



**Wakefern Named 2012 Internship Employer of the Year**  
*Seton Hall University to Bestow Annual Award at April 19<sup>th</sup> Ceremony*

**Keasbey, NJ — April 5, 2012** — Wakefern Food Corp. announced today that it has been named the 2012 *Internship Employer of the Year* by Seton Hall University.

Each year, Seton Hall University's Career Center, in collaboration with the academic colleges, recognizes an outstanding employer who has provided its students with meaningful and often life changing internship, leadership and mentoring opportunities.

Wakefern has been selected as this year's "*Internship Employer of the Year*" for its contributions to Seton Hall students through its corporate internship program. Each summer, Wakefern offers more than seventy paid internship positions within its procurement, logistics and service divisions, to provide students with a hands-on and resume-building work experience. Wakefern also frequently hires former interns upon graduation or accepts them into the company's prestigious [Leaders in Training program](#).

Wakefern will be presented with this prestigious award at the "*2012 Experiential Education Awards Luncheon*" on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at Seton Hall's University Center.

"We are so honored to be recognized for our work with Seton Hall's students, who never fail to bring fresh ideas and energetic professionalism to our offices," said Joe Sheridan, president & COO for Wakefern Food Corp. "Not only does this program allow us to mentor and shape the future generations of the food industry but, since implementing the program in 2005, we have successfully transitioned nearly fifty of our interns into full-time Wakefern associates. This program provides us with a great opportunity to bring talented, dynamic and creative individuals into the Wakefern family."

Students who enter into Wakefern's internship program not only learn about the wealth of opportunities for successful careers in the food industry but they also create a valuable network of contacts amongst each other and Wakefern's executive staff. Wakefern's interns are also afforded the opportunity to experience and participate in the company's commitment to the community by working with and volunteering at local food banks and Special Olympics New Jersey.

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**About Wakefern Food Corp.**

From a small, struggling cooperative with eight members – all owners of their own grocery stores – Wakefern Food Corp. has grown into the largest retailer-owned cooperative in the United States. Founded in 1946, the cooperative is comprised of 47 members who today individually own and operate more than 240 supermarkets under the ShopRite banner in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. In 1996, Wakefern introduced PriceRite stores, extending the company's reach into Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Today, there are 47 PriceRite stores in five states. As the merchandising and distribution arm of both ShopRite and PriceRite, Wakefern, together

with its member companies, employ more than 50,000 people; making it one of the largest employers in New Jersey. In addition, Wakefern also distributes products to other supermarkets throughout the northeastern United States and Bermuda. Wakefern was recently named one of the Best Places to Work in NJ by NJBIZ Magazine. In 2011, Supermarket News gave Wakefern its Retail Excellence Award and The Griffin Report named Wakefern its Retailer of the Year. For more information, please visit [www.Wakefern.com](http://www.Wakefern.com).