



## Dining Services Committee Agenda October 2, 2019

**Upcoming DSC Meetings** – visit [tcnj.sodexomyway.com](http://tcnj.sodexomyway.com) for more information!

- **Dates:** October 16<sup>th</sup>, October 30<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Time:** 2pm – 3pm
- **Location:** Social Sciences Building, Room 223

**BITE App** – Introducing the BITE App! Available to download for FREE from the Apple Store and Google Play, users can now search up menus and nutritional information for The Atrium at Eickhoff and The 1855 Room right from their mobile device! Enter the code **Q6QU6** to find TCNJ in the search results. Let us know what you think!

**Jen Ekelmann:** Has anyone tried the Bite App?

**Student:** I like the Bite App a lot! The fat content program is great, and it is definitely surprising to see what is in everything!

**myDtxt** – Did you know you can text message TCNJ Dining directly for information, questions, or feedback?

- Text “TCNJDining” TO 82257 to opt in for for info, promotions, upcoming events and details on the dining program!  
**We will be sending out highlights for Retail and Eickhoff.**  
**Ben Zingaro:** Is there any student feedback to how often students would like to receive notifications?  
**RHA Rep:** I think I would like to see the information sent out weekly.  
**Giovanna:** I think weekly would be good as well.  
**Student:** I prefer posters actually!
- Text “TCNJRd” TO 82257 followed by your message to contact our Registered Dietitian, Puneet Sethi RDN, directly with any dietary questions or concerns!
- Text “TCNJFamilies” TO 82257 followed by your message to be in the know for everything related to your student's dining!

### Resident Dining

#### 1. The Atrium at Eickhoff

- **Upcoming Events**
  - Blue & Gold Homecoming Luncheon with TCNJ Athletics – Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm  
**The goal of this event is to get everyone excited for Homecoming!**
  - Diwali Dinner with Indian Student Association – Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 9pm
  - Meatless Monday every Monday! Visit our Facebook and Twitter (@TCNJDining) for information highlights on sustainability every Monday!
- **National Food Days**
  - National Taco Day featuring beef, veggie, and chicken tacos at Roscoe’s Tacos with an assortment of special salsas – Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>
  - National Noodle Day featuring a noodle dish at 91.3 Wokery and a pasta salad at 31 North Deli – Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

- National Sausage Pizza Day featuring sausage pizza at Ceva Pizza – Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>
- National Dessert Day featuring homemade desserts at Bliss Bakery – Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

The Retail team will be working with the Marketing team to spread the word and highlight Dessert Day!

## 2. The 1855 Room

- CityScapes: Denver, Colorado – Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2pm
  - Caesar Salad Toss Action Station – Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2pm
- Students are more than welcome to eat in The 1855 Room! It is a quiet area to sit down and eat. While they do not accept Meal Equivalency at this time, they do accept meal plan points and Get-It points. Thursday will be featuring Soul Food and Friday will be featuring Hungarian cuisine!

## Retail Dining

### 1. The Lions Den

- National Sausage Pizza Day featuring sausage pizza – Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

### 2. Fresh Pride Cafe

- It's a Breakfast Morning! 7:30am – 10:30am | Buy any sized coffee, get a Mindful Muffin 50% off!
- Cold Brew is now available! Any feedback?

### 3. Education Cafe

- Specialty wraps at Education Café are available as a full wrap or a half wrap! Make it a combo! Add a side salad for **\$2.79** or hot soup for **\$2.69**!
- Save **\$0.20** when you fill your 12oz – 20oz hot mug!

### 4. The Library Cafe

- There has been a change to the Spread of the Month at The Library Café – Pumpkin Pie Spice cream cheese will be available for the month of September.
- Coffee Hour | 7pm – 9pm | Daily | Buy any sized coffee, get a bakery item 50% off!
- Save **\$0.20** when you fill your 12oz – 20oz hot mug!

### 5. STEM Forum Café

Coffee Hour | 3pm – 5pm | Monday – Friday | Buy any sized coffee, get a bakery item 50% off!

It's a Breakfast Morning! 7:30am – 10:30am

- Enjoy a breakfast sandwich (egg, cheese, meat) and any size coffee for **\$5.39 (over \$0.50 in savings!)**
- Enjoy a breakfast sandwich (egg and cheese) and any size coffee for **\$4.39 (over \$0.50 in savings!)**

### 6. Traditions

- National Taco Day featuring fish tacos – Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>
- National Dessert Day – Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- National Pasta Day featuring pasta specials – Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Limited Time Offers!

