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UMASS AMHERST DINING MAKES IT A THREE-PEAT

The University of Massachusetts Amherst has been ranked first in campus dining for the third year in a row.

The Princeton Review's annual ranking of the top 20 colleges in 62 different categories, released on Monday, recognized the three-peat at the UMass flagship campus.

"UMass Amherst has done the near impossible," said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review's editor-in-chief, in a statement. "Deservedly so, as thousands of UMass students completed our student survey, telling our team about their experiences at UMass, academically and otherwise. UMass students have spoken – it's their opinion that again underscores the superlative work UMass Dining and Auxiliary Services completes on their behalf."

According to the university, UMass Dining is the largest college dining services operation in the country, serving 45,000 meals daily across its campuses in Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell and Worcester.

Rounding out the dining top ten were Bowdoin College, Virginia Tech, Cornell University, James Madison University, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Olaf College, St. Anselm College, Bates College and Bryn Mawr College.

"We are humbled and extremely grateful to be recognized as the Best Campus Food in the nation, three years in a row," said Ken Toong, executive director of Auxiliary Enterprises at UMass Amherst, in a statement. "It speaks highly of our program and the passion of our staff in serving healthy, sustainable and delicious food, one meal at the time."

The university will be among the schools featured on NBC's "Today Show" on Tuesday, Aug. 7 between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., in which a chef from the program will present hosts with three popular dishes. - Chris Triunfo/SHNS

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