bowls, crepes, salads, and smoothies.

Anchoring the new offerings will be Panera Bread, a national chain that was highly requested by members of Dining Services' student dining advisory board. This location will greatly expand breakfast options as well as offer soup and sandwich meals at lunchtime.

The new options will be fully available in fall 2016, but beginning May 16 and continuing during the construction period students, faculty and staff who are on campus during the summer construction period can still order at the Food Court Express, located in the quad side of the first floor of the LBC. This location will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. A special summer express menu will also be available at the LBC's City Diner weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bruff Commons will offer continuous dining options during the summer. For more information visit diningervices.tulane.edu.

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