The Fresh Guacamole special ends on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Fall Salmon Salad | September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 11<sup>th</sup> | Traditions | **\$10.99**
- Caramel Apple Bread Pudding | October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> | Traditions | **\$5.99**
- Football Special
  - Monday & Thursday – 6pm to Close
  - Sunday – 2pm to Close

- Buy one appetizer, get another ½ off!
- Traditions Weekly Schedule
  - Monday – Football Special
  - **Tuesday – Trivia Night is here!! Trivia nights at Traditions will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup> and continue weekly until December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that Trivia Night will not be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> during Thanksgiving week.**
    - October 8<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>
    - November 5<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup>
    - December 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Wednesday – Dining in the Dark | Every first Wednesday of the month | Collectible buttons are available!
  - Thursday – Football Special available 6pm – 10pm
  - Friday – Pasta Fridays are back! Enjoy one of two pasta specials every Friday! **\$5.99**
    - Will be on a weekly rotation – spaghetti & marinara, penne & marinara. The shareable jumbo meatball will be available every week for **\$3.99**
- Roscoe’s Hour – buy an entrée and enjoy an appetizer 50% off! Available 3pm – 6pm, Monday – Friday.

## 7. TDubs Dining

- National Taco Day featuring Taco Tuesday specials – Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Students can get a FREE t-shirt with the purchase of a taco special on this day!**
- National Sausage Pizza Day featuring sausage pizza – Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>
- National Dessert Day – Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- New Football Specials
  - Pizza & Wings Combo – One cheese pizza with 1 topping, 12 wings with carrots, celery, & bleu cheese, and five 20oz sodas of your choice | **\$23.19 (over \$11 in savings!)** All our pizzas are made with fresh dough!
  - Wicked Wings Platter – 24 wings with carrots, celery, & bleu cheese | **\$21.09 (over \$3 in savings!)**
- TDubs Weekly Schedule
  - Monday – Football Special, Gyros at TDubs Grill
  - Tuesday – Taco Tuesday at TDubs Mexican
    - Two tacos & nachos **\$8.99**
    - Two tacos & chips with sour cream, guacamole, and salsa **\$6.19**
  - Wednesday – Food & Fun Night, S’mores Wrap at TDubs Mexican
  - Thursday – Football Special, Sausage Sandwich at TDubs Grill
  - Friday – Chicken & Waffles at TDubs Grill
  - Saturday – Football Special, Waffle Sundae at TDubs Bakery
  - Sunday – Football Special
- Cold Brew is now available! Any feedback?
- **NEW!** Whole pizza pies are available to order at TDubs! Great to share with friends and roommates! Enjoy it at TDubs, bring it outside to a picnic table, or enjoy movie night in your room! Order forms are available to place your order. Loyalty cards coming soon!
  - Cheese Pizza **\$10.59**
  - Meat Toppings **\$1.99**
  - Vegetable Toppings **\$0.99**

## Dietitian’s Events

- Mindful Moments – Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm in Brower Student Center
- Mindful Moments – Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm in Brower Student Center

## Sustainability

- TCNJ Dining Services will be hosting monthly sustainability tabling's in The Atrium at Eickhoff and the Brower Student Center to educate the campus community on a number of different sustainability topics and how we can play our part in protecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint! Topics will range from water conservation, energy conservation, food waste, and more!
- Our next tabling's will be on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in The Atrium at Eickhoff and Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Brower Student Center from 11am to 1pm.  
 The next tabling event will be regarding plastic bag usage and the negative effects of overuse on our environment. We will discuss ways that they can be reused and recycled as well. The week of October 14<sup>h</sup> we will be giving out reusable bags to students on a meal plan.

**TCNJ Catering**

- All students and student groups are eligible for 20% off their food orders through TCNJ Catering – great for meetings, events, socials and more!

**Question & Answer** – We invite students, faculty, and staff to share any comments, concerns, or suggestions they may have – what they would like to see in one of the dining locations, etc.

**Open Business 10/2/2019**

Date	Issue	Response	Results
10/2/2019	<b>Giovanna:</b> Who can I speak to about sustainable ideas? I want to try to implement composting. I was also wondering if you could describe your food waste policies as well as where the leftover food goes?	Thank you for your concern.	<b>Chef Tony:</b> At this time, food waste is being discarded, although we do recycle. Composting requires a variety of special equipment that we do not currently have. Sodexo does not currently pay to discard the waste, whereas TCNJ does. It has been brought up several times to try and compost. The current waste disposal company may not have the capacity, or the cost is prohibitive on TCNJ. The township may also be what is prohibiting composting. <b>Ben Zingaro:</b> I have spoken to the General Manager and to others about it. I will follow up and we can continue this conversation with more details at the next DSC meeting.
10/2/2019	<b>Student:</b> Is there any donation programs in place by Sodexo?	Thank you for your inquiry!	<b>Chef Tony:</b> Most of the produce we get is cut by the provider and as such there is not much leftover food. Our cooks are instructed to cook in a manner that reduces excess food so that there is not a lot of leftover food. Safety protocols are in place for the health of the consumers and usually prevent us from donating food due to conditions such as special refrigeration, storage, etc. Sodexo does make charitable donations with less fragile food such as iced tea after Commencement and even with the recent water crisis. We will be donating the water and the juice that we obtained. Food is prepped in batches so there is ideally not extra food. Sodexo is big on food production in front of the people consuming it. Our kitchen team works hard to make sure they are not over preparing.

