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Oakland earns 'A' grade for vegan dining offerings

Oakland University, and food service partner Chartwells Higher Education Dining Services, have been notified by [peta2](#), that the school has earned an "A" letter grade on the group's fall 2017 [Vegan Report Card](#).

"This is good news," said Oakland University's Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer Glenn McIntosh. "There has been an intentional effort to provide diverse food options for our campus community."

This year, more than 1,400 universities across the U.S. were surveyed and 70 percent now offer at least one vegan option on their dining hall menu, and 19 percent now have all-vegan dining stations - by comparison with just nine percent just a year ago, according to [peta2](#) statistics.

"We have added many new vegan offerings on campus," said Resident District Manager of Chartwells Mark McCormic. "Our team has worked hard to meet the dining needs of our students and it is extremely rewarding to see how far we have come with this new recognition from [peta2](#)."

An email from Hannah Kinder, college outreach coordinator at [peta2](#), thanked food service leaders at Oakland for offering "cruelty-free dir options to students and making sure that Oakland University is on the forefront of this shift toward more sustainable, healthy, and vegan f options."

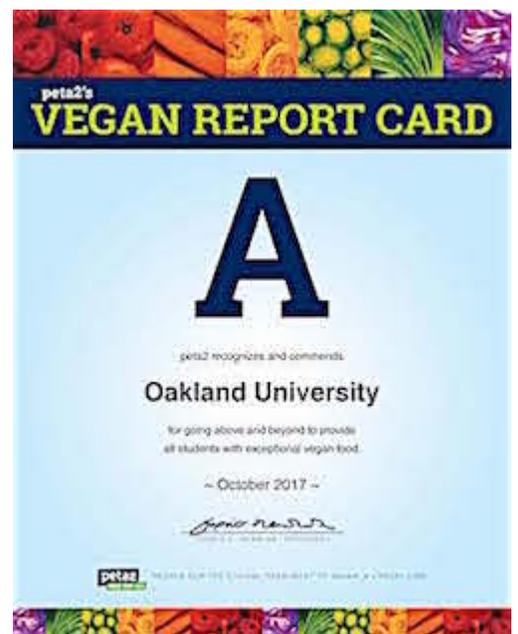
In a message to Oakland students on Facebook after the learning the news, Chartwells posted: "We are so incredibly honored to announce that we've been awarded an "A" report card from [peta2](#) for our Vegan options on campus! This would not be possible without the help of wonderful students and staff, supporting us and providing us with their feedback about our menus and their diets. We cannot thank you a enough for helping to push us to be the best we can possibly be! We look forward to continued growth, both in food and our relationships all of you. Thanks again!"



This student checks out some of the many vegan offerings at the Vandenberg Ha dining hall.



Resident District Manager of Chartwells Mark McCormic shows off the vegan black bean



Peta Report Card gives Oakland Univer on "A"

burger that is always available upon request at Vandenberg Dining Hall.



Vegan dining options are clearly marked at stations all around the dining facility

About peta2:

Peta2, the youth group of PETA, launched in 2002 and is the largest youth animal rights group in the world. There are millions of peta2 members and supporters around the world who have taken action to help animals and make our world a kinder place for all beings. About percent of Americans now identify as vegan - a six-fold growth in three short years.