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## Dining at UB Receives an A in Sustainability

*Campus Dining and Shops receives an "A" in Sustainability from the College Sustainability Report Card; significant improvement from 2008's C.*

(Buffalo, NY) – Campus Dining and Shops at the University at Buffalo is pleased to announce that it has received an A grade in the Food & Recycling category from the College Sustainability Report Card for 2011. The College Sustainability Report Card is the only comparative evaluation of campus and endowment sustainability activities at colleges and universities in the United States and in Canada. In contrast to an academic focus on sustainability in research and teaching, the Report Card examines colleges and universities, as institutions, through the lens of sustainability.

The University at Buffalo began participating in the report card program in 2008, at which time was given a grade of C in the Food & Recycling category. Over the past three years, significant improvements by UB Campus Dining and Shops in composting, local food purchasing, and food and water waste reduction has elevated that grade to an A. The average grade for the Food & Recycling category is B+, with 43% of the 322 reporting/rated schools receiving an A.

“We are very excited to have received an A,” commented Jeff Brady, executive director for UB Campus Dining and Shops. “Each year, we continually try to improve facets of our operations that will have a positive impact on our environment, our local community and of course the University.

The Report Card is designed to identify colleges and universities that are leaders in sustainability. The aim is to provide accessible information for schools to learn from each other's experiences and establish more effective sustainability practices. GreenReportCard.org is an interactive website which provides in-depth sustainability profiles for hundreds of colleges in all 50 U.S. states and in Canada. Information is based on extensive research conducted for the College Sustainability Report Card.

The complete University at Buffalo Sustainability Report Card can be viewed at:  
<http://www.greenreportcard.org/report-card-2011/schools/university-at-buffalosun>

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Campus Dining & Shops' primary purpose is to offer a variety of high quality, high value, and innovative dining options designed to fit the varied lifestyles and nutritional needs of the University community. Serving foods from local growers, striving to achieve sustainability, and expanding the availability of dining choices are ways that we enrich the dining experience. We challenge our experienced and knowledgeable employees daily to provide exemplary customer service. Campus Dining & Shops is a multi-unit company employing over 700 people. In addition to providing the University's dining services, Campus Dining & Shops also serves the UB community through management of the UB Card Office, Three Pillars Catering, Retail and Convenience Stores, and Vending. In our day-to-day operations we rely on inherent core values: quality items, value prices, environmentally friendly settings, ethical treatment of all, and conducting all phases of our business with integrity.