

When the moon hits your eye

Sharwin Smith Center

It's like the movie says: build them pizza and they will come.

When it came to updating Southern Utah University, we didn't just deal with seating. We took a tired, old, cafeteria servery and modernized it—right down to the pizza presentation. What used to be nothing more than slices on a warm shelf was given an eye-catching mosaic oven, combined with the deli, and then we put the whole thing out into the dining area for some high visibility from the exterior as well as interior.

Wrapping the back-of-house equipment like the walk-in coolers and large pizza oven with counter seating allowed us to be daring in our moves. This same kitchen deconstruction was given to the other venues, such as the salads and dessert bars (positioned with their very own prep spaces), breakfast eats (moved to its own cozy corner), and we even gave the maître-d more control with some clever entrance updates.

With a variety of seating options, such as a dining counter in front of new storefront supported with oars, improved food presentation, and even a central water feature, the SUU students now have a truly fresh experience.

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