



Celebrity Chef Mai Pham Visits UAlbany

Food Network celebrity Chef Mai Pham visited the UAlbany campus in early February to build excitement for the opening of her retail dining concept, Star Ginger. Ms. Pham's successful Asian grill and noodle bar concept will be located in the University's Campus Center once construction is complete in Fall 2017.

"Our students have asked us for more Asian cuisine," said Steve O'Riley, Sodexo's Resident District Manager for UAlbany Dining. "We believe that *Star Ginger*, with its focus on offering a vast variety of Southeast Asian cuisine, will be a perfect fit for the UAlbany community."

Ms. Pham spent a busy day serving her delicious dishes and greeting students, faculty and staff at five different preview events on campus. The *Star Ginger* creator decided to serve a sampling of some of her most celebrated dishes, including: pho, grilled lemongrass coconut chicken, bulgogi, oven-roasted lemongrass tofu with sweet onion, tomato lime leaf sambal, steamed Asian greens with shitake mushrooms, pineapple cucumber salad, coconut pandan fragrant rice, mango sorbet with toasted coconuts and Thai iced tea.



“This food is amazing, so fresh and delicious. You can taste all the different ingredients,” said junior Nicole Flacks. “I can’t wait for the opening of Star Ginger next fall.”

Star Ginger is one of 12 new dining concepts coming to the University at Albany’s renovated Campus Center in Fall 2017.

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