Columbia’s campus dining was recently judged by the Daily Meal to be the best in American higher education. The popular food website annually surveys more than two thousand colleges and ranks their dining halls based on the quality and variety of their offerings, their sustainability practices, and the community-building events they organize. The site’s editors praised Columbia’s chefs for “consistently proving to their students that the 600 menu items served on campus daily are just as good as, if not better than, anything else New York City has to offer.” They also noted that more than half the food served in Columbia’s dining halls is locally sourced, that a registered dietitian is available for one-on-one consultations with students, and that the University makes significant donations to food pantries.

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