

UNIV OF NORTH DAKOTA MEMORIAL UNION

GRAND FORKS, ND



This \$80 million state-of-the-art student union was designed to replace a 60-year-old facility and serve as the campus' living room. One of the project's goals was to create a new home for the campus bakery, which had previously been housed in an antiquated warehouse. The scratch bakery was built with the catering section in mind, sharing production and storage space. The combined space included ware washing, dry and refrigerated storage, as well as catering offices and employee spaces.

The main floor of the new Union building features the centerpiece of student spaces, which includes seven unique food options. Chick-fil-a, Panda Express, the 1883 Grill, Dakota Deli, University Avenue (brick oven) Pizza, Express Convenience Store, and a full-sized Starbucks are among the diverse culinary options available. With the advent of kiosk and phone-based ordering systems, these cashless venues were designed to complement the student experience with efficiency, speed of service, and menu flexibility.

Details

Opening Date: 2021

Equipment Cost: \$3,000,000

Project Size: 156,000 SF

Scope

Production Bakery

Catering Production Kitchen

Convenience Store

Multiple in-house and franchise food concepts with centralized support space, banquet support spaces.

All concepts receive deliveries from a central loading dock and share back-of-house cold and dry storage spaces. Foodservice operations are further supported with shared cold preparation space, a hot production kitchen, and a warewashing room to handle pot and pan washing. To support UND's campus sustainability goals and reduce solid waste in the sewer system through pulper systems, this space was also designed to wash customer permanent ware.

The 1,000-seat ballroom on the second floor is supported by a large banquet staging area, complete with space for banquet cart holding, plating tables, beverage setup, walk-in refrigeration, and even a pre-scrapping station to ease the load on the main ware washing operation. A second banquet support room, adjacent to a smaller 330-capacity ballroom, is sufficient to host smaller events in conference and meeting rooms on the second and third floors.

