University of Kentucky

PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS

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General Contractor
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KLAIR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

To further enhance the dining experience at our new dining account at the University of Kentucky, Aramark Engineering Solutions developed a new KLair and commissary kitchen on the first floor.

As part of the initial dining investment plan for the University of Kentucky program, UK asked Aramark to develop an updated version of their beloved KLair restaurant. KLair has been part of the UK community for many years—a place talked about by alumni as 'the place' to get your burger and fries and meet with friends.

GOALS:

- Create an updated KLair with contemporary design, technology and finishes. The menu was to maintain the original KLair options with many updated and new items.
- Ensure completion by mid-August 2014

.CHALLENGES:

- Design could not begin until Aramark was official awarded the win on June 11th.
- Construction did not begin until July 3rd leaving approximately 7 weeks to complete all the work. This schedule required a 24/7 approach from the contractor.

SOLUTIONS:

- A key step to the project success was the team effort of Aramark's approved partners, RossTarrant Architects, Tipton Associates and Rycon Construction. Due to their familiarity with each other and Aramark, our combined efforts accelerated the process and the project was completed on time.
- Long lead items such as kitchen equipment, HVAC equipment and furniture needed to be procured prior to the completion of drawings.

RESULTS:

- **12,800 SF restaurant with modern high-end finishes and eclectic historical photos of KLair in the past**
- **Project was completed in 7 weeks requiring a 24/7 construction schedule**
- **Project total cost was $4.6M**