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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **ASUCLA Restaurants brings Starship Technologies Autonomous Deliveries**

*UCLA Joins Growing List of Campuses to Offer Contactless Delivery, Service available with Bruin Buzz, Southern Lights and Blaze Pizza*

**Westwood, Calif. – January 27, 2021** – You might notice some new friends rolling around UCLA this week. No, they're not Transformers – **they're a new autonomous delivery service**, providing Bruins with a safe, contactless way to receive meals and drinks while on campus. **Thanks to a partnership between ASUCLA Restaurants and Starship Technologies**, food delivery on campus is getting safer – and a lot more interesting!

UCLA joins a growing roster of colleges and universities across the country where Starship delivery robots are available, such as UC Irvine, the University of Mississippi, Arizona State University and Bridgewater University. **Since its launch in 2018, more than 1 million orders have been completed by the delivery robots.**

**UCLA students, faculty and staff can be the envy of their social circles by using Starship's service, starting today, to order on-campus delivery from Blaze Pizza, Bruin Buzz, and Southern Lights.**

"Over the last few years there has been a growing interest for food deliveries on campus, and our new partnership with Starship Technologies has come at the perfect time," said Cindy Bolton, ASUCLA Director of Food Operations. "The new service is an excellent alternative to traditional delivery, especially as we continue to confront the challenges of COVID-19. By using delivery robots, ASUCLA Restaurants can serve more essential workers and students on campus. Plus, robots are fun!"

The introduction of Starship robots comes at a time of increasing interest in the autonomous delivery industry. Contactless delivery continues to be one of the most reliable ways to protect vulnerable populations and enable social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Completing one million deliveries is a milestone that everyone at Starship is celebrating," said Ahti Heinla, co-founder and CEO of Starship Technologies. "What is even more rewarding is how many people and businesses we've been able to help, especially during the pandemic. We're also grateful to see how college campuses have embraced our robots and treat them as a



treasured part of campus life. All of these successes have inspired us, and we're excited about being able to deliver to even more people in 2021 and beyond."

The Starship Food Delivery app is available for download on [iOS](#) and [Android](#). To get started, users can choose from a range of food or drink items offered through ASUCLA Restaurants, then drop a pin where they want their delivery to be sent. They can then watch as the robot makes its journey to them, via an interactive map. Once the robot arrives, they receive an alert, and can then meet and unlock it through the app.

As more students gradually return to campus, more options will be available through the Starship app.

Starship Technologies operates commercially on a daily basis around the world. Its zero-emission robots have travelled millions of miles and make more than 50,000 road crossings every day.

For more on Starship Technologies, visit: <https://www.starship.xyz/follow/>

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#### **About Starship Technologies**

Starship Technologies is revolutionizing deliveries with autonomous robots. The robots are designed to deliver food, groceries and packages locally in minutes. The delivery robots have traveled millions of miles and completed over 1m autonomous deliveries around the world. They drive autonomously but are monitored by humans who can take control at any time. Starship was founded by two Skype co-founders, Ahti Heinla and Janus Friis.

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