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Aramark Hosts Vendor Fair for Students

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Fried sweet potato waffle fries by Lamb-Weston

On Friday, April 23rd, Aramark hosted perhaps their best event this year. The Annual Food Vendor Fair was a major success and hit among students at Fayetteville State University. Resident and commuter students, as well as faculty and staff all gathered in the Rudolph Jones Student Center to taste test different dishes by select vendors around the country, who offered delicious samples of dishes that can potentially be served regularly in Fayetteville State University's cafeteria, depending on the collective feedback from Aramark's biggest customer, the Broncos.

Excited students mingled and socialized about their favorite selections while vendor representatives informed students about their products. Travis Nichols from QSM spoke with Broncos about a favorite product amongst the fair, the Fried Sweet Potato Waffle Fries. "They're healthier than regular French fries and they taste great,"

explained Nichols. The sweet potato waffle fry, fried to a delicious perfection, is slightly sweet, giving it a tasty alternative to the average french fry while offering the traditional texture and nostalgia to the traditional American french fry culture. "When is the cafeteria going to get this! They are so good," exclaimed Nathalie Rivera, a sophomore. Nichols also introduced students to a regular sweet potato fry and a natural fried chip currently served in FSU's cafeteria from time to time.

Students have expressed a need for better fish. "They've had the same fish since I was a sophomore... and I'm in grad school!" commented Michael Aiden, a grad student. Chad Lotz spoke with students about an enticing fried Tilapia entree. "They need to get this ASAP! I'm tired of half-choking on the little tiny bones in their bland fish. This fish tastes seasoned just enough," said a satisfied



Roasted Poblano & White Cheddar Soup with Tomatillos by Stock Pot Fresh Ideas Soups

Aiden. The Roasted Poblano & White Cheddar Soup with Tomatillos was a personal favorite. The creamy recipe had a Mexican flair with a subtle cheesy presence and just enough tomatillos not to interrupt the texture. Soups are a healthy alternative for students who are trying to eat light during the evening, lose a few pounds, or are feeling under the weather.

Several other favorites included the funnel cake fries and fried cheesecake. Funnel cake is a global favorite while most students had neither heard of nor tasted fried cheesecake, made by Dessert Minis. "They're really good and different, but we shouldn't have them in the cafeteria too much because they're high in fat" said outgoing SGA President Monica Carson. "Yummy, really yummy. I don't care about getting fat. I'm in college trying to maintain a 4.0, I want to enjoy everything I eat. Often it's the highlight of my day (laughs)," said Elita, a junior.

With innovative, new management serving Fayetteville State University's cafeteria, Aramark has "beefed up" efforts to increase student satisfaction amidst criticism of their dishes that spans back years. Recent measures to expand the diversity of their dishes and service is noticeable, with the infamous pizza now being offered only sparingly. By hosting the food fair, Aramark is taking responsibility by opening options to the Broncos and letting them enjoy themselves while taking part in choosing possible additions to the menu.

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