

University Dining Services
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University Dining Services Awarded Top Honors in National Competition

The ballots are counted and the results could not be better. University Dining Services (UDS) has received the 2009 Loyal E. Horton Gold Award in the Category of Retail Sales –Single Stand-Alone Concept Outlet, large school division. The Gold winning entry was for the authentic Mexican restaurant, Casa Nina, located in the University Center Food Court.

The entry, which is in book form, will be on display during the NACUFS (National Association of College and University Food Services) National Conference. A representative from UDS will be recognized at the Dining Awards Luncheon on July 11th and The University of Montana will be awarded with the Gold Award plaque. At the luncheon, all Gold Award winners in each category compete for the Grand Prize which represents the best of category.

Loyal E. Horton entry books are judged on every aspect of a retail outlet’s menu, presentation, marketing, and overall concept. A winning entry must have a unique theme, exceptional menu, and a flawless presentation. Marketing Director Jerry O’Malley worked on the entry for over a year. “The final product represents a lot of work. It wouldn’t have been possible without the input and contributions from our whole team,” O’Malley commented. Congratulations to University Dining Services and The University of Montana for receiving this prestigious award.

What is the Loyal E. Horton Award

In college and university culinary arts, the ultimate professional tribute is the NACUFS' Loyal E. Horton Dining Award. Named for a NACUFS founder, past president, and highly-regarded innovator, the Loyal E. Horton award salutes the most successful ideas in menus, presentations, special event planning, and new dining concepts. Winning this award bestows national recognition and prestige upon premier dining programs and their universities.

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