



William Van Patter

Food Service Director

Summer 2017

Aramark is pleased to introduce Mr. **Will Van Patter** as Penn-Trafford School District's new Food Service Director for this upcoming 2017 school year. Will brings a wealth of positive energy and knowledge to his new role and was eager to accept the opportunity of leading the food service program for a school district of this caliber and size.



Will graduated **Penn State University's** Hospitality Management program in May of 2015 with a 3.93 GPA before accepting a role in Aramark's management-in-training program, **Accelerate to Leadership (A2L)**. His first year with the company was spent in **Pawtucket, Rhode Island** as an assistant manager under the leadership of a seasoned and very successful supervisor. In this sixteen-site school district, Will was responsible for adding new a la carte options, conducting numerous monthly food safety audits, and redesigning the ordering and delivery system, all while completing his coursework as an A2L. In July of 2016, he graduated in the top 20% of his A2L class and accepted the role of Food Service Director for a new account opening in **Beaver, Pennsylvania**.

This past year in Beaver, Will has grown the account from the bottom up: training the staff on Aramark's standard operating procedures, installing new marketing graphics, building relationships with the administration and school board, and implementing a new negative balance policy. Menu variety and food quality, of high importance to Beaver's students and staff, exceeded their expectations and lead to a program that was profitable for the first time in years. The district couldn't be more thrilled by the product and service they've received from Aramark's program this past year under Will's leadership and anticipate a long partnership with Aramark in the years to come.

Will is a PA native, hailing from **Lewisburg, Pennsylvania** before attending PSU where he met his now-wife of 2 years, **Tess**. Tess, Will, and their recently adopted dog are excited to be moving to the area and honored to be able to join this community. In his free time, Will is an avid home cook, coffee connoisseur, and a trumpet player. Will loves to take his cooking knowledge into the school kitchen to innovate the dining experience for the district, and is always looking for ways to improve the customer experience and back-of-the-house operations.

Feel free to reach out to Will at the contact information below at any time this summer; he would love to get to know each member of the district and address any questions and concerns. We are all excited for this upcoming year in the cafeteria under new leadership!