

## **Serving up a new look, new menu in Ade Dining Hall**

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The recent redesign of Alfred University's Ade Dining Hall will provide a different dining experience for AU students, according to John Dietrich, director of dining services at the university. One of two dining halls on the AU campus, Ade closed in early May, was renovated significantly over the summer, and reopened this past Wednesday. One of the first things people will notice about the new Ade Dining Hall is its redesigned interior. The decor and layout of the dining area have been completely revamped; new windows and light fixtures adorn the walls. "They also got rid of the pillars" that used to block traffic in the serving area, adds Dietrich. "This layout allows for better use of the facility by our staff by providing them with more room to work," in addition to creating a more open dining area. Ade Dining Hall now also features "Fusion," a special serving area with a menu inspired by various global cuisines. The major advantage to fusion is its equipment: a Mongolian grill, which provides for versatility in high-temperature cooking. "Using a Mongolian grill, we can produce Asian food, Italian food, Mexican food, sauts, and omelettes all using the same equipment." In addition, students will be able to personalize their cuisine choices at Fusion: up to 12 ingredients and eight sauces will be available for students to incorporate into their meals. According to Dietrich, the redesign of Ade is the first step of a process intended to dichotomize the menus of Ade and Powell Dining Hall. "We want students to be able to choose between one or the other, not to have them share the same menu." In fact, in time Ade and Powell Dining Halls will have menus that are totally different from each other. Dietrich says he and other AVI Foodsystems employees will be working closely with Alfred University to provide great dining choices that are customized to AU students. "I will be involved in evolving the AVI Foodsystems menu to reflect what Alfred students are looking for." AVI Foodsystems took over as Alfred University's dining services' provider in July. For more information on Ade Hall and on Alfred University student dining program, contact AU Dining Services at (607) 871-2247.