



College Council Report, February 2020  
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### **Investing in Facilities**

The capital project for installing a new dishwasher in MacDonalD Dining Center was completed over break. Staff have been trained on operating the new machine. The new dishwasher uses a quarter of the water that the old machine used and has a heat capture feature to preheat the incoming water temperature ensuring temperatures are to Department of Health standards. The new layout of the room makes the space safer, and more comfortable for employees to work. Due to the dishwasher upgrade, the pot washer station is moving to opening up the MacDonalD Hall kitchen for additional space and efficiency.

While CADI always maintains high standards regarding food safety, an improved logging process was implemented over the semester break standardizing temperatures for prepared food throughout the serving process.

### **Investing in People**

In collaboration with the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement, the annual Fire & Ice event will take place in Farrell Commons on Thursday, February 13 and feature an Olympic theme. CADI is bringing in an iceless skating rink and mechanical snowboard for students to enjoy. In addition to delicious food, the event will include a photo booth and other winter activities that students will be able to participate in.

CADI hosted a student employee recruitment “Donut have a Job?” event to assist in spreading the word about the job opportunities available at all dining venues.

Ongoing training for staff included hazard communication, fire safety, effective communication, sexual harassment prevention, and food safety.

### **Telling Our Story**

Hannah Hauser, Catering and MacDonalD Dining Center Manager, participated in the panel discussion for the documentary, *A Fine Line*, which examines the climate of gender equality in the restaurant industry. Joining Hannah on the panel were the film’s director, and five other chefs, including SUNY Delhi Alum, Katie Eurich, who was a CADI student employee at the Library Café from 2012 until 2016.

At the end of last semester, the Swipe it Forward initiative ran a bonus meal donation campaign. 153 meals were donated. The program has received SUNY-wide acclaim and is helping to lessen food insecurity amongst the student body.

Bluestone was host to the Delhi Fire Department Annual Dinner, a retirement party, and the Greater Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce’s Star Awards Mixer. Community ties are being strengthened as Bluestone offers another venue for events in Delhi.

## **Student Potential**

Student Employees for CADI returned early from the break to participate in the first ever full day of trainings. Students learned about hazard communication, general safety, fire safety, food safety, customer service and effective communication. Attendance to this training will be included in their co-curricular transcript, and will better prepare them for the workforce.

Student employee average GPA was 2.61 for the fall 2019 semester.

## **Enrollment**

In an effort to increase training across the operation, Nick Bonventre, Assistant Manager of Mac Dining, has taken on additional responsibilities to enhance the student employee experience. Nick will assist with hiring and training CADI student employees. These efforts will strive to keep students enrolled at SUNY Delhi and graduate with transferable skills making them better candidates for future employers.

## **Academic Programs**

CADI and the School of Hospitality are developing summer internships at Bluestone to aid in giving academic credit, hands on work experience and training to Culinary Students. Plans are also underway to hire a May 2020 graduate from the School of Hospitality for a fellowship at Bluestone.