



Thanksgiving Unity Dinner Report

OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC TRANSITIONS

November 25, 2021, 12:00PM-2:00PM Brody Classrooms



Special Thanks

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who assisted with coordinating this year's Homies Giving Thanksgiving Unity Dinner. We served over 560 meals and it would not have been possible without the support from sponsors, staff, and volunteers. Our Volunteers showed up early in the morning and we were able to get everything set up and ready to serve by noon. Students began arriving shortly after 11 AM and all enjoyed a warm meal.

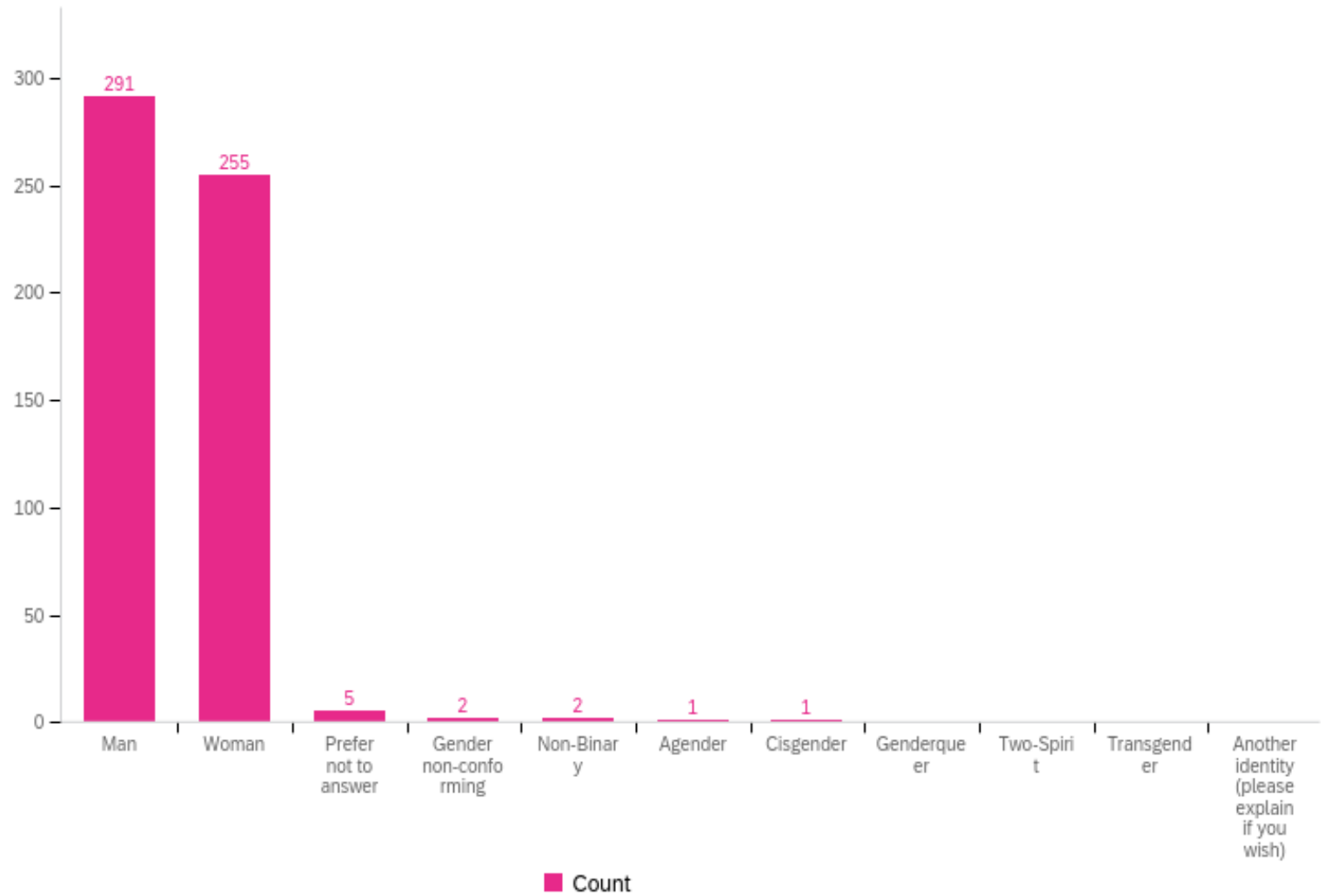
All the supplies were delivered on Wednesday afternoon and the Brody team did a tremendous job preparing the rooms that evening. Due to your support hundreds of Spartans enjoyed a diverse cuisine and interacted with one another over a warm meal this Thanksgiving.

