

2024-2025



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KEY OF ACRONYMS

ACUI - Association of College Unions International

EBI - Employment Background Investigations

MAGD - Media Arts and Game Development

NACAS - National Association of College Auxiliary Services

SAI - Student Activities & Involvement

UC - University Center

UWW - University of Wisconsin-Whitewater



Message from the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**Angela Meldonian



Each year brings new challenges and new opportunities—and this year, we embraced both with a focus on **AMPLIFYING IMPACT.** At the University Center, this meant more than just doing more. It meant doing better, being bolder, and ensuring that everything we offered made a meaningful difference in the student experience.

We leaned into collaboration. We listened to student voices. We elevated creative ideas. And we expanded how our spaces, programs, and services support campus life. Whether through intentional design updates, inclusive programming, or stronger partnerships across campus, our goal was clear:

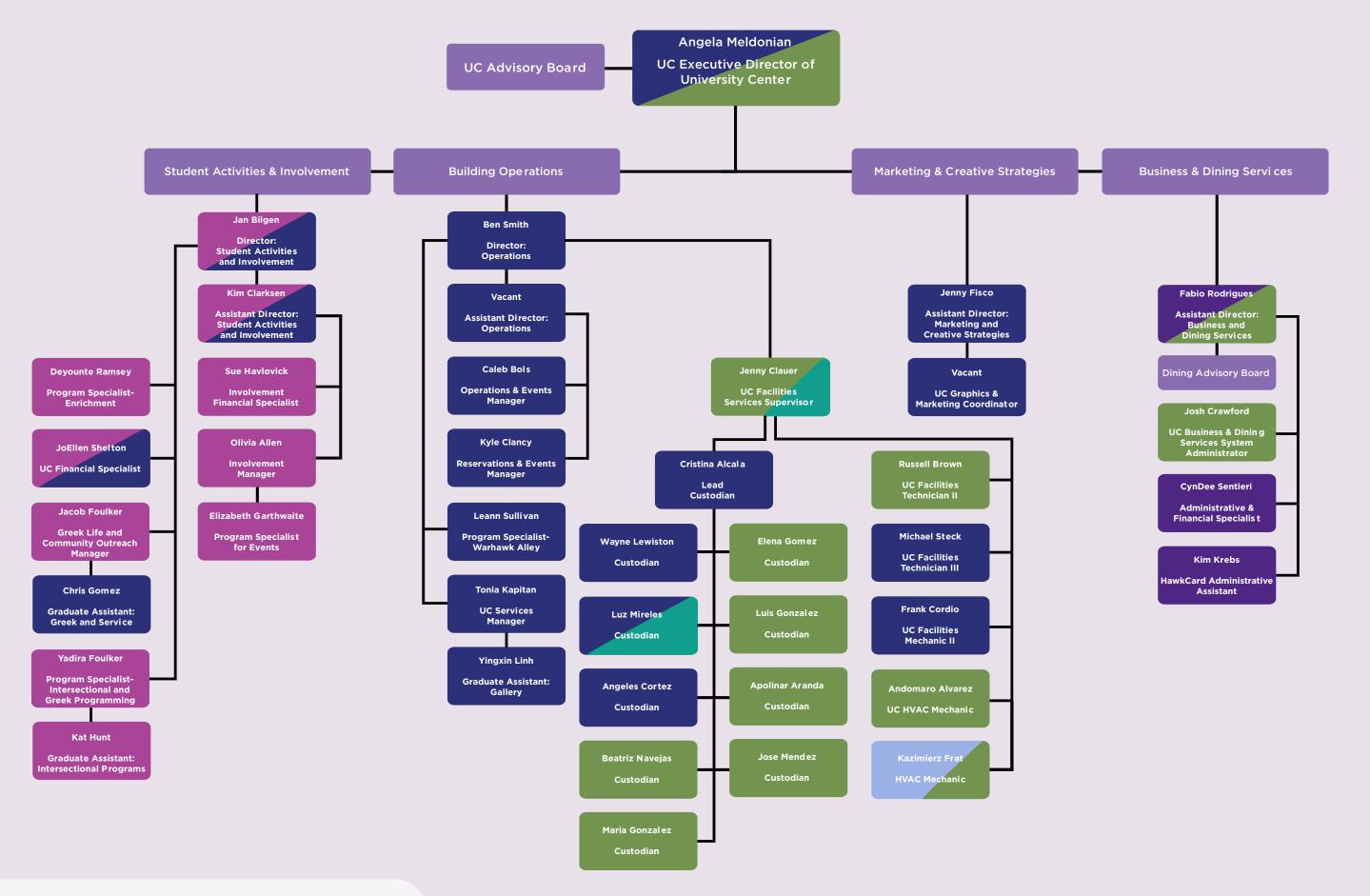
To be a place where every student can connect, be seen, and succeed.

