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## **Inclusive Dining**

After years of sending chocolate-laden care packages to my daughter in China, I started thinking about the role culture plays in determining our food choices. While my daughter feels at home every time she opens a candy bar, her friend from Hawaii turns to Spam musubi.

When it comes to campus dining, it's just as important to meet students' emotional needs as it is their nutritional needs. By giving your guests a taste of home, you make them feel more comfortable on campus while demonstrating your commitment to inclusion.

It's no surprise that this approach has been proven to increase student engagement. At East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania the international dinners have become so successful the entire campus turns out for them. The events have given commuter students an opportunity to participate while giving the international students a venue to share.

Interested in becoming a more inclusive facility? Then take a look at our links below, which offers a comprehensive overview of foods, celebrations and cultural information from the countries which frequently send students to the United States. We can also send you case studies of successful country-specific celebrations as a little inspiration for your next dining hall event and don't forget to share your photos and recipes with us!

### **Need more support? Tabletop Solution offers the following**

1. Comprehensive contract writing with specific language regarding dining inclusion.
2. A twelve month calendar with cultural events and holidays.
3. On-site training with experienced culinarian.
4. Multilingual focus group leaders.