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Timikel Sharpe, right, takes over from Bruce Ueno as Metro Café general manager.

Photo by Gayle Anderson



Metro Café's Bruce Ueno Moves to Huntington Library

- Interim Manager Timikel Sharpe Starts Monday

By GAYLE ANDERSON

Things have changed at Metro Café since Bruce Ueno arrived on the scene as general manager in 1999.

The cafeteria has been renovated, brought up to date with new furnishings, equipment and seasonal salad bar. For two summers, employees enjoyed fresh-air Farmer's Markets on the plaza. Of late, there's the new "38th Street" sandwich bar, Starbucks coffee, an espresso machine and a once-a-month visit from a gourmet guest chef.

But, now, Ueno is off to greener pastures, selected by parent company Sodexho to manage the upscale Café and Rose Garden Tea Room, as well as catering services, at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens complex in San Marino.

Timikel Sharpe will take over as interim manager on Monday, presiding over the popular "Soul Food Mondays" that she developed for Sodexho three years ago.

[Metro Café Menu:](#)

This Thursday,
Guest Chef Jean
Luc Chassereau
presents "Chili
Rubbed Salmon"
in a "live
cooking"
demonstration.

No stranger to the finer aspects of dining, Sharpe has 27 years in the business, having managed the cafeteria establishments of ABC Studios, DWP and Wells Fargo in downtown Los Angeles as well as a number of restaurants earlier in her career. "You can expect continued quality here at Metro Café," says Sharpe. "Come Monday, it'll be business as usual."

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