This year's University Center Annual Report highlights the many ways we've aligned our efforts with the 2023–2028 Strategic Plan, reinforcing our commitment to student success, campus engagement, and inclusive excellence.

The University Center and Warhawk Dining remain central pillars of the student experience—providing essential services, welcoming spaces, and opportunities for growth, learning, and leadership. Through innovative programs, collaborative initiatives, and facility enhancements, we continue to evolve in service of our students and the broader campus community.

As you explore this report, you'll find stories of impact, highlights of progress, and examples of how we're making a difference through creativity, connection, and purpose-driven service. We are proud of what we've accomplished—and even more excited for what's ahead.

See you #intheUC!



In Spring 2025, the University Center was reorganized to establish **Marketing & Creative Strategies** as a new branch.

UW-WHITEWATER

Strategic Plan Themes

2023-2028

THEME 1:

ENHANCE THE VALUE OF A UW-WHITEWATER EDUCATION

THEME 2:

CREATE AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

THEME 3:

ADVANCE CO-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCES

THEME 4:

DEEPEN A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION

Student Affairs Priorities



PRIORITY 1:

STUDENT SUCCESS & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



PRIORITY 2:

TELLING OUR STORY



PRIORITY 3:

ENGAGEMENT, CONNECTION, & RETENTION



PRIORITY 4:

SAFETY, HEALTH, & WELLBEING



PRIORITY 5:

INCLUSION & SENSE OF BELONGING



PRIORITY 6:

BUDGET & FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY



PRIORITY 7:

FACILITIES, OPERATIONS, & TECHNOLOGY

THEME 1:

ENHANCE THE VALUE OF A **UW-WHITEWATER EDUCATION**

Business & Dining Services

- More than 433,000 swipes were recorded and more than 462,000 total meals were served between Esker and Drumlin Dining Halls.
- Computer Services transitioned Transact eAccounts to Single Sign-On to enhance usability and
- Transact point of sale devices handled 1.4 million transactions, including 165,000 event entries across 5,944 unique attendees.
- Purple Plate Catering served over 63,567 guests at catering events and increased sales to off-campus groups, bringing additional commissions back to the University.



Average satisfaction in Drumlin and Esker Residential Dining Halls reached 71%, marking the third consecutive increase in survey results.

Building Operations

- The UC Custodial and Maintenance team completed over 1,265 work orders to enhance and improve the UC for the student experience.
- Roberta's Art Gallery hosted 3,304 visitors with 445 reception attendees over 23 unique exhibits and special events.
- Warhawk Alley welcomed 3,372 unique students during the fiscal year, offering bowling, billiards, ping pong, video games, tournaments, and events.
- Tech Crew enhanced learning experiences with reliable audio/visual support for over 100+ academic and co-curricular events annually and created welcoming spaces by adapting technology to accommodate diverse user needs and identities across 5+ departments.
- Tech Crew collaborated with faculty, staff, and peers to deliver seamless presentations with zero technical disruptions in 90% of events, ensuring impactful and engaging sessions.
- In late April, Butler Middle School's AVID Excel students toured the UC and campus, citing Warhawk Alley, Roberta's Art Gallery, and the dining experience as highlights. At least one student expressed interest in attending UWW in the future.



Warhawk Alley continued to show strong student engagement with 19,641 students visits, a 9% increase over last fiscal year.



Student Activities & Involvement

Student Activities & Involvement supported over 190 recognized student clubs & organizations.



UC Live/Homecoming offered 60 events drawing 7,700+ attendees with no financial barriers for students.

