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DUKE DINING WINS PRESTIGIOUS DINING AWARD

DURHAM, NC – DUKE UNIVERSITY—The National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) announced Duke Dining as a Grand Prize Winner of the 2018 Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards for the Residential Dining-Special Event Category for their submission of the Zero-Waste, First-Year Picnic event. Announced in May 2018, Duke Dining received the Gold Award for the event submission, qualifying them to receive the Grand Prize Award, revealed at the Annual NACUFS National Conference held in Providence, Rhode Island in July. This is the second consecutive year that Duke Dining has received both a Gold and Grand Prize Loyal E. Horton Award.

Named for a NACUFS founder, past president and highly regarded innovator, the dining awards celebrate exemplary menus, presentations, special event planning, and new dining concepts and provide an avenue for sharing ideas and creative presentations in campus dining services. The Residential Dining-Special Event award category's judging criteria examines extensively the event's menu, theme development and execution, and event marketing. Duke Dining offers 60+ special events each year with the Zero-Waste, First-Year Picnic being the first large-scale event to welcome students to campus and kick-off off the new school year. "Duke Dining once again proves itself to be a true leader in College & University Foodservice. This award serves to reflect their excellence amongst a field of *extremely* competitive dining organizations," said NACUFS Award Chair, Richard Clow.

More than 115 colleges and universities across North America submitted entries in five categories, including Residential Dining Concepts, Residential Dining—Special Event, Retail Sales—Single Concept/Multiple Concepts/Marketplace, Catering—Special Event, and Catering—Online Menu. A team of six judges examined each entry carefully and selected the top candidates in each category. Competing for one of these prestigious awards not only helps market the dining program as an award-winning program, it builds a sense of pride and team spirit within a dining staff. Sharing creativity and knowledge with other foodservice professionals is a key component to NACUFS membership.

Each year's winning contest entries are displayed at the NACUFS national conference and award winners are publically recognized at a luncheon culminating with the announcement of the Grand Prize winners. Grand Prize winners also receive recognition with a feature article in NACUFS' magazine, *Campus Dining Today*.