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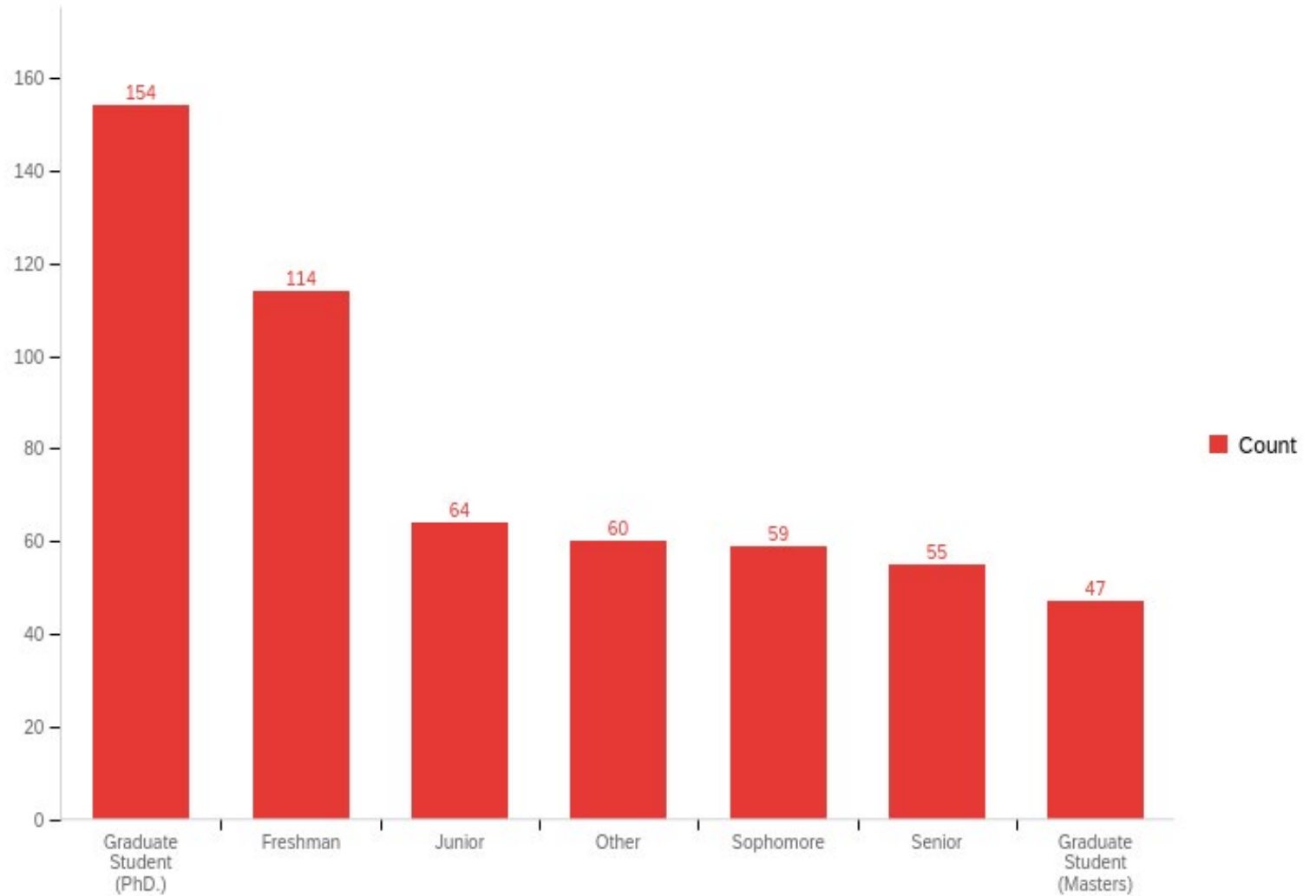
■ African American/Black (10%, 61) ■ Asian American/APIDA (16%, 97) ■ Latinx/Hispanic (12%, 71)