STUDENT AFFAIRS PRIORITIES

- STUDENT SUCCESS & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
 TELLING OUR STORY
 ENGAGEMENT, CONNECTION, & RETENTION
 SAFETY, HEALTH, & WELLBEING

- INCLUSION & SENSE OF BELONGING
 BUDGET & FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
 FACILITIES, OPERATIONS, & TECHNOLOGY

THEME 2:

CREATE AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Business & Dining Services

- The HawkCard Office and Warhawk Dining provided meal plans and campus dining access to over 4,000 students and staff.
- Over 1,200 off-campus purchases were made using Purple Points at local partner businesses.
- More than 5,000 users placed over 100,000 orders through Transact Mobile Ordering at two campus locations.
- Warhawk Dining's Campus Dietitian interacted with over 55 different students to discuss how
 campus dining can support their nutritional goals, resulting in 150 in-person meetings.
- Pepsi vending machines provided/sold 87,176 drinks with the most popular locations being: Wells
 East (4,765 items sold), Williams Center HelloGood (4,580 items sold) and Hyland (4,501 items sold).



Warhawk Dining's meal recovery program donated nearly 800 meals to the Warhawk Pantry, diverting more than 450 pounds of food waste.

Building Operations

- UC Reservations transitioned from paper to digital forms in Connect2, improving response times and streamlining the reservation process for greater efficiency and user experience.
- Information Services assisted with over 4,000 student, staff, faculty, and guest questions in person, over phone, email, and the UC Texting Line.
- Information Services sold over 1,100 mail items, printed 400 student resumes, and had 190 phone charger check-outs.
- UC Information Services & Business Services staff supported over 100 campus vending machines/ operations across campus by supporting service calls, refill requests, and machine moves.
- The Warhawk Pantry tripled usage over the last three years with over 22,000 pounds of food and hygiene products given out, serving over 700 unique students with over 3,100 total visits.
- The Warhawk Pantry collaborated with over 22 campus departments and student organizations to host food drives and outreach events to support Warhawks in need.



New Building Operations procedures improved room setup flexibility and guest capacity, resulting in a total of 6,041 room reservations at the University Center.



Student Activities & Involvement

- Glow Night welcomed 1,000+ students the first week of classes, fostering an early sense of belonging
- A campus definition of "intersectionality" was created by Student Activities & Involvement and was reviewed and supported by Chancellor King.
- The Non-Trad Pad was transformed into the Serenity Space—a dedicated area offering resources to support Warhawks' mental and emotional well-being, and a place to relax and recharge.



Student Activities & Involvement engaged 4,700+ students through educational programs and org support, and 11,100+ through entertainment events.

Marketing & Creative Strategies



700+ kindness notes were shared by students for the World Kindness Day display in the UC Concourse, Nov. 13-14, 2024.

Student Engagement Unit: PB Poorman Pride Center

The Pride Center provided five inclusivity trainings and peer educator panels with 248 attendees.



The Pride Center offered six signature events during the year and welcomed 471 attendees.

STUDENT AFFAIRS PRIORITIES STUDENT SUCCESS & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING TELLING OUR STORY ENGAGEMENT, CONNECTION, & RETENTION SAFETY, HEALTH, & WELLBEING INCLUSION & SENSE OF BELONGING BUDGET & FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY FACILITIES, OPERATIONS, & TECHNOLOGY

THEME 3:

ADVANCE CO-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCES

Business & Dining Services

 The HawkCard Office processed 3,751 online photo submissions, significantly reducing in-person wait times.



Printed 4,000 HawkCards across Main Campus and Rock County, including 200 voter IDs during election week.

Building Operations



Roberta's Art Gallery partnered with World Languages & Literature and the Department of Art & Design (MAGD) to host two visiting artists: Agnes Yellow Bear (North Dakota) and Jiawei Gong (China), offering students hands-on experiences that connect classroom learning to real-world practice.

Marketing & Creative Strategies

- With 193,408 total views and 64,668 active users, the UC website remained a key digital resource for the campus community.
- UC Graphics & Marketing created over 2,700 unique designs and formats, supporting events, services, and outreach across the University Center.



UC Instagram grew 35% with 1,027 new followers, reaching over 800,000 users and generating nearly 1 million impressions across posts and profiles.



