

University Dining Services  
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## ***University Dining Services Announces New Executive Chef***

After an extensive national search, The University of Montana has hired a new Executive Chef. University Dining Services (UDS) Director, Mark LoParco announced this week that Monty W. Colby will be taking over the Executive Chef position early in the fall semester.

Chef Colby comes to UDS with a stellar background in the hotel and hospitality industry. His most recent position was the Executive Chef at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Visalia, California. Chef Colby’s résumé as an Executive Chef includes tenure at the Doubletree Hotel and Convention Center in Modesto CA, Marriott Hotel in Fort Collins, CO, and Hotel Condon in Condon, OR. He was the featured chef in articles written for Style Magazine, 25 North Magazine and Tulare Magazine. He also appeared as the featured chef on the Valley Today Show in Visalia.

Chef Colby has staked out an identity as a culinary trailblazer. “Everyone tries to grab on to the latest culinary trends, in fact they depend on them. ...I am not satisfied copying others, preferring to lead the way in trends and know that I am the one being copied.”

LoParco said, “Monty brings a fearless approach to his culinary techniques; he is artistic, creative and confident. These qualities he demonstrated during his interview which included a four hour kitchen practical where he created new and original recipes for six with each of the three courses he presented. And of course, his food tasted excellent!”

Chef Colby’s innovative culinary influence will be felt throughout all UDS’s restaurants, especially University Catering Services. To learn more about Chef Colby and see some of his original culinary creations, go to [www.umt.edu/uds](http://www.umt.edu/uds).

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