			In the past we have also worked with student organizations to perform a Plate Scrape in Eickhoff, which is where all the wasted food is collected and weighed to raise student awareness on their waste. We also do not use trays to help reduce food waste and water consumption. We would love to chat more about solutions to reduce food water!
10/2/2019	<b>RHA Representative:</b> We have been getting compliments regarding the Dining Services staff!	Thank you for your feedback!	No further action is required.
10/2/2019	<b>RHA Representative:</b> There are fruit flies near the beverage dispensers in Eickhoff.	Thank you for your concern.	The Eickhoff team will look into this issue.
10/2/2019	<b>RHA Representative:</b> The beverage station runs out of ice and condiment station runs out of food.	Thank you for your concern.	The Eickhoff team will keep an eye and try to refill these stations more periodically. Please feel free to get a manager and these items will be replenished on the spot.
10/2/2019	<b>RHA Representative:</b> The toaster was acting weird.	Thank you for your concern.	Unfortunately, the toasters do break and we recently had one fixed. We deployed a loaner toaster for a brief period of time but now we have the toaster back and it is operational!
10/2/2019	<b>RHA Representative:</b> What happens to all of the plastic waste when the dish washer breaks?	Thank you for your question.	<b>Chef Tony:</b> All of the plastic plates do get recycled.
10/2/2019	<b>SG Representative:</b> Students are excited about Trivia Night.	Thank you for your feedback!	No further action is required.
10/2/2019	<b>SG Representative:</b> Students were impressed with your response to the water issue!	Thank you for your feedback!	No further action is required.

**Resolved Business 9/18/2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Results</b>
9/18/2019	<b>Ben Zingaro:</b> Does anyone have any ideas as to how we can better reach the student body?	Thank you for raising this concern.	<b>Ariel Steinaltz:</b> Most students are unaware that Dining Services Committee meetings exist. We could try to advertise these meetings more. I found out through a school project last year and I was on the email list for this year already. Most students do not check their email in my opinion so I think social media would be best. I use Instagram the most. Advertising the free samples may also help. <b>AJ of Residence Hall Association:</b> I like to read the posters across campus, as I do not use social media. <b>Mallory of Student Government:</b> I found out about this meeting as I am the representative for SG. I will be talking about this meeting and

			giving highlights to the rest of Student Government after this meeting. Moving forward, we hope to have a representative from Staff Senate attending these meetings. We hope everyone can come back with feedback and we can discuss further next meeting.
9/18/2019	<b>Brian Lawton:</b> For Homecoming, Traditions will be handing out different treats and prizes. A magnet with the Traditions logo was handed out. Sealed envelopes with a prize inside of them will be handed out during Spirit Week. The envelopes can be opened the following week by either myself or Jen. Students can win free meals, gift cards, and more! Come hangout in Traditions!	Thank you for sharing this information.	No further action required.
9/18/2019	<b>Ariel Steinaltz:</b> I was recently charged for water at The Lions Den, why is this the case?	Thank you for sharing your concern.	<b>Jen Ekelmann:</b> I will follow up with The Lions Den staff and re-train them on this matter. Please do not hesitate to speak with a manager should this occur again, they will be happy to correct the situation on the spot.
9/18/2019	<b>AJ of RHA:</b> During dinner hours at The Atrium at Eickhoff, there tends to be little to no ice available in the soda dispensers.	Thank you for raising this concern.	The Eickhoff team will look into this situation.
9/18/2019	<b>AJ of RHA:</b> The chicken pizza at The Lions Den, the pork chops at The Atrium at Eickhoff, and SubConnection overall have been getting great reviews from students!	Thank you for sharing your feedback.	No further action needed.
9/18/2019	<b>AJ of RHA:</b> I ran into a girl with a gluten allergy and she did not know that there was a gluten-free zone for her in the dining hall.	Thank you for sharing this concern.	We are pushing for students with dietary restrictions to get in contact with Puneet or Anne, our registered Dietitians, as this will give them a personalized experience and showcase all of their dietary options. Students are invited to talk to managers in Eickhoff as well and they will happily help them navigate through their options.
9/18/2019	<b>Ben Zingaro:</b> Jen and I are working on a schedule for our samplings at the future Dining Services Committee meetings!	Thank you for sharing your feedback.	No further action required.

Date	Issue	Response	Results
9/4/2019	<b>AJ of Residence Hall Association (RHA):</b> There have been positive reviews regarding the Lemon Water available in The Atrium at Eickhoff.	Thank you for sharing your feedback.	No further action needed.
9/4/2019	<b>AJ of RHA:</b> Students are excited about all the new changes happening to The Atrium at Eickhoff.	Thank you for sharing your feedback.	No further action needed.
9/4/2019	<b>Chef Frank:</b> We have samples available featuring the Oreo Sweetshot if you'd like to try them out and let us know what you think!	Thank you for sharing your feedback.	No further action needed.