COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY FOODSERVICE TRENDS: 2021

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Senior Designer Visual Merchandising & Product Concepts

Nancy is a designer specializing in visual merchandising and product concepts, and knows that a dining experience is about more than great food.

She has played a vital role in remodeling college and university dining facilities to enhance customer experiences, improve operational efficiencies, and increase revenue.

MARY SAUER - MULTITERIA



Marketing Manager

Mary is a seasoned professional with-sears experience in the food service industry with a never ending passion and focus on customer support.

Mary's area of concentration is on generating opportunities and marketing initiatives as well as staying apprised of current trends in the market to help identify equipment needs.

OBJECTIVES

- Understanding of foodservice trends
- Learn adaptable solutions
- Develop a retail roadmap for success

1.





Reinventing how and where food is prepared, served, and consumed



Forget the traditional footprint. Grocery stores are looking more like cafes, cafes more like kiosks, and restaurants are implementing ghost kitchens and switching takeout for tables.

Venues are recognizing the need to broaden offerings and experiences to have minimal squafeotage and contact, but keep the maximum consumer experience.

MICRO-TRENDS



- C-Store menu & service expansion
- Ghost kitchens & restaurant pods
- Mobile kitchens & food trucks
- Commissary Kitchens
- Robotics



- Frictionless & touchless
- Find your differentiator
- Easier pick upoptions
- Social Distance













2.



PLANT FORWARD



Consumers are shifting to plant-based foods for sustainability & health reasons



This trend has deeply embedded its roots in recent years and is here to stay. Exotic fruits and veggies from around the world are more available than ever, and demand for new and interesting flavors is growing.

Expect continued innovations surrounding plantased proteins and other meatalternatives in the coming year.

MICRO-TRENDS



- Plant-based alternatives
- Responsible eatingabits
- Plant-basedproteins
- Sustainability
- Flavor innovation





- Add meat alternatives to menu
- Call-outs on menu
- Highlight lean & local
- Vegetarian & vegan chefs





PLANT-FORWARD

A style of cooking and eating that *emphasizes and celebrates*, but is not limited to, plant-based foods—including fruits and vegetables (produce); whole grains; beans, other legumes (pulses), and soy foods; nuts and seeds; plant oils; and herbs and spices—and that reflects evidence-based principles of health and sustainability.











3.





Connecting with eco-conscious consumers & creating sustainability through socially responsible business practices



With the added pressure from GenZ, an existential view of consumption is going further than it's ever gone before. How and why we consume are being put to a litmus test and exerting pressure to limit resource depleting waste, frivolous consumption, and turning the tables to focus on the ability to repurpose.

MICRO -TRENDS



- Waste reduction
- Composting
- Recyclable materials
- Changes in packaging
- Reusability





- Compostable takeout packaging
- Equipment to recycle & compost
- Smaller & flexible menu
- Water saving initiatives
- Modifiable & multiuse equipment

















4.



LABOR CRUNCH



Traditional operator challenges for efficiency are being challenged by a shifting workforce



The lack of available labor continues to change the face of the foodservice industry. Operations are beginning to supplement their existing workforce with more advanced equipment, automation and/or robotics that leverage efficiency through design.

With minimum wage hikes expected, operators will be forced to find new and innovative ways to maximize their output.

MICRO-TRENDS



Shrinking workforce



- Engagement & retention
- Accommodating schedules
- Minimum wage conversations



- Lean principles
- Employ central commissary
- Protect your workers



- Engage community to volunteer
- Training: cross cultural, generational,

task training

Adopt robotics for prep















Q&A







