



Zime Complements UAlbany's Sustainable Building

UAlbany's Business Building, which opened on August 16, 2013, was recently LEED gold certified by the United States Green Building Council. Consistent with the University's commitment to sustainability, the 96-square-foot building received the prestigious certification due to its [high marks](#) in the categories of sustainable materials and resources, water efficiency, indoor environmental quality, and design innovation. The building has many desirable features including technologically advanced classrooms and collaborative research centers, as well as a modern Sodexo-branded bakery and café concept called Zime. "Zime meets the overall objectives of the building – it is economical and sustainable, but also manages to pack just the right amount of variety to keep everyone's interest," states University Auxiliary Services at Albany's Executive Director Stephen Pearse. "When a dining venue is placed in the community space of a building such as this, a perfect balance of subtlety, efficiency and attractiveness is critical to its success." Infused with natural light, the sitting area for Zime is open, warm, inviting and culturally current. The curved, modern servery encourages easy traffic flow and the specialty lighting and bold colors create an atmosphere that speaks to the natural esthetic and creativity of the building. In addition to the complementary design, Zime is committed to offering sustainable menu items whenever possible, which include locally sourced fruits and vegetables as well as fairly traded coffees and teas.

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