DUKE DINING WINS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

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The National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) has announced Duke Dining as a Gold recipient for the 2017 Sustainability Award for Procurement Practices. The award asked colleges and universities from across the country to describe how they’ve modified traditional purchasing protocols to increase the sustainability of their purchasing decisions and protect the environment by purchasing from local and other producers who support and practice sustainability. NACUFS annually recognizes and honors member institutions that have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the promotion and implementation of environmental sustainability, specifically as it relates to campus dining operations.

Duke Dining is committed to operating in a manner that improves the health of the Duke community, reduces negative environmental impacts, and strengthens the local food system and that commitment is demonstrated through their sustainable procurement and practices. In its submission, Duke Dining described the two-year process of collecting input from students, faculty, and staff to develop its comprehensive sustainability plan. It was through these intentional focus group sessions that Duke Dining designed the cutting-edge approach of not only prioritizing local purchasing, but also emphasizing the purchasing of items that are organic (USDA Certified or organic-practice), humanely raised, never treated with antibiotics or hormones, produced using fair labor practice, sustainability-fished, and/or third-party certified.

For more information and a detailed look into Duke Dining’s sustainable practices, goals and initiatives please visit: https://studentaffairs.duke.edu/dining/sustainable-dining.

Duke Dining will be recognized for their accomplishments and sustainability initiatives at the NACUFS National Conference in Nashville on 7/15.