CAMPUS DINING INSIGHTS: STUDENTS AND PARENTS
TELL US WHAT THEY WANT NOW

Returning to campus in the middle of a pandemic is a daunting prospect for many college students. That’s why Aramark gathered new data about student and parent expectations and preferences as they return to higher education institutions.

The survey findings, plus additional insights from trusted sources, combined with leading technological innovations will help us better meet the evolving wants and needs of students and their parents.

Read the Report

URBAN LEAGUE PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES 500,000 MEALS TO STUDENTS

We recently announced a partnership with the Urban League of Philadelphia (ULP) to provide at least 65,000 meals
Philadelphia area throughout the summer. All recipients 18 years old and under will receive breakfast and lunch snacks for multiple days, twice per week, under the National School Lunch Program. The Summer Food Service Program, which is a USDA-approved program, runs through August 30, 2020.

“We’re honored to partner with the Urban League of Philadelphia to provide continuity and community access to meals this summer, especially during this public health crisis,” said Barbara Flanagan, president of Aramark’s K-12 Education division. “These are incredibly challenging times for our country and our city and Aramark is proud to assist the local community—our hometown—to help ensure that children and families stay nourished.”

This powerful program caught the attention of news affiliate CBS3, which published this article.

WE'RE IN FOR INCLUSION!

For the fourth year in a row, Aramark was named one of the “Best Places to Work for Disability Inclusion” by the 2020 Disability Equality Index (DEI), with a score of 100%. The DEI is a joint initiative of Disability:IN and the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). It is acknowledged as the most comprehensive disability inclusion assessment tool designed, and it is embraced by both business leaders and disability advocates.

In addition to the DEI, Aramark has long been recognized by institutions focused on promoting diversity and inclusion, including one of DiversityInc’s Top 50 Companies for Diversity; a Best Place to Work for LGBTQ Equality with a perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s Corporate Equality Index; and a Top 50 Employer for Equal Opportunity by Equal Employment Publications. Read more.

Did you know the Aramark Thrive employee resource group is a strong cultivator and champion for disability inclusion within Aramark? Click here to learn more or join.

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COMPLETE THE COVID-19 SELF-HEALTH SCREENING CERTIFICATION

We all play a part in maintaining a safe workplace during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you haven't done so already, complete the COVID-19 Self-Health Screening Certification, which asks you to confirm that you understand your responsibility to not enter the workplace under certain circumstances, including experiencing certain health symptoms, your contact with others, and your travel history. The workplace includes any Aramark and/or client location.

The Certification is for all U.S. Food and Facilities and Refreshment Services salaried employees and may be in addition to other precautionary measures required by your location and/or the client. Hourly employees will follow a separate process. Your responsibilities in the Certification will continue until further notice.

You can access the activity here, from your LMS Timeline or from the email from 'Aramark Learning.' You have seven (7) days from the date of assignment to complete the certification.

ON THE ROAD TO REBUILDING

In March, Nashville was hit by tornadoes that devastated communities throughout the city, including our Nashville Market Center. Without skipping a beat, neighboring locations stepped up to continue serving our customers. We recently completed demolition and are excited to begin the rebuild phase. #staytuned

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On the evening of March 2, the city of Nashville was hit with a deadly tornado that devastated Uniforms Market Center (MC) 523. Regional Vice President Chris Williamson and his team—including Vice President Operations Joe Alexander, Plant General Manager (GM) John Walsh, and the service GM at the time Shane Justice—reacted quickly to ensure the safety of all employees and reached out to neighboring plants and MCs to help Nashville continue to serve their customers.

The nearby Aramark community stepped up in this time of need. In accordance with our Disaster Recovery Plan, routes were reassigned and salvageable product was sent out to mitigation locations. After assessing the full scope of the damage, leadership began exploring how to rebuild the Nashville Plant and MC and make it better than before.

The Nashville Recovery Project has already made great progress. The damaged building has been demolished down to a concrete slab, and the Nashville Team is setting up a temporary MC until the new plant is ready. These accomplishments have only been possible through the hard work of the teams at the mitigation locations and the dedicated employees in the area who are working hard to bring Nashville back online.

#ServiceStarSpotlight

Even though COVID-19 cancelled most meetings, the Bolger Conference Center remained open to serve employees of our client, the U.S. Postal Service. Since March, Director of Operations Donna Timmons has gone above and beyond, even staying overnight each week, to manage the site and prepare for reopening. Donna worked hard to put all proper precautions in place, and her team recognized her with a poem, which included these verses:

You volunteered to stay at work, for many weeks on end,
Always smiling and engaged, just like a loyal friend.
You’ll never know how much you mean, to all of us each day,
Your dedication to our team, means more than words can say.

Show Donna how much you appreciate her efforts; send an Encore! Encore! to her.

Aramark’s client and hometown team, the Philadelphia Phillies, played their home opener at Citizen’s Bank Park
the stands with photos of local healthcare heroes who are weathering the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our very own Chef Manager Dylan Singleton’s photo, representing Thomas Jefferson University Hospital—another Aramark account that is also located in Philadelphia—was in the seats behind home plate. Yasaman Mirafzali, the hospital’s supervisor, Volunteer Services & Surgical Waiting Areas nominated Chef Dylan, saying “we nominate you as a hometown hero for everything you have done to get us through the pandemic!”

Send Dylan an Encore! Encore! to congratulate him for knockin’ it out of the park with our client and earning this stellar recognition.

Submit your suggestions for our Service Star Spotlight and look for posts with #ServiceStarSpotlight on our social media channels.

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**ERG IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS**

The August calendar is packed with important dates and events sponsored by our employee resource groups (ERG). Take advantage of these opportunities to get involved and expand your professional network.

The [Aramark Young Professionals ERG](#) is sponsoring a four-part series about financial planning. The sessions will include tips for managing personal finances with experts Ryan L. Smith, Jr. and Paul Markowich from Equitable Advisors. The first session is on August 3. [Register here.](#)

Join [Aramark Synergy](#) on August 13 at 2 p.m. ET for a discussion on how we are using faith and spiritual beliefs through today's challenging times. [Register here.](#)

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To celebrate National Coming Out Day, Aramark Pride is asking people to open up about their Coming Out story to inspire others to share their story or have their own coming out experience. Pride will feature submissions in a booklet that will be released for National Coming Out Day on October 11th. Submit your story by Friday, August 14.

Impacto is recognizing employees who have been instrumental in delivering a high level of service across our organization. Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) 30/30 honors those with a commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment that encourages workforce engagement and creates memorable consumer experiences. Check out the full announcement for HHM 30/30 criteria and submit your nominations by Friday, August 14th.

HELPFUL RESOURCES:
Continue to check this page on aramark.net for ongoing updates. If you need help or guidance, contact CoronavirusQuestions@aramark.com.