Contract Administration has had a very busy year and is excited to announce the addition of Panda Express to the Union food court. Survey results clearly showed Panda Express as the most sought after vendor and a grand opening is scheduled for mid September 2012. The Crimson View restaurant has also been improved with a new menu, a more efficient ordering system and lower prices. This combination has proved very successful and according to Chartwells, business is up over 40%!

The Heritage Dining facility has also been significantly upgraded with over $200,000.00 in improvements. New carpeting throughout the facility has had a major impact as well as the implementation of the new Chartwells concept; “Pulse On Dining”. Customers now have access to more choices than ever and the facility has been completely refreshed with lights, signage and fresh paint. Changes to the Heritage Center food service experience also include the addition of “We Proudly Brew Starbucks” to the convenience store. Starbucks’ most popular drinks are now available including blended Frappuccinos.

The recent opening of the new Honors Housing is also an area of great excitement. Students, and staff now have access to Brio, a fresh market within the Honors building. Brio carries a wide assortment of grocery items, pastries and specializes in premier coffee beverages. In order to keep up with the ever increasing need for around the clock service, the market will be open 24 hours a day.

Contract Administration is also pleased to announce the addition of food carts on the library plaza. As part of the “Re-Imagine the Plaza” competition, Café Trang is now open for business and many other vendors are currently under review. Contract Administration is working closely with Plant Operations and Campus Design and Construction on locating new areas for vendors, which will greatly increase the variety available to students, staff and faculty.

The Coca Cola contract is now in year 6 and Swire Coca Cola, in conjunction with Coca Cola North America, will be adding credit card readers to the vending machines. Research has shown that customers want more payment options when purchasing at a vending machine and the initial goal of the program is to have 100 readers deployed by the end of September 2012.