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Wawa Announces Launch Plan for First Alabama Stores

Plans include Grand Opening Event, Festivities and Community Support

Wawa, PA (March 18, 2024) Today, Wawa proudly announced the date of their first official store opening in Alabama as preparations continue to open for business to begin serve the community. Wawa's first store will be located at **18968 Greeno Road, Fairhope with a grand opening date of Thursday, April 25 (8:00 am doors open; 10:00 am ribbon cutting ceremony)**. Next, stores located at 7095 Cottage Hill Road, Mobile, AL and 21022 Hwy 59 Robertsedale, AL will open this summer, with specific dates announced later. During each grand opening event, Wawa will host festivities, ribbon cuttings, announce community partnerships and support for local organizations and celebrate local everyday heroes with its signature "Hoagies for Heroes" initiative.

"We can't wait to open our doors to our new Alabama friends and neighbors and are excited for the chance to offer our new customers our unique brand of fresh food, beverages and convenience," said Robert Yeatts, Sr. Director of Store Operations. "As each location opens, we will further solidify our commitment to providing the community with not only a new level of convenience but a strong, committed community partner."

Overall, Wawa plans to open 7 to 10 stores in the Baldwin County and Mobile markets over the next 3 to 4 years. Once open, each store will employ an average of 35 associates, with Wawa expecting to create hundreds of long-term new jobs as a result of expansion into Baldwin County and Mobile.

About Career Opportunities: Soar with Wawa!

Wawa's expansion plans will create new jobs and career opportunities for those interested in soaring with us as we continue to expand in Alabama. Joining the Wawa team makes you part of a longstanding tradition of success that spans decades, hundreds of stores, multiple states and counting! It's a chance to become part of a family and associate-owned company committed to putting people first, doing the right thing and making every day a little bit brighter for our communities: one hoagie, smile or experience at a time. Wawa associates have a shared stake in our success and own 39% of the company through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). View [career opportunities at Wawa](#). Associates at all levels enjoy career advancement opportunities, a supportive team culture, and strong foundational benefits and rewards that support our team members financially, physically and emotionally. Associates have access to ingredients to build a career, including training and development, educational assistance, and a flexible, welcoming environment that helps everyone soar. The company's expansion plans provide opportunities to join a growing company with significant advancement and growth opportunities and a culture where associates always take the lead in bringing joy to even more new friends and neighbors, building lasting relationships, and supporting their communities through volunteering, charitable giving and events.

About Wawa, Inc.

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, PA in 1902. The milk business was a huge success, due to its quality, cleanliness and "certified" process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960s, Grahame Wood, George's grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 in Pennsylvania as an outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa is your all day, every day stop for freshly prepared foods, beverages, coffee, fuel services and surcharge-free ATMs. Wawa stores are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida and Washington, D.C. with nearly 1,000 locations to date. The stores offer a large fresh foodservice selection, including Wawa brands such as custom prepared hoagies, freshly-brewed coffee, hot breakfast sandwiches, hand-crafted specialty beverages, a dinner menu including burgers and an assortment of soups, sides and snacks. Forbes.com Ranks Wawa as #20 of America's Largest Private Companies, #1 in Convenience Category for America's Best Customer Service by Newsweek, one of Forbes 2023 America's Best Employers for Women and New College Grads.