



PROJECT PROFILE

Thoroughbred Room/Curriss Center Murray State University (Murray, KY)

Murray State University's Thoroughbred Room (T'Room) is the second largest dining venue on campus. Menu options include a salad bar, cook-to-order grill, pizza/pasta station and hot line with home-cooked items (changing daily).

CHALLENGE

The T'Room was original to the Curriss Center student building, over 30 years old. Besides being outdated and unattractive, the servery didn't allow for the variety and types of service in demand today.

SOLUTION

Multiteria helped create a whole new dining area to provide a modern and engaging dining experience for the students. Paula Amols, Director of Dining Services & Racing Hospitality, had previously worked with Multiteria on a small project and was pleased with the results. "I liked

the 'plug and play' aspect of it, while still having full range of customization options," Amols said. "When it comes to cabinetry, we get what we want but it comes fully put together with all components, i.e., drop-ins, sneeze guards, wiring and junction boxes."

Multiteria completed the renovation in two phases between 2012 and 2013 (a common practice and something Multiteria can easily accommodate). The final result included:

- Two made-to-order salad stations with a separate counter for refrigerated salad dressings
- Deli station
- Hot food counter
- Beverage counters for sodas, coffee and more
- Made-to-order grill station with special cutouts for appliances and plates
- A pizza/pasta station with a wood-fired oven featuring mosaic tiles
- Four cashier modules with merchandising front shelves

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Pizza & Pasta Counter

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>> *continued* The salad station serves three different greens with 18 different toppings, as well as five separate menu-based salads with various protein selections, offering plenty of healthy options for students. While each counter has a different look to provide a distinct identity, they all feature sleek curved fronts and counter tops. Amols helped choose custom images for the counter fronts, including scenes from the campus and their school's mascot. "I'm not sure other manufacturers offer the graphic capabilities available to really customize stations uniquely for your establishment. And Multiteria also offers great assistance with design," Amols said.

Since the renovation, Amols commented, "We've gotten lots of praise and accolades on the renovated servery. It's beautiful and modern and functional. Business is up considerably."

For other directors who are planning a renovation, Amols shared these words of advice; "Don't limit yourself to the usual custom fabricated millwork. Anything you can get in that manner you can get from a company that does modular work, and it will save you money and provide more flexibility for the future."

MATERIALS USED

- Wilsonart laminate in Shaker Cherry
- Solid surface Zodiaq Quartz in Toasted Almond
- Signsnow high resolution graphic image panels
- Mosaic tile applied in field

