# Daily Root a plant-based menu

### WHAT IS THE DAILY ROOT?

The Daily Root is a plant-based/vegan menu that has been incorporated into the three Residential Restaurants across campus.

You don't have to be vegan to enjoy these delicious (and nutritious) options!

# **Breakfast**

- **The Daily Root Selections:** Hot vegan sauté at omelet station, spiced breakfast quinoa fresh-baked vegan selection.
- Salad Bar: Seasonal fruit including fresh cut melon, pineapple, strawberries, and other whole fruit
- Other: Select whole-grain breakfast cereal, old-fashioned oatmeal, toast, bagels, or English muffins with peanut butter/margarine/jam, 100% juice, soy milk, rice milk.

### **Lunch & Dinner**

- The Daily Root Selections: Complete vegan meal solutions.
- **Deli:** Create your own vegan sandwich, wrap, or panini with hummus and fresh vegetables from the deli and salad bar.
- **Comfort/Expo/International Stations:** Check daily for vegan offerings, such as steamed vegetables, assorted rice dishes. Curious if an entrée or side can be made vegan? Just ask!
- **Salad Bar:** Customize a salad with fresh spinach or romaine lettuce, raw vegetables, beans and fruit. Top it off with oil and vinegar or balsamic vinaigrette.
- Soup: At least one vegan soup option available daily.
- Desserts: Vegan desserts offered daily.

# **Benefits of Eating a Plant-Based Diet:**

- Eating more wholesome, plant-based foods can help prevent heart disease, certain cancers, and the development of type II diabetes.
- Plant-based foods are usually higher in fiber, vitamins, and minerals to improve bowel function and contribute to an overall nutrient-rich diet.
- Going meatless just one day a week positively affects the environment by helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG).

## **Think Outside the Station!**

Want to mix up your meals? Feel free to get creative with offerings from every station! Here are some examples to mix and match your plate.

- **Hummus Veggie Wrap:** tortilla (deli) + hummus (deli) + romaine lettuce, spinach, and choice of vegetables (salad bar and stir-fry) + choice of dressing + crunchy toppings (salad bar)
- Toasted PB & Banana Sandwich: toasted whole wheat bread (deli) + peanut butter + banana slices
- **Spinach Grain Bowl:** spinach + quinoa + choice of vegetables + dressing or sauces + crunchy toppings (salad bar) + brown rice (worry free zone) stir and enjoy.
- Mexican Wraps: tortilla(deli) + rice (worry free zone) + beans + veggies + salsa + hot sauce (salad bar)

# **Achieving a Well-Balanced Diet**

According to the American Dietetic Association, a well-balanced diet for vegans includes:

Food Group	Daily Servings
Whole grains	6
Legumes, nuts & seeds	5
Vegetables	4
Fruits	2
Healthy fats & oils	2