Student Activities & Involvement

- Homecoming Study Night and the Homecoming Bonfire provided low-stress and academic-focused events for more than 1,000 students in October 2024.
- 6,466 unique users logged in, and 3,408 downloaded the UWW Connect2 app.
- Student Activities & Involvement supported 723 Greek community members in 2024-2025, including
 286 new members. Greek Community represents 7.86% of the total student body.
- The Warhawk Connection Center hosted 10 programs and welcomed 247 overall attendees.



Connect2 launched in Fall 2024 with nearly 200 organizations and over 30 departments represented. A total of 3,844 events were promoted by 143 groups, drawing nearly 17,000 attendees.

Student Engagement Unit: PB Poorman Pride Center



The Pride Center employed one graduate assistant, three student interns, and five peer educators to work in the Pride Center. These employees create and maintain a welcoming Pride Center space, develop and run programs and events, and provide resources to fellow students.

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THEME 4:

DEEPEN A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION

Business & Dining Services

- Computer Services worked with 15 campus departments and units to provide Transact services, door access, event attendance, and technology support.
- The HawkCard Office designed and built a business intelligence and analytics system to provide a cohesive reporting function and holistic view of metrics for all Transact services used across campus.



UC Finance processed \$12.7 million in purchase orders, invoices, and requisitions to support the University Center & Warhawk Dining.

Building Operations

- Roberta's Art Gallery hosted 4 pop-up exhibits celebrating creativity, culture, and community by supporting events such as the Children's Center's 50th Anniversary and First-Gen College Student CELEBRATION through collaborative programming.
- UC IT infrastructure was upgraded in collaboration with ITS to support expanded technology-based conferences and trainings, enabling the University Center to successfully host high-profile events such as the Department of Military Affairs training exercise.



Roberta's Art Gallery partnered with 45 campus partners to host 11 quality exhibitions, 10 receptions and two special events celebrating creativity, culture, and campus community through collaborative programming.

Marketing & Creative Strategies

 UC Graphics & Marketing partnered with UWW departments to share information through the UC blog, resulting in 15,181 views of fun, casual campus content.



562 large-format print jobs completed by UC Graphics & Marketing totaled 32,049 inches of printed media for UC and campus use.

Student Activities & Involvement



The Warhawk Connection Center hosted 57 unique reservations from student organizations and campus partners, with over 5,500 additional evening visits outside of scheduled events.



Student Engagement Unit: PB Poorman Pride Center



Worked collaboratively with partners across campus including: Interpersonal Violence Prevention Coordinator, Winther Counseling Program, Human Resources, Student Government, Housing, Student Activities & Involvement, and Women's and Gender Studies, to develop interdisciplinary and co-curricular programming and services, programs and events, and provide resources to fellow students.

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UC Insights Gurvey Data

From April 1-May 1, 2025, 818 UW-Whitewater students shared their experiences with the University Center through the ACUI/Benchworks Insight Survey.

Their feedback highlights the UC as a safe, welcoming, and engaging space at the heart of campus life.

HIGH STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & USE

94.1%

of students visited the UC during the academic year.

66.9%

visit between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., showing strong midday traffic.

Nearly half (49.1%) participate in UC activities at least once per semester, and 28.9% participate monthly or more often.

THE TOP 3 REASONS STUDENTS VISIT THE UC:

- **1) Eat** (79.8%)
- **2) Study** (59%)
- **3) Meet Others** (37.2%)

STRONG STUDENT SATISFACTION

Students rated the UC highly in these areas (scale of 1-7):

Category	Mean Score
Safe Place	6.28
Place to feel welcome	6.16
Enjoyable place to spend time	6.11
Provides a variety of services	6.23
Overall satisfaction	5.85
Fulfills its mission as center of community life	5.87
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EXCELLENT PERCEPTION OF STAFF

Staff Quality	Mean Score
Courteous	6.10
Available	5.99
Knowledgeable	5.97

CLEAN & WELCOMING FACILITIES

Area	Mean Score
Entrance cleanliness	6.18
Hallway cleanliness	6.21
Restroom cleanliness	6.01
Overall cleanliness	6.06

COMMUNITY & BELONGING

83.7%

agree the UC promotes a sense of community.

91%

indicate it's a central meeting place for students.

74.5%

indicate the UC has contributed to their sense of belonging.

PROGRAMS THAT MATTER

91.2%

agree the UC is a place to get involved in campus life.

80.6%

agree the UC offers events they find interesting.

76.6%

indicate UC activities enhance their educational experience.

