UAlbany Students Get a Tour of U.S. Cities

UAlbany Dining successfully launched, *Cityscapes*, a culinary ‘tour’ across the U.S. in all five of its all-you-care-to-eat dining rooms in March. “It seemed logical to expose UAlbany students to a variety of distinctive American cuisines while the primaries are in full swing,” said Director of Marketing Lauren Mancuso for UAlbany Dining (managed by Sodexo). “Election season brings folks together for good conversation and what better way to celebrate democracy than with good traditional American food.”

UAlbany Dining’s tour started in Boston with the featured menu items honoring the cuisine of the North End, the Wharf, and Chinatown. Italian wedding soup, a fresh catch of the day (provided by Red’s Best - a sustainable seafood distributor from Boston), and chicken and broccoli stir-fry headlined the menu. The meal was finished with delicious Boston cream pie and cannoli.

The next stop on the Cityscape tour was Austin. The menu included five alarm chili, chicken fried steak, a fajita bar and a Texas giant cake. The third dining stop paid homage to several New York State cities. We started in Manhattan, moved to Utica and culminated in Buffalo. The menu included Manhattan clam chowder, chicken riggies and beef on weck with New York cheese cake for dessert.
The last leg of the Cityscapes tour took place in Memphis. BBQ rotisserie pork, southern fried chicken, dirty mashed potatoes and sweet BBQ slaw topped the menu. Maple bacon cupcakes and peach cobbler ended the meal on a totally southern note.

“With global cuisine being so popular with students, sometimes we forget just how rich and diverse American cuisine can be,” said Mancuso. “This event reminded students of just that and you could even hear the political debates going on in the background.”

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