■ Native American/American Indian/Indigenous Peoples (1%, 6) ■ White (10%, 61) ■ Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (1%, 3)

■ Middle Eastern (3%, 20) ■ Multiracial (1%, 5) ■ South Asian (34%, 199)

■ Another Race/ethnicity (Please explain if you wish) (12%, 69)

Q9 - What is your academic standing?



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Other - Text

medical student

family member

affiliate

Wife of student

Visiting-scholar PhD

Visiting scholar

Student's husband

Spouse of graduate student

Spouse of an international student

Spouse of PhD Student

Spouse of Graduate Student (PhD.)

Q9 - What is your academic standing?

Other - Text

Spouse of Grad student (PhD)

Spouse (Asif Iqbal)

Son of MSU student

Son of MSU student

Postdoctoral research associate

Post doctoral

Partner of Student

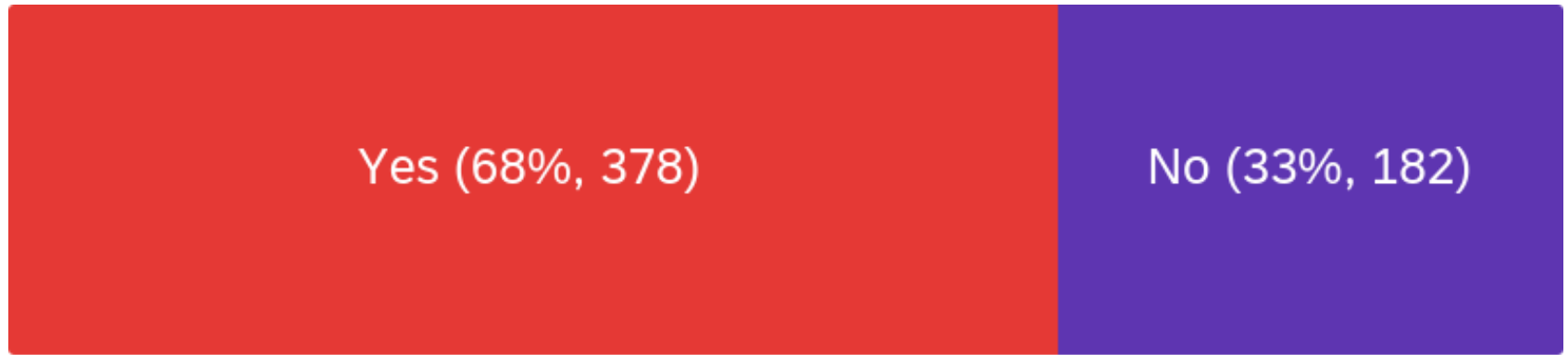
Middle School

Medical student

Medical school DO

Medical Student

Q10 - Are you an International Student?



■ Yes ■ No

Major and college



Q6 - Why are you staying in town during Thanksgiving Break?



