

DATE: December 16, 2016
TO: All Madison College Students and Employees
FROM: Mark Thomas, Vice President of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer
RE: Truax Food Venues

I am pleased to share that the construction and remodeling of the new food venues at Madison College's Truax Campus is on schedule. They will be open to time with the Jan. 17, 2017 beginning of spring term. These new and remodeled spaces will collectively be referred to as the Atrium Café.

I would like to invite you to a ceremonial "Tear Down the Wall" event at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, when student representatives will use sledgehammers to knock down the drywall that separates the new dining facilities adjacent to Culinary, Baking and Decorative Arts from the existing structure at the main building on our Truax campus.

The new food venues will collectively be known as the Atrium Café, with seating for approximately 450, and will feature a variety of dining options:

- Hand-crafted, stone hearth pizzas that are made to order. Baked pasta dishes will be added to the menu later in the semester (11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)
- A farm-to-table eatery will serve minimally processed, locally sourced foods (8 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
- International choices with a rotating menu of favorites from around the world (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
- Delicatessen with made-to-order cold and grilled panini sandwiches (11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)
- Expanded salad bar (11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)
- A grill with custom burgers, grilled chicken sandwiches, fries, chicken tenders and other favorites, plus a few new offerings. Breakfast sandwiches will be served in the morning (8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)
- Entrees, with comfort food, hot breakfast and hot entrees on a four-week rotation. The Friday fish fry will return (8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

We will also operate a stand-alone coffee shop in this new facility, with expanded hours from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., featuring Starbucks coffee. We will offer a full array of Starbucks' signature specialty drinks including Frappuccino and espresso. Gourmet ice cream, smoothies, grab-and-go items and baked goods will also be available.

The Gateway Café will feature Seattle's Best Coffee and grab-and-go snacks.

When the Atrium Café opens, the temporary venue known affectionately as the "Mitby Cafeteria" will close. Food service at the Wolfpack Athletics concession stand will also be discontinued (except for operating during athletic events, as it has in the past).

We appreciate your patience as we approach this long-awaited milestone. I think you'll agree the long-term benefits of this work for our students and employees will far outweigh the temporary inconvenience we have experienced over the past year or so. If you have any questions or concerns related to this project, please contact Mike Stark, Director of Facilities, at ext. 6737.