

Fall Dining Update

Dear Students,

As we look to the coming academic year, we would like to update you on Dining Services.

Last year, we found ways to adapt and improve. We used social media to stay connected, hosted countless, fun Pop-Up events, and launched mobile ordering at The Pub.

We're taking what we've learned and applying it to Dining Services for the coming academic year. This year and going forward, environmental sustainability will be an area of greater focus. We know that DelVal students care about the environmental impacts of campus. With that in mind, we're making changes to allow us to serve DelVal students in a more environmentally sustainable way. We're also launching some new options for students. You can look forward to the following dining options for the fall:

Take It To-Go: Reusable Container Program

Last year, social distancing guidelines required us to offer many Grab & Go meals in disposable containers. While convenient, we quickly saw the negative impact of using so many disposable containers. Many students expressed concern about this in our End of Year Dining Feedback Survey. We will not be bringing back Grab & Go. Instead, we will offer reusable Green To-Go Containers for students who want to pack up their meals. The reusable containers will be available at the cashier station.

We're offering the reusable Green To-Go Containers for take-out meals from Levin Dining Hall. You'll have the convenience of taking your meal outside, to work, or back to your residence hall room (they will comfortably fit in your residence hall room fridge).

New Levin Dining Hall Hours

We gained a better understanding of students' dining patterns, and also the environmental impacts of 24-hour service in Levin Dining Hall. We have decided not to bring back 24/7 service to be mindful of the energy resources we utilize. We will continue to offer popular and fun after-hours events like Late Night Breakfast throughout the school year! The new Levin Dining Hall hours will be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Meal Equivalency: We're adding a new option for students at The Pub!

We're adding a new option that will offer the flexibility to use The Pub for meal equivalency! Parkhurst is adding Meal Equivalency to The Pub sometime this fall! This is a new concept we'll be trying out and we're excited to see if it will be a permanent fit for our Aggies. Think of Meal Equivalency as a daily, \$7.00 "credit" that will be applied to your Student Meal Plan account from the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Pub.

You can spend it on anything in The Pub, and any amount exceeding the \$7.00 Meal Equivalency can be paid for with a second tender. For example: if your meal total is \$8.25, the

\$7.00 Meal Equivalency will be applied and the remaining \$1.25 can be paid for with Flex, RAM, credit card, or cash for in-store purchases. We will also have the option available on mobile ordering during the allotted hours, but payment options will be MP, flex, or ram (no credit cards).

Flex Kitchen

Also coming to The Pub some time in Fall 2021: Flex Kitchen! A Pop-Up kitchen featuring rotating menus. You'll be able to vote on concepts and featured cuisines on our Instagram, so be sure to give us a follow @diningdelval!

Mobile Ordering at Starbucks

Due to low traffic, we've made the hard decision to permanently close the LSB Starbucks, but are committed to ensuring our campus is properly caffeinated. The Levin Dining Hall Starbucks will remain open, and will begin offering mobile ordering this fall. Order your favorite refreshers and lattes ahead of time with the Transact app and skip the line. Do you have the Unlimited Starbucks option with your Unlimited Standard Plan? No problem! Transact accepts the Unlimited Standard Plans in addition to Flex and Ram credit.

If you have any questions, we're happy to help!

If you have feedback or suggestions for menu items or events, please reach out to Joe Fryday from Parkhurst at Joe.Fryday@delval.edu! For general questions about dining options and plans, please reach out to communications@delval.edu.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing everyone on campus this fall!

Best,

Parkhurst Dining