BENCHWORKS FACTORS

Is an enjoyable place to spend time

RANK OUT OF ALL PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

3/48

How satisified are you with the extent to which the College Union:
Publicizes activities sponsored by the College Union

FACTOR 2: College Union has a Positive Environment

7/48

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the College Union:

FACTOR 3: College Union is Student-Oriented 1/48

How satisified are you with the extent to which the College Union:

Is a place to get involved in campus life

1/48





ACTOR 4: College Union is a Source of Entertainment	2/48
To what extent do you agree or disagree that the College Union: Is a source for a wide variety of entertainment	1/48
ACTOR 5: College Union Enhances Life and Leadership	5/48
To what extent do the College Union activities:	1/40

STUDENT QUOTES

What do you like most about the University Center?

IT IS THE HEART OF UWW and has provided countless positive experiences for myself as a student leader on campus and has done the same for nearly all students.

66

Enhace ability to interact socially

I LIKE THAT IT'S SO OPEN AND ALIVE with so many different things. Everyone is doing something different or passing through, but it's really fun to be a part of. From people at tables promoting clubs, studying, eating, socializing, everyone is comfortable and enjoys the environment.

1/48

Student Employment

RECRUITMENT & HIRING

194

applications received

66

students hired during Spring 2025, up from 28 in Spring 2024

196

students hired across the 2024-2025 academic year

UC STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SNAPSHOT

136 STUDENT EMPLOYEES worked across University Center units in 2024-2025

As of May 1, 2025:

Business & Dining Services

Student Activities & Involvement

Building **Operations**

Marketing & Creative Strategies



UC STUDENT EMPLOYEE DESIRED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student employees will:

- Feel supported and developed in meaningful ways, which prepares them for their future careers.
- Experience equity in compensation and opportunity across UC units.
- Have a sense of connection and belonging to the UC, campus, and broader community.
- Interact across departments and gain experiences across UC units.

ASSESSMENT & DATA HIGHLIGHTS

In April 2025, UW-Whitewater Student Affairs conducted a division-wide EBI Student Employment Survey. The following highlights reflect responses from University Center student employees:

67%

of UC student employees have worked on campus for more than one year.

15.5%

of UC student employees self-identified as a race other than white.

87.7%

report a higher GPA than the campus average (self-reported). 83.3%

report experiencing a high level of respect among co-workers.

Students rated the impact of working in the UC as 5.46 out of 6.0 in improving the value of their education at UW-Whitewater.

STUDENT QUOTES

What do I like most about working in the UC?

I like being able to INTERACT WITH AND **HELP STUDENTS** on a daily basis. It feels good to know I helped someone understand a concept better, or become more prepared for a test because of my help. 99

Getting a **NEW PERSPECTIVE** on something I was less familiar with.

I liked MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND GETTING TO FORM RELATIONSHIPS with my coworkers over the years. I was exposed to different types of people that I would have not otherwise probably met.



What I like most about my student employee experience is that I get to bond with my fellow co-workers. It feels great to FEEL A SENSE OF **BELONGING** coming into work. When you work well with others, you feel better at your job.

Being able to gain **REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE** that directly relates to my job and major.

Special Recognition

Student Affairs Leadership Academy

UC staff members **Fabio Rodrigues** and **Leann Sullivan** were nominated for the UW-System sponsored **Student Affairs Leadership Academy,** aimed at fostering collaboration, building a network of Student Affairs professionals, creating change, and supporting staff development.



UC Graphics & Marketing Awards

UC Graphics & Marketing took **3rd place** in **ACUI's annual Steal This Idea** competition for the UC's FRIENDS-themed Student Employee Appreciation Week campaign, and earned **honorable mention** in the multi-page publication category for the 2023–24 UC Annual Report.

Journal Article Published

Sam N. W. Blake was published in the *Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism* (Vol. 38, No. 2, 2024) with their article "Sixty 'Villagers' Onstage: Criminal Intimacy, Queer Community, and Queen Self-Authorship in Mae West's *The Drag*."

NACAS - Central Region Mentor Award

Angela Meldonian was awarded the NACAS - Central Region Mentor Award.

Student Engagement Unit:

PB POORMAN PRIDE CENTER

The PB Poorman Pride Center is dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive campus for all Warhawks. We foster LGBTQ+ community, advocacy and education through programs, resources, and initiatives that promote student success and campus belonging.

