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Best Places to eat around William Paterson Campus

Whether you're craving Chinese, pining for pizza, or coveting coffee, the area around William Paterson campus has you covered.

Take two right turns out of the parking lot near the library, and you'll find Brother Bruno's Pizza, Deli, and Bagels (200 Hamburg Turnpike), where you can grab a quick slice on your lunch break – without being late to class.

The pizzeria, open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, is unique for its dessert pizzas.

"I've tried their regular pizza, which is amazing, but I have not tried their dessert pizza yet, but I am definitely going to try it," said Janelle Sanz, a public relations major at William Paterson.

Bruno's is also active on social media, with 17,900 followers on its Instagram account, brotherbrunopizzadeliandbagel, and a Snapchat, BrotherBruno, with stories that will make your mouth water. Their specialities are high-calorie but orgasmic dessert pizzas, which include birthday cake, red velvet, smores, and nutella.

When you get sick of pizza – if anyone ever does – head across the street to Kevin Lin's Chinese Restaurant (163 Hamburg Turnpike), open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays.

Kevin Lin's offers standard Chinese cuisine and specialties such as Dragon & Phoenix, which mixes General Tso's chicken and shrimp with mixed vegetables, and Four Seasons, a melange of lobster, jumbo shrimp, chicken, and roasted pork with vegetables. Better yet, you can order online, where the menu warns diners of spicier selections.

But pizza and lo mein won't get you through late nights during finals week. To keep yourself from falling asleep in class, Starbucks has locations both on campus, in the Machuga Student Center, and off campus, at 183 Hamburg Turnpike.

Beloved by students for its free Wi-Fi and its fall-favorite pumpkin spice latte, both Starbucks are open in time to down some caffeine before those early morning lectures. Their doors open 7 a.m. at Machuga and 5 a.m. on Hamburg Turnpike.

The off-campus location provides visitors with a spacious interior, small outdoor seating area, and a drive-thru that is especially appreciated in the harsh winter months.

“I have been to this Starbucks before and after class and the location is so convenient, especially when you have an 8 a.m. class and haven’t had coffee yet,” said Gina Dipasquale, a sociology major at William Paterson.

Besides Starbucks, the campus includes many other restaurants where students can stop between classes. Among the newer additions to University Hall is Einstein Bros. Bagels, which offers asiago bagels and wraps with eggs, sauteed mushrooms, and spinach.

In fact, it’s so new that some students still haven’t tried it.

“I didn’t even know there was a bagel place on campus,” said Nicole Stanel, an early childhood education major. “I’ll have to try the bagels from there next time.”

If you are looking for a sit-down restaurant, William Paterson’s take on upscale dining is the Campus Restaurant on the second floor of Wayne Hall. Open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., the eatery varies its menu daily, with ever-changing arrays of burgers and salads.