TASTE OF WACO

Baylor brings food trucks to campus to support small businesses

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has affected all aspects of life, but the strict social distancing guidelines made the greatest impact on small businesses, which were forced to close down for months in order to protect the health and safety of their employees and customers. Many Baylor students also decided not to return to campus and continue with online instruction, which has left many Waco businesses at a loss. In an effort to support local small businesses, the university partnered up with Baylor Dining Services to bring food trucks from all over the city to campus.

"I think that Baylor is doing this to boost support for local businesses in lieu of the economic effects caused by the pandemic, Salisbury, Mass., junior Britney Somaiy said. "For businesses who've suffered financial losses due to social distancing over the last few months, I believe this is a great way to bridge this gap."

Many students have taken advantage of the opportunity to try out new places during this time, especially since the food trucks are conveniently located at Fountain Mall.

"I love Waco Cha and I was so excited to see that they brought their food truck to Baylor," Montgomery senior Lacey Barnes said. "It is easier to walk to Fountain Mall than to drive all the way to their permanent location, and I am able to use the COVID-19 testing vouchers when purchasing food from the food truck."

Supporting the local economy is something many students are excited about, and bringing students' most loved places close to campus makes this easier than ever before.

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WACO LIFE

FOOD TRUCK BUCKET LIST

Popular local food trucks serve Baylor students on campus

"CHURROS TIME is DEFINITELY MY FAVORITE FOOD TRUCK. I ALWAYS GO HERE IF I CRAVE SOMETHING SWEET."

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Portland, Ore., freshman

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