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UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF

MISSOULA –

After an extensive national search, The University of Montana has hired a new executive chef. Monty Colby will take over the position in early fall semester, University Dining Services Director Mark LoParco announced this week.

Colby comes to UM with a strong background in the hotel and hospitality industry. His most recent position was executive chef at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Visalia, Calif. His résumé as an executive chef also includes the Doubletree Hotel and Convention Center in Modesto, Calif.; the Marriott Hotel in Fort Collins, Colo.; and Hotel Condon in Condon, Ore.

Colby has been featured in articles written for Style Magazine, 25 North magazine and Tulare County magazine. He also appeared as the featured chef on the Central Valley Today Show in Visalia.

He has staked out an identity as a culinary trailblazer.

"Everyone tries to grab onto the latest culinary trends; in fact, they depend on them," Colby said. "I am not satisfied copying others, preferring to lead the way in trends and know that I am the one being copied."

LoParco said, "Monty brings a fearless approach to his culinary techniques; he is artistic, creative and confident. These qualities he demonstrated during his interview, which included a
four-hour kitchen practical where he created new and original recipes for six with each of the three courses he presented.

“And of course, his food tasted excellent!”

Colby’s innovative influence will be felt throughout all UDS restaurants, especially University Catering Services. To learn more about Colby and see some of his original culinary creations, go to http://www.umt.edu/uds.

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