Work (7%, 39) Can not afford to go home (20%, 108) Dont have a home to go to (4%, 22) Other (7%, 39)
Chose to stay and study (9%, 52) I live in another country (53%, 292)

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

we have no option to go during thanksgiving break

want to celebrate thanksgiving

to meet more people during the covid-19.

to communicate with other students

to celebrate with fellow classmates

this meal is important to so I can eat and feel a sense of belonging in the MSU community

this is a loaded question! As an out of state student, its nice to have community and a meal while being away from family and while most of my friends are gone. As a Native person, Thanksgiving is a colonial holiday which is not important to me at all

remind me home

not going home

meet people

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

meet friend

it's a second family away from home 

its important for me because it is a source of food that ill be able to eat for the first time in some years.

it's 1st Thanksgiving meal in my life because i'm an Asian

is going to remind me home

i want to enjoy a good meal while being away from family

free

first thanksgiving dinner in the US as an international student

feel different culture

cuz free food

cafe closed

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

because msu is our home away from home

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because it is free and i cant find any cheap meals around me

because i stay on campus and i don't have fridge and microwave to cook some food

because i have nowhere to eat

because i dont have any plan for thanks giving and i dont have family here.

Yo celebrate Thanksgiving because I'm an international student and don't have a home here.

Would love to celebrate Thanksgiving with MSU community!

Would like to have a period of time spending with the research group I'm currently working in

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

With me not going home, I won't have a Thanksgiving dinner so this will be my Thanksgiving dinner

Will he be here on campus for Thanksgiving

Why this meal is important because I don't have no where to go this Thanksgiving. It's my first Thanksgiving without my family so it would be nice to spend it with friends and peers.

Well unfortunately I didn't financially have the money to get a plane ticket back home to spend the holidays back home during this time of year I will not be able to spend it with family. Luckily with this meal I will be with others just like me to get together and have a feast.

We don't have money to celebrate Thanksgiving.

We are unable to spend Thanksgiving with our family.

We are unable to spend Thanksgiving with our family.

We are unable to spend Thanksgiving with our family.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Warm meal

Want to meet with friends on campus

Want to meet more people

Want to experience American culture

Wanna enjoy my first Thanksgiving

Trying to have some quality time with friends

To spend time with the people I've met on campus

To socialize with other people

To socialize and eat homely food

To share this celebration with local peoples..

To receive food.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

To meet up with people and taste different cuisines.

To meet people from various backgrounds and experience the thanksgiving

To meet people and make few connections. Also after covid people stopped interaction.

To meet people and celebrate together

To live the american experience!

To give thanks to everyone.

To get to taste a little Turkey :p

To get to know new culture since Asia doesn't have Thanksgiving

To get the feeling of Thanksgiving

To experience thanksgiving

To enjoy thanksgiving day.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

To engage with others

To eat with my family

To eat

To celebrate the Thanksgiving day with MSU friends and staffs

To celebrate Thanksgiving!

To built connections

To become familiar with thanksgiving traditions.

To appreciate everyone and celebrate togetherness

Tickets back home cost a lot so I'd like to have a thanksgiving meal with a friend here at MSU

Tickets back home cost a lot so I would like to enjoy a meal with my friends here at MSU

This would be my first time celebrating thanksgiving and I'll be staying on-campus during the break, so I thought I'd register for this dinner.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

This would be my first thanksgiving dinner and I want to be present there so I could experience it.

This will be the only meal provided by MSU

This will be the first time I attend a Thanksgiving event in the USA.

This will be my first time having thanksgiving away from my family

This will be my first thanksgiving away from my family, but I'm excited to spend it with my new Spartan family!

This will be my first Thanksgiving meal!

This meal would allow me to meet more people and join them for Thanksgiving.

This meal will help me feel as though I am home.

This meal is very important to me because I am an international student and this is my first time in the US. I am very interested in learning about American history and culture.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

This meal is important to me because this is my first time in US, and I'm far away from my family.

This meal is important to me because it's going to be the first family holiday that I'm spending away from home, and I want to be able to have a community to enjoy this holiday with. The break is too short and I don't have enough money to go home, so I'll be staying here and I don't want to be alone.

