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"Good sense at entry, the interior follows the high-tech look of the exterior. The plan is organized well."
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"The colors are bright and cheerful with lively contrasts. Good use of space."
—2011 JURY
McDaniel College’s new president placed a high priority on upgrading the lackluster Englar Dining Hall into an energizing and flexible space for the campus community.

The design team achieved a dramatic transformation by opening up the ceiling and adding glass walls to maximize natural light. An assortment of seating options, including café-style, bench seating, high tops and comfortable, contemporary lounge chairs with tablet arms, gives the space the feeling of a hip, urban restaurant rather than a traditional dining hall. New food stations and bars provide easy access to a variety of cuisines and improve traffic flow between the serving area and dining room.

Lively blues, purples and greens and dynamic shapes pump up the energy level. Textural accents include natural wood, stainless steel, ceramic and glass tiles, as well as carpet and upholstered furniture to soften the feel and create sound dampening. Playful uplighted ceilings and dramatic lighting with dimmable scene presets complete the look.

Built in only 93 days, the 440-seat dining hall is popular with students, who pack the place even on weekend nights, and with faculty and staff, who have begun to spend more mealtimes on campus.
"When the doors opened at the big ‘reveal,’ hundreds of McDaniel students danced into GLAR as if attending a Lady Gaga concert. A student description of the renovated space has now become a metaphor I use for an institutional vision: ‘We raised the ceiling and took down the walls, and now I can see everything.’ This transformation has been an institutional game-changer.”

—Rajar Cazez, President, McDaniel College