Our co-curricular opportunities are approached intersectionally as we work to create a campus that recognizes and values the vast range of experiences encompassed by human gender and sexuality.

THE PB POORMAN PRIDE CENTER IN 2024/2025:

- Offered six signature events during the year and welcomed 471 attendees.
- Provided five inclusivity trainings and peer educator panels with 248 attendees.
- Employed one graduate assistant, three student interns, and five peer educators to work
 in the Pride Center. These employees create and maintain a welcoming Pride Center space,
 develop and run programs and events, and provide resources to fellow students.

The Pride Center worked collaboratively with partners across campus to develop interdisciplinary and co-curricular programming and services.

COLLABORATIVE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Worked with Winther Counseling Services to establish an LGBTQ+ support group on campus and offer peer educator panels to counselors in training.
- Helped the Interpersonal Violence Prevention
 Coordinator bring Marlee Liss, a queer restorative justice advocate, to campus.
- Partnered with the Warhawk Connection Center to host a joint Spring Semester Kickoff.



Marhawk Dining FIRST YEAR HIGHLIGHTS (2024-2025)

The first year of the new Warhawk Dining contract with Chartwells brought significant improvements across service, student satisfaction, infrastructure, and sustainability. Through intentional planning, campus engagement, and vendor collaboration, Warhawk Dining has made visible strides toward becoming one of the top campus dining programs in Wisconsin.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

Rising Student Satisfaction:

Dining satisfaction scores rose to **3.93%** in 2025, continuing a multi-year trend of improvement. These consistent gains (from 3.05% in 2021 to 3.93% in 2025) reflect focused investments in menu variety, speed of service, and staff responsiveness.

Expanded Dining Options & New Concepts

- The Dub and Willie's were revamped to reflect student feedback and trends, with new menus and mobile ordering to reduce wait times.
- New stations such as Wild Greens, Absurd Bird, Iron Waffles, and Willie Presents are new dining concepts debuted at Ike Schaffer Commons.
- Campus favorites like Wild Blue Sushi and Global Noodles were introduced or improved for better quality and variety.

Technology & Infrastructure Enhancements

- Transact Mobile Ordering launched, with strong adoption, contributing to reduced lines and more seating availability.
- The new Dine on Campus website and Mobile Order app got updated to show centralized menus, hours, and event updates.

Operational Impact

 Students used more meal swipes and spent less Dining Dollars and money out-of-pocket compared to the prior year, showing better value alignment.

Menu & Service Innovation

- The meal plan structure transitioned from "meal exchange" to retail equivalency, providing greater flexibility and improved swipe value at all retail and concession locations.
- New combo items and flex swipe options were added for commuter students, faculty, and staff.
- Use of Text2Chat, HappyOrNot, and Foodie Feedback helped ensure responsiveness to student input.

Sustainability & Campus Partnerships

- Programs such as Waste Not 2.0, coffee ground composting, and the reusable to-go box program were launched or expanded, aligning dining operations with UW-Whitewater's sustainability goals.
- A meal recovery partnership with the Warhawk Pantry began, distributing frozen meals to students in need.
- Dining staff partnered with Title IX, UWW Athletics, the Children's Center, and UC Live to integrate nutrition, wellness, and food safety education into the campus culture.

Collaboration between Warhawk Dining, University staff, and facilities led to successful service continuity and long-term planning. These achievements reflect a strong first year under the new contract and lay a solid foundation for continued innovation, student satisfaction, and operational excellence in the years ahead.



2025 & BEYOND

The University Center & Warhawk Dining:

CENTERING ON STUDENTS IN ALL EFFORTS

- Provide opportunities that encourage connection and collaboration, fostering greater understanding and appreciation of individual identities, cultural backgrounds, and personal perspectives.
- Continue offering programs and experiences that build a strong sense of belonging across campus.

DESIGNING & DELIVERY OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICES AND SPACES THAT ANTICIPATE STUDENTS NEEDS

• Maintain a balanced budget through responsible use of student-allocated funds while exploring innovative ways to enhance services and generate additional revenue.

ADVANCING STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH CO-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT

• Ensure the delivery of high-quality services and programs through strong student employment, engaged staff, and effective use of technology.



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