This meal is important to me because I'm not able to share a meal with my friends or family on thanksgiving and I think it's important to be surrounded by people on such a day. I'd also like to take the opportunity to interact with others who aren't able to spend the day with their loved ones.

This meal is important to me because I can eat dinner with people around me. I'm staying during thanksgiving so I don't want to eat thanksgiving meal alone.

This is will be my first thanksgiving away from my family and home.

This is the first time after Corona to have dinner with other people

This is my first year as a student here and will help me meet and connect with people outside my program!

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

This is my first time to have Thanksgiving at MSU.

This is my first thanksgiving, and I am living far away from home.

This is my first thanksgiving in the USA.

This is my first thanks giving in Usa and as I am an international student I don't have an option to go back to my home. So I just want to experience the thanks giving dinner here.

This is my first ever thanksgiving day celebrating in the United States as an international student.

This is my first Thanksgiving meal.

This is my first Thanksgiving meal ever.

This is my first Thanksgiving in the United States

This is my first Thanksgiving dinner in US. I really am interested to know more about the American culture.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

This is my first Thanksgiving away from family and friends. I want to explore the culture. I want to celebrate the festival with my MSU family away from my first family. 😊

The only way for me to get food on Thanksgiving

The meal is going to be food that I can get to eat.

The meal is food that I can eat.

The lunch

The dining halls are closed.

The best part about Thanksgiving is the sense of unity, while I am unable to go home, I can still spend time with my new community.

That will be my first Thanksgiving since there isn't such a tradition in my home country. This will be a chance to experience.

Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving meal

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Thanksgiving is the time for reflection and sharing joy.

Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends as we give thanks for our blessings. I am not able to be with my family but every year I am very grateful that I have the option to go get to enjoy a thanksgiving meal with my brother. It's become a tradition to celebrate with our spartan family.

Thanksgiving has always been a great holiday for me!

Thanksgiving can be isolating and I'd appreciate the comradeship of others.

Staying away from home

Spend the festival with many people.

Socializing. Home-away-from-home feeling.

So I can make connections and enjoy good food!

Since I have no other option for dinner that day

Since I come to the USA, I have associated Thanksgiving with a time for family and friends. It is a good opportunity to just have a good time with people that I am close with.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Signifies family and abundance, and honors our traditions

Share a space with friends

Samjhana is the spouse of Ashish Pokharel, an international student (email: pokhare6@msu.edu) and would like to experience her first thanksgiving in the US.

Not to be lonely

No relatives in Michigan to celebrate.

No family nearby

No family

Networking and meeting new friends

My partner doesn't have a home and I'm happy we can share a thanksgiving meal together and enjoy the company of many others as well.

My husband and I wonder Thanksgiving, we first time will celebrate, we want learn America culture.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

My girl friend from Chicago is visiting me over the break. We are both international students who cannot afford to go home

My first time to have Thanksgiving at MSU

My first Thanksgiving meal.

My family will be out of town over thanksgiving so I cannot go home. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday!

My family usually cooks a few dishes and invites some of our friends over to our house for thanksgiving. Even if I stay back at EL, I want to experience the meal.

My family doesn't celebrate thanksgiving

My car broke down last week and I can't go home for Thanksgiving. I don't want to spend Thanksgiving alone in my apt.

Meet with new friends

Meet people, eat and celebrate festival. A warm meal doesn't satiates hunger but renders warmth too.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Meet people at Thanksgiving

Meet other people!

Meet new friends

Meet friends.

Making new friend and experience new cultures

Make me feel like I'm at home

Make friends

Kill time on the holiday for an international student.

Just to socialise

Just get more familiar with the culture

Just don't want to spend the whole day inside my room

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I've never had a thanksgiving meal as I'm an international student. And I believe this would be a different experience that I don't wanna miss

I've never experienced thanksgiving

I've never been able to attend an actual thanksgiving dinner, so I'd say it's to experience the American culture through thanksgiving.

