

## Renovated LBC food court celebrates grand reopening

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President Michael Fitts cuts a football-themed cake at the official reopening of the Lavin-Bernick Center food court on Tuesday (Sept. 27). (Photo by Ryan Rivet)

**Tulane Dining Services and Sodexo, the university's food service provider, officially reopened the renovated food court in the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life on Tuesday (Sept. 27).**

**The Big Splash, a "Food-for-All" event to celebrate the reopening, offered samples, cake, entertainment and more for the students, faculty and staff who attended. WGNO's "News with a Twist" reporter "Wild Bill" Wood introduced President Michael Fitts, who gave a rousing speech in front of a**

**32-square-foot Angry Wave logo.**

**"This new food court...sets the standard for food courts across the United States," he said, commenting on New Orleanians' incredible love for food and music. President Fitts then cut a green ribbon (with assistance from Riptide the Pelican) to officially reopen the venue before handing out slices of a massive football-field-shaped cake.**

**"We are excited for the newly renovated food court here in the LBC: We are catering to the students with great new flavors, a variety of choices and a willingness to change things up," said Michelle Gall, marketing manager for Tulane Dining Services.**

**"It is important to have these culinary offerings and representations here," added Mai Pham, chef/founder of pan-Asian-themed Star Ginger, one of four new vendors, citing the appeal of New Orleans as a great city for food and the desire to contribute to Tulane's diverse student population. Six of the previous vendors are still serving at the food court.**

**The event also included a DJ and a prize wheel for a chance to win unique gifts and apparel.**

**For more information on the new food court, please visit <https://tulanedining.sodexomyway.com/>.**

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