

Enhancing the Student Experience: Campus Dining Strategy



Status Update - February 2019

Dining Strategy

Improve Recruitment & Retention

- Expand meal plan options
- Drive student engagement

Increase Revenue

- Reduce operating expenses
- Increase retail options
- Retain customers on campus



Assessing Franchises

- Franchising option availability and terms
- Student preference
- Available in DeKalb or surrounding area
- Menu mix
- Brand recognition
- Customer satisfaction by Business Insider
 Review



How Franchises Operate

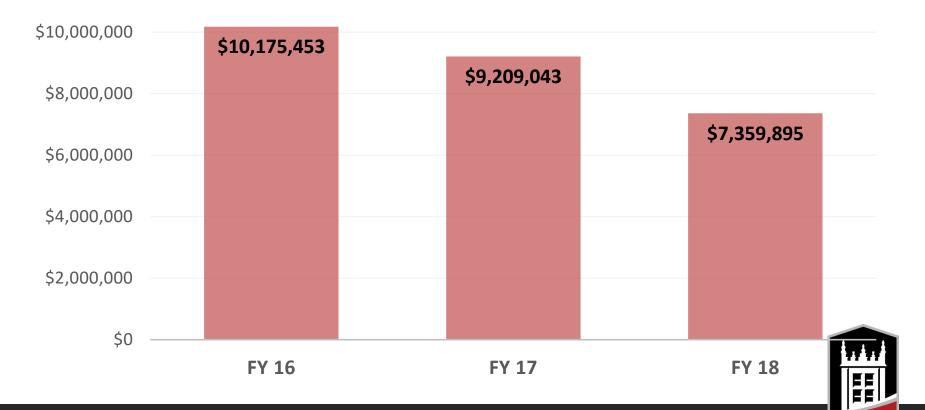
- NIU is the license holder and operator
- Staffed by NIU employees full-time and students
- NIU pays royalties to vendor on a percentage of sales
- All profits retained by NIU
- Typically 10-year agreements with termination option available



Reducing Expense

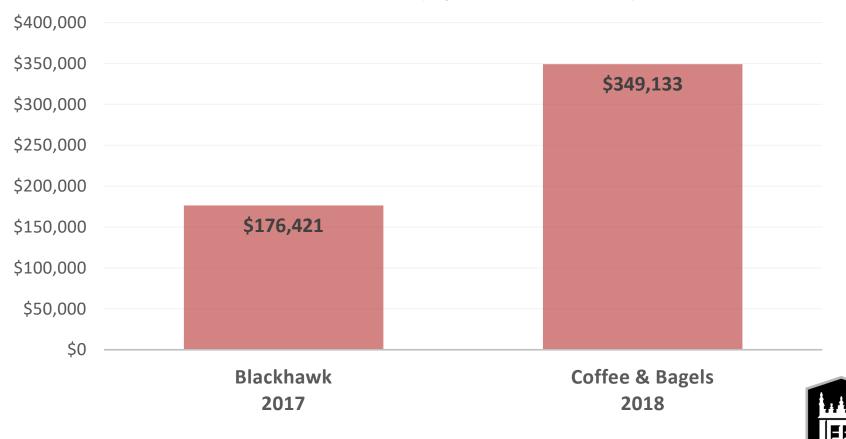
Residential Dining Expense

\$12,000,000



Coffee and Bagels Gross Revenue

9-Month Revenue (April – December)



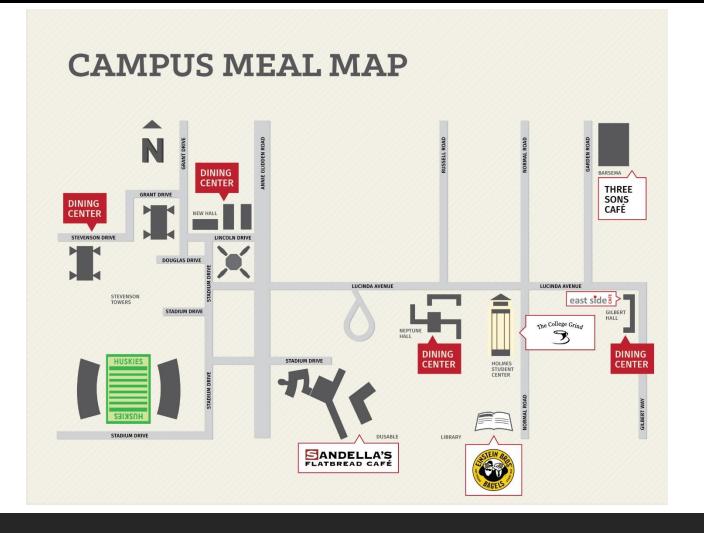
Retail Revenue Projection

Projected Retail Revenue Growth



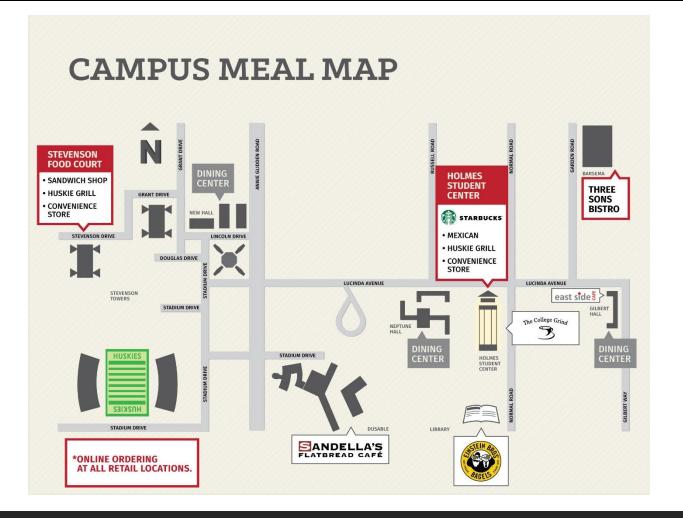


Current Dining Options





Next Steps





Meal Plans FY20

Huskie Classic Meal Plan

- One room & board fee combines housing and dining costs
- Unlimited access dining Gilbert, New Hall & Neptune

Optional Block Plans

- 12 meals per week
- \$20, \$30 or \$40 flex per week
- Meals can be used in Stevenson, Gilbert, New Hall & Neptune
- Flex dollars can be used in all retail locations on campus
- To go dining available in halls with reusable containers
- Mobile ordering in all retail (pick up and delivery)



Questions and Discussion

Thank you for your support of our students!

