# Eat a Plant, Save the Planet!

A campus-wide health and sustainability promotion of plant-based diets.



Use this brochure to learn more about plant-based meals and discover where plant-based options are available on campus and in West Chester!

#### What is a plant-based diet?

A plant-based starts is rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains and includes vegan and vegetarian diets and lifestyles. Eating plant-based allows for flexibility: you can still eat animal products but make it a goal to eat mostly plant-based foods. Choosing to eat a healthy, plant-based still allows for many delicious options including:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Nuts
- Seeds
- Beans
- Legumes
- Whole grains
- Plant-based oils

#### What are the health benefits?

Plant-based diets can lower blood pressure and cholesterol, lower risk for heart disease and other chronic disease, and contribute to overall good health.

Eating a healthy diet rich in plant-based foods can decrease the amount of processed foods, saturated fats, and refined sugars consumed.

# *Is it more environmentally sustainable to eat plant-based?*

Growing animal products uses more land, water, energy and produces more greenhouse gases than plant-based foods. Plant-based diets promote clean water and air, biodiversity (the variety of life in a particular region or ecosystem), and supports healthy, nutrient-rich soils.

#### Where do I begin?

Eating plant-based may seem daunting at first but it includes delicious and nutritious meals. Here are a few tips to start:

- **Practice not perfection.** Slowly make changes and incorporate plant-based meals into your diet.
- Start small. Choose to eat plant-based once a week in the beginning and then increase. Join the WCU campus for Eat a Plant, Save the Planet Monday and replace one meat-based meal with plant-based foods.
- Get creative: eating plant-based does not mean choosing a salad for every meal. Try options that are naturally plant-based like: pasta, breads, nut butters, tofu and tempeh, lentils, and falafel.

For more information and a virtual map of plantbased options in West Chester, visit <u>https://arcg.is/1WrajG</u>

For more information on plant-based diets visit:

https://www.wcupa.edu/Sustainability/eataplant. aspx

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## Plant-Based Options West Chester, PA, 2025

Explore the colorful flavors of West Chester, PA at local restaurants serving vegan, vegetarian, and plant-based dishes.

## West Chester Borough

(shown on map)

- Barnaby's 15 S High St Cranberry Pecan Salad, Tuscan Margherita
- 2. Jaco Juice and Taco 8 W Gay St Breakfast Veggie Quesadilla, Acai Bowl
- **3.** La Tartine 109 W Gay St Acai Bowls; Falafel Wrap; Spinach, Tomato, & Feta Crepe
- 4. Love Again Local 18 S Church St Classic Reuban (v), Grilled Cheese Panini (v)
- 5. Playa Bowls 22 S High St Power Acai Bowl, Green Power Bowl
- 6. Saloon 151 151 W Gay St Veggie hummus, Caprese Portabella
- 7. Shawarma Kebab 38 E Market St Greek Salad, Falafel Pita Combo
- 8. Side Bar 10 E Gay St Veggie Eggs Benedict, Hummus Wrap
- 9. Slow Hand 30 N Church St Honey Yogurt Parfait, Pimento Grilled Cheese
- **10. Stove & Tap –** 158 W Gay St Fried Brussel Sprouts / Zucchini, Squash & Goat cheese Flatbread
- **11. The Couch Tomato** 31 W Gay St Atomic Veggie Sandwich, Harvest Grain Bowl

\*\*Availability of dishes, meal, & food venues are subject to change

#### WCU Campus (not on map) Wild Blue Sushi – Sykes Student Union (California Roll) Einstein Bros. Bagel – Lawrence Center (Avocado Toast) Sandwich Shack – Sykes Student Union (Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich)

#### The Commons Dining Hall -

(Vegan Kung Pao Chick'n & Kale) **P.O.D. at Main Hall** – 720 S High St (Salads, Granola bars, Veggie Snacks) **Village P.O.D**. – 181 Carey Drive (Fruit, Veggie Snack Pack, Salads) **Twisted Taco** – 701 S High St (Big Jake Bowl)

