Aramark Collegiate Hospitality Selected as N.C. A&T Dining Partner

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Partnership will bring campus-wide renovations, expanded student internships, and locally sourced menus to the nation's largest HBCU

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"North Carolina A&T was seeking a partner that could help advance its bold vision, not simply deliver services," said **Barbara Flanagan, President and CEO, Aramark Collegiate Hospitality**. "We're proud to earn their trust and look forward to helping enhance the campus experience as the university continues its impressive trajectory of growth and achievement."

North Carolina A&T, which serves more than 15,000 students, selected Aramark following a rigorous and competitive review process. The partnership comes as the university manages record enrollment and pursues Research 1 designation in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

The agreement establishes a campus dining master plan built around facility renovations, technology upgrades, and new student career pathways. Aramark will work closely with university leadership to advance student engagement, operational excellence, and long-term campus priorities.

"Our students are at the heart of everything we do, and this partnership reflects a bold commitment to enhancing their experience at North Carolina A&T," said **Virginia Teachey, the university's Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer** . "Through modernized dining spaces, innovative technology, expanded food offerings, and valuable paid internships and hands-on learning opportunities, we are investing in both the present and future success of our students.

"This is about more than dining. It is about creating a premier campus experience, fostering student growth, and ensuring that our Aggies have access to the quality services, opportunities, and support they deserve as they pursue their academic and professional goals."

Changes coming to campus include:

- **Facility investment:** Williams Dining Hall will be renovated and campus dining venues upgraded, including the Student Center, The Marketplace, and The Gathering Place at Williams.
- **Local sourcing:** Menus will feature products from CAES and local farmers across the region, connecting the university's agricultural research legacy to the student dining experience.
- **Student career pathways:** Ten paid student internships established across marketing, culinary, and human resources will give Aggies hands-on professional experience alongside their coursework, with further collaboration planned across academic colleges.
- **Technology-enabled service:** Digital ordering and feedback platforms will improve access, convenience, and responsiveness for students.

The partnership reflects Aramark Collegiate Hospitality's **continued investment in institutions nationally**, part of a broader partner commitment that spans capital investment, scholarships, and community programs. For A&T, the agreement provides long-term operational and financial support intended to keep pace with the university's enrollment growth and its pursuit of R1 status.

"Our work begins with listening to students, whether that means a menu they love, an internship that launches a career, or a dining hall that feels like theirs," said Flanagan. "Partnerships like this one are central to how we're growing Collegiate Hospitality: deep, long-term relationships built around a university's goals."

About North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is the nation's largest historically Black university, as well one of the top 25 "Most Innovative" universities in America (U.S. News & World Report, Best Colleges 2024). North Carolina A&T is a land-grant, doctoral research university and a constituent member of the University of North Carolina System. An exponential university, A&T is recognized widely for its national leadership in graduating African American students in engineering, agriculture and other STEM fields. The university was established in 1891 as only the second

land-grant college created under the second Morrill Act and is located in Greensboro, North Carolina.

About Aramark Collegiate Hospitality

Aramark Collegiate Hospitality — where futures are better served — has been a trusted dining partner to higher education institutions for over 50 years. Serving approximately 300 colleges and universities nationwide, Aramark delivers customized dining and hospitality programs that reflect the unique culture and needs of each campus. Rooted in a deep commitment to service for people, partners, the community, and the planet, Aramark goes beyond meals by curating tailored experiences, supporting success, and cultivating communities. Connect with Collegiate Hospitality on LinkedIn.

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