



# DINING SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014



- Events/Promotions

- Mindful Mile: Every Monday
  - Join Aliz Holzman, TCNJ Dining's Registered Dietitian, for a mile walk around campus. While you get in some stress-relieving and energy-boosting exercise, you can ask Aliz questions about healthy eating. Take a selfie with Aliz and post it to Instagram with "#mindfultcnj" to be entered into a monthly contest for cool prizes!
- Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>- Chef Spotlight Series: Jackie Baldassari- 1855 Room- 11:30 am -2 pm



- Catering Chef Jacqueline Baldassari presents "Greek Isles"
- Chef Jackie comes from a long line of restaurateurs, gaining her first experience in restaurants owned by her grandfather, father and other family members. In the beginning, Jackie only worked in front-of-the-house positions, until one day when the kitchen at Rat's in Hamilton, NJ was short and needed an extra hand. This is where Jackie's obsession with food began and she has never left the kitchen since that day. Jackie has worked at some of New Jersey's premier restaurants and golf clubs, and has been a chef-testant



Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>- Flavors of Fall- The Atrium at Eickhoff- 11 am – 2pm

- Come out and enjoy the flavors of fall such as squash, apples and pumpkins as we present our first upscale theme meal of the semester!

Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>- Mid Semester Break

- Check our website and social media outlets for changes in hours of operation.



- Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>- Surveys Begin
- Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>- Stop Hunger Food Drive
  - Donate nonperishable items in the Atrium at Eickhoff (Larry's Side) during this time. All proceeds will go to Mercer Street Friends Food Bank in Trenton, NJ.
- Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>- Diwali, Festival of Lights- The Atrium at Eickhoff- 4pm-9pm

- Join Dining Services and the Indian Student Association as we celebrate Diwali, The Festival of Lights. Enjoy Indian inspired foods and favorite dishes and learn all about the festival of lights!
  - Wednesday, October 22nd – 2pm – Brower Student Center Room 206 - Dining Services Committee Meeting
- Hispanic Heritage Dinner Feedback
  - *Jen: I heard great things about the event throughout the night. Students were ranting and raving about how delicious all of the items were and they really enjoyed the plantain lasagna that was offered at Ceva Pasta.*
- Eickhoff Hours:
  - Update from Brian
    - *We were able to get the line of students in at 7:30am in under 3 minutes by adding the supervisor to the other line! When we looked at the data there is not a significant increase in numbers during 7:30 am and 7:45 am. Last year the number of students coming into Eickhoff from 7:45 am – 8:00 am was higher than it is this year.*
- Renaming Zebi:
  - Options:
    - Fit Cubs
    - Fresh Pride
      - *Student Government Representative Nicole was going to speak to the group and get back to us on their decision.*
- DSC Staff Member of the Week/Month
  - Keep an eye out for stellar service from our staff members and have nominations for next meeting.
    - *Q'Shawn from the Eickhoff dish room does an amazing job in the back of the house. He jumps in whenever needed and improves morale!*
- Comments from students
  - *I just wanted to say that the food from Quimby's Kitchen on Spanish Heritage night was delicious! The selection was great and the quality was especially good. It would be great to do something like this once a month!*
  - *Red skin mashed potatoes are much better than the regular mashed potatoes. Eve and Dante are excellent workers.*

- *Response: We are so happy that you enjoyed the mashed potatoes. We will try and incorporate them more often into the rotation. We will make sure to pass the compliment on to Eve and Dante. We are so glad to hear they are doing an excellent job!*
  - Hi one of my friends was complaining that he found a piece of paper in his potatoes. However, he is too shy to comment. Another one of my friends found a bee in his salad the other day which appears to be a recurring problem in Eickhoff. It is a concern of mine due to the health of my family and friends and I hope the issue is fixed soon.
    - *Response: Our produce comes from an outside vendor who cuts, cleans and bundles the produce for travel. During this process, insects can be missed and will sometimes end up in the finished product.*
- Open Forum:
  - There were some item identifiers missing in both retail and resident dining. Please fix this.
    - *Brian: We will address this situation right away and we are sorry for this.*
  - Lauren:
    - We welcome back some of the T-Dubs favorites such as Mozzarella Sticks and now the T-Dubs Burger in the Lions Den. The Mexican line will also make a comeback from 6pm-1am on the salad bar in the near future.
  - Jen:
    - If you have any problems or your friends have problems please bring them to our attention as they are happening so we can address the problem immediately.
  - Nicole: Student Government
    - Is there any way that we can increase school spirit? Could the soccer team or any other team come to you and have cupcakes out and some balloons before a big game?
      - *Brian: Of course they can. Just have them reach out to us a few days ahead of time and we can work with them.*
  - Jeff: Dean of Education
    - Unity Week was great! I know that a lot of people really enjoyed it!

- Vegetarian soups need to be addressed. Right now they are all cream of ... we need to bring in some broth based soups.
- Vegetarian Options at Ceva Pasta need to be increased. There are so many proteins that vegetarians are missing that can be incorporated into this area.
  - Brian: for the next meeting we are going to come up with more options and compare them to what we have now and talk about what can be changed/ added
- Karen:
  - Unity Week turned out great and I think that it was well received from staff members.
  - Chef Spotlight Series is a new program in the 1855 Room where students and staff get to see one of our chefs in action. Chef Jackie is amazing and we cannot wait to see what she has in store for us.
  - There has been no vanilla ice cream in Eickhoff for the past week.
    - Brian: We will look into this.
  - Discussed the renovations in T-Dubs and how it is progressing.