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New All You Care To Eat dining facility is one step closer to opening its doors



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Quinnipiac University's future All You Care To Eat (AYCTE) dining facility underwent construction this summer. With a target opening in fall 2027, where the former university bookstore was located, the facility will have a hybrid meal plan providing a wide variety of meal choices for students.

Chief Experience Officer Tom Ellett explains how the meal plans will change in the fall.

"There will be options with higher swipes and lower dollars and higher dollars and lower swipes," Ellett said. "Students can also then still use their dollars to buy a swipe to get into the All You Care To Eat."

Several other details are still being finalized, according to Ellett.

"We're still finalizing the hours of operation, and we will bring that forward to the dining services advisory board," Ellett said.

The dining service advisory board is open to all students and is held every other Tuesday at 5 p.m.

"There's no other changes than what we have announced initially, except that we're moving forward with the creation of the swipe process and some other additional things will be offered as well, related to

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Public Safety partners with the #WHATSMYNAME foundation to promote rideshare safety

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To raise awareness of rideshare safety to Quinnipiac University students, the Department of Public Safety has partnered with the nationwide #WHATSMYNAME foundation, which promotes rideshare safety.

#WHATSMYNAME was founded in 2019 by Seymour and Marci Josephson after the loss of their daughter Samantha Josephson, a 21-year-old senior at the University of South Carolina who was kidnapped and murdered after entering a vehicle she mistook for an Uber.

The foundation educates people on rideshare safety "through creating sort of a pattern of behavior for people using it," Chief of Public Safety Tony Reyes said.

#WHATSMYNAME created the S.A.M.I. method – Stop. Ask. Match. Inform – to emphasize the key steps that should be taken while using these services.

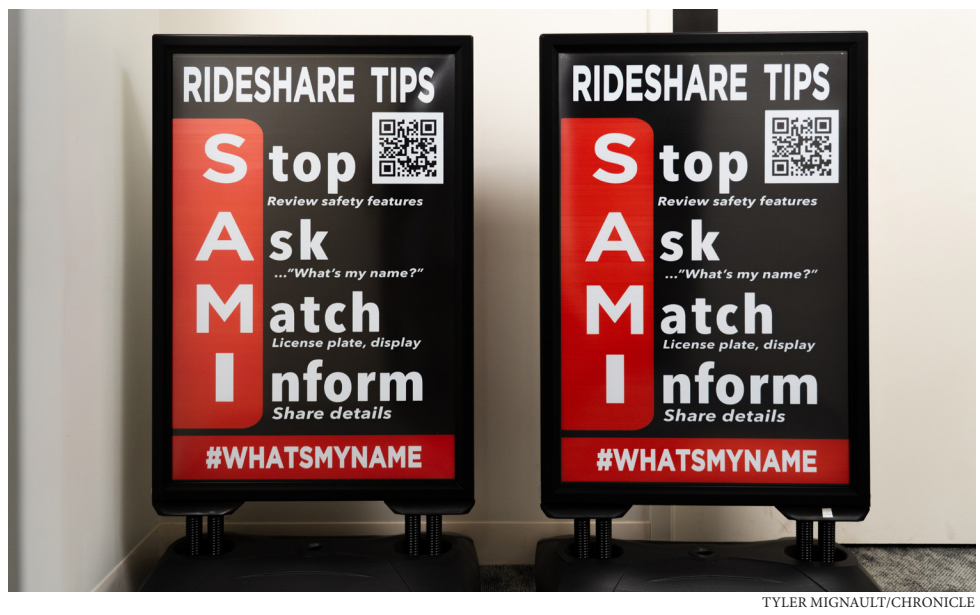
"The most important of which is just verifying," Reyes said.

For college students across the country, rideshare services like Uber and Lyft are common modes of transportation. Despite students' familiarity with these services, safety is still a great concern, with thousands of reports of sexual assaults and sexual misconduct coming from the services in recent years.

In particular, a reported sexual assault in Bridgeport, Connecticut involving a rideshare service in March sparked a reaction from the university's Public Safety department, with the city being only an approximate 25 miles from Hamden.

Instances like such played a part in leading to the current efforts with the #WHATSMYNAME foundation.

"The incident in Bridgeport per se was not the sole inspiration, but it certainly contributed to it," Reyes said. "And this is something that has been important to us, and we've put messaging out…There have been other incidents around the country that have, you know, that we have heard of that again are an inspiration for us to make sure we are keeping that messaging strong."



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Quinnipiac University's Department of Public Safety displays signs with the "S.A.M.I." acronym as part of their partnership with The #WHATSMYNAME Foundation, promoting rideshare safety.

Quinnipiac's Public Safety department announced its partnership with the #WHATSMYNAME foundation in a campus-wide email on Aug. 20, joining several other colleges and universities across the country, as well as introducing it to the Hamden and North Haven police departments.

Public Safety officers took part in a training led by the foundation to learn more about its mission and gain tools to share this information and promote safety messaging throughout the Quinnipiac Community.

"We're just trying to really be proactive, especially in the beginning of the semester, when we have a whole new cadre of students," Reyes said.

Along with email messaging and signage, the department continues to share these important reminders through events including open houses, orientation and Residential Assistant meetings.

Reyes also looks to provide additional in-

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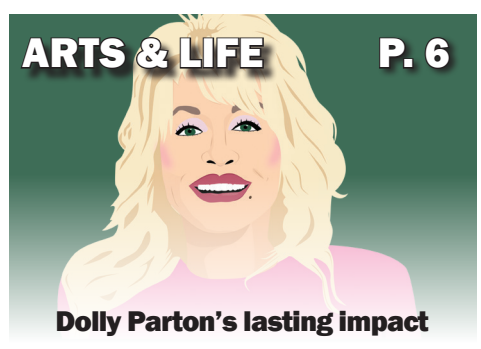

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