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UC San Diego Named One of Best Colleges for Food in U.S.



The University of California, San Diego has been named among the best colleges for food in the United States, according to the Daily Meal website, which nationally covers food and drink topics. UC San Diego came in 19th place in the website’s list of the [“75 Best Colleges for Food in America.”](#)

The Daily Meal compiled its list by looking at approximately 2,000 four-year colleges across the United States. Criteria included sustainability and access to healthy food for students, as well as the food scene of the area surrounding a campus—all categories in which UC San Diego earned high marks.

“It’s an honor to be acknowledged for the services we offer to our students,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “Our Housing, Dining and Hospitality office works in collaboration with Academic Affairs and Student Affairs to provide an integration of services and programs that help make UC San Diego an exceptional place and a student-centered university.”

UC San Diego was included in the list for its efforts to improve taste, nutrition and community through its dining programs, and initiatives that offer educational, food-centered events on campus.

“Housing, Dining and Hospitality is very proud to have been acknowledged for our efforts, noting that we also have one of the lowest meal plan costs of the top 20 campuses listed,” said Mark Cunningham, UC San Diego’s assistant vice



chancellor for Housing, Dining and Hospitality. “It is our goal to continue to offer students dynamic dining options at an affordable price. We are also dedicated to providing healthy and sustainable food items.”

The campus’s high ranking is attributed to the professionally-trained chefs on campus and dining programs that have won awards for quality and taste. Housing and Dining and Hospitality has certified executive chefs, certified chef de cuisines as well as a registered dietician on staff, all of whom help provide quality and nutritious food items to students on a consistent basis.

Students on campus also have the opportunity to buy a variety of locally grown and organic produce, as well as vegetarian and vegan items. The campus is home to ROOTS, an all vegan eatery located in the Muir College neighborhood. In addition, the university hosts themed food fairs for students throughout the year, including the Chocolate Festival at Sixth College.

This fall, students will have even more dining options with the grand opening the new dining hall, 64 Degrees, located in the Revelle College neighborhood. The eatery, named by current students, pays homage to both Revelle College’s first undergraduate class, which started in 1964, and the average ocean temperature in La Jolla.

For more information on UC San Diego Housing, Dining and Hospitality, go to:
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