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Princeton Review Ranks Virginia Tech's Dining Program No. 9

Move over Frank Beamer, there's another top-10 program on campus! In its annual publication, *The Best 361 Colleges*, which came out this week, The Princeton Review ranked Virginia Tech's on-campus dining program No. 9. Virginia Tech's Housing and Dining Services has been on a steady climb to greatness for the past nine years. Since 1998 alone, more than 40 universities and businesses have visited our facilities to learn what makes the program so successful.

Housing and Dining Services hosts special dining events throughout each semester. Last academic year's Chef Premier Event, Hollywood Night, was recently named by the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) as the Loyal E. Horton Dining Contest award grand prize winner for the best catered event in 2005. A combination of winning programs, such as this one, and serious attention to what students want—through face-to-face sessions called Table Talk Live, online and paper comment cards, and other feedback mechanisms—has contributed to the program's success.

Rick Johnson, director of housing and dining services said, "We are very pleased to see a national ranking of 9 in The Princeton Review. We recently were ranked number 4 in the country on a national comprehensive student satisfaction survey. Both rankings are a tribute to the hard work of our staff."

The Princeton Review monitors colleges continuously and annually collects data about more than 2,000 schools. Any college The Princeton Review considers for ranking must agree to allow them to conduct candid, 70-question surveys of its students, either online or in person. *The Best 361 Colleges* features 62 ranking lists that cover a wide range of topics about which college applicants typically want to know. Surveyed topics include academics, financial aid, campus amenities (i.e., food), student body political leanings, race/class interaction, gay community acceptance, social life, and more.

Students who wish to spread the word about Virginia Tech's academics, administration, campus life, and their fellow students' attitudes and opinions for future Hokies can do so at <http://survey.review.com/java/servlet/dispatcherServlet?action=12>.