Grinnell Dining employs 300 student staff who assist with the daily operations of the Marketplace, Spencer Grill and Catering services. Approximately one-third of the student staff positions are filled by first year students who are hired prior to New Student Days (August 19-24, 2016). This practice allows first year student staff to attend an orientation session conducted during New Student Days, and begin employment the first day of classes. Beginning employment the first week of classes enables students to meet their financial aid requirements, and assures efficient operation of Grinnell Dining Services.

Employment with Grinnell Dining compliments the academic experience provided at Grinnell College by teaching culinary, safety and sanitation, service, leadership, and employment life skills. These skills are valuable upon seeking professional employment since future employers are interested in work ethic, dependability, punctuality and ability to perform duties without constant supervision. Grinnell Dining is an excellent beginning to your future!

We understand you have been assigned to work with Dining Services; we invite you to apply to work with the Grinnell Dining TEAM. Please complete the enclosed application and return by August 1, 2016. You will be notified by Grinnell College email if you have been selected and will receive more information upon becoming a part of our TEAM! We hope to hear from YOU!

Alumni Testimonial...

I worked a variety of jobs while at Grinnell, but my two years as a dishwasher in the Quad dining facilities were meaningful to me for three reasons:

First, you were automatically part of a larger campus ‘community’, enabling you to make new friends with other students and other college staffers – members of the local Grinnell community.

Second, you learned some interesting and important skill sets – teamwork; time management; effective communications with an emphasis on the ‘listening’ skill sets (most of which I have continued to use in my post-Grinnell life). I even picked up some extra cash moonlighting as a dishwasher when needed... and those restaurant owners still say “the glasses just don’t sparkle like they did when Ed Senn washed them.”

Finally, by working for food service, I didn’t have to get up at 5am to deliver the mail!

It is also interesting to note that some of my fellow food service workers continued their culinary passions post-Grinnell. In fact, one classmate owns two restaurants in Washington, DC!

W. Edward Senn ’79
Vice President, State Government Relations, Verizon
Current Grinnell College Alumni Association President
“There are many benefits to be gained from working in Dining Services. The skills learned are widely applicable to any job and can include customer service, efficiency in a high-pressure environment, the ability to work as a member of a team, and keeping track of many tasks. Unlike many other departments, there is opportunity for promotion in the dining hall. The staff does their best to make the dining hall a pleasant place to work, and the supervisors can be invaluable as references for future jobs”. - Ian

“Working for Grinnell Dining Services has helped me understand the true meaning of teamwork. The friendly supervisors, staff, and other student workers all contribute in making each shift fun and efficient. I am very glad to be part of such an amazing group of people at work! Whether I’m working in the Dish room or in the Marketplace, I find myself looking forward to work each day”. - Queenster

“So many of the people I now know were coworkers at the dining hall. Once connections are made, working can be a nice way to socialize and take a break from studying”. - Kendall

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