I'm unable to return home to spend the holiday with my family. I live alone so it wouldn't make sense to make a full meal for myself

I'm staying on campus for the break since I can't get home ,the dining hall will be closed so I would really appreciate this event. I also would love to meet everyone and make some new friends since it's my first year in college and I haven't known much people.

I'm staying fire the thanksgiving break

I'm not going home this thanksgiving . It'll be able to make me feel like I'm at home.

I'm not going anywhere this thanksgiving! And I want to enjoy the meal with my friends on campus!

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I'm like Spider-Man, cause I have No way home

I'm international student and I'm planning to be staying in dorm

I'm hungry

I'm far from home and I don't have any family here. I've been in MSU only 3 months. Would like to bring a friend who is on the same program like myself, also international student.

I'm an international student who wants to experience Thanksgiving with MSU community

I'm an international student and this is my first Thanksgiving meal ever!

I'm a senior and I want to make this year as memorable as I can!

I'll like to connect.

I'll be away from home for Thanksgiving

I'd like to spend thanksgiving with other people

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

It's thanksgiving

It's my first thanksgiving without family

It's my first Thanksgiving

It's a time for fellowship

It'll be good to meet new people over a nice meal!

It's free :)

Its thanksgiving

It's really great to have a thanksgiving meal from the university. I dont get to go home like most people because home is too far (abroad). These oppourtunities make students feel like they are cared for :) thank you!

It's my first thanksgiving in America!

It's important to me because it's my first time here in usa, so besides of being a new celebration to be, i'm far away from my family.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

It's important to me because I want to form part of the OCAT family and meet other fellow peers since I was part of the MAGIC program this past summer.

It's fun!

It's fellowship and family with the community and those who may not have a lot.

It's been a long time since any community event happened at MSU, so I'm really looking forward to get back to a normal life.

It's a festival time and I am away from my family and relatives.

It would be nice to connect with other people on Thanksgiving since I cannot visit family this break.

It will show the importance of being a spartan family before the beautiful christmas.

It will serve as a way for me to have a "traditional" thanksgiving.

It will help me to unite with othe people

It will help me have the essence of Thanksgiving

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

It will help me aid my budget for my stay during thanksgiving. Since I am an international student, i don't have a place to go at the moment so got to order food from restaurants for all my meals which is quite expensive. Besides, i can meet new people and bond with them at the dinner table.

It will give me the chance to have a meal with a sibling on campus. I have no where else to go for thanksgiving.

It will be me satisfied for thanksgiving

It will be great to have interaction with lot of other students from different backgrounds who can not go home

It means a lot that MSU is willing to provide a thanksgiving for those that won't be celebrating with friends or family

It is thanksgiving!!

It is my first year in USA. I look forward to having the Thanksgiving holiday.

It is my first time having a thanksgiving dinner in US and I would like to share this moment with others.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

It is free.

It is a time to spend with my friends and family

It is a time of year where we can appreciate everything around us like family and friends.

It is a time for sharing

It gives me the opportunity to bond with friends who feel like family

It gives me a opportunity to have a meal that I otherwise might not be able to have.

It creates a sense of community.

It can help me to meet new friends and give me more chance to connect with other people during the pandemic.

It brings the community together

International student

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Interacting with new people and idea about many festival.

In that event I'll meet new people. I am looking forward to it.

I'm staying on-campus for this Thanksgiving. So, I need to feed myself since dining halls will be closed.

I'm staying at MSU this thanksgiving, and I really want to be a part of this campus activity.

I'm not going back home for Thanksgiving.

I'm not going anywhere for Thanksgiving and I don't have microwave to heat up any foods.

I'm not going anywhere

I'm hungry

I'm broke

I'd like to meet new people.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I would'nt have any meal plan during the break

I would like to interact and connect with other students.

I would like to attend this program and learn more about Thanksgiving culture in the State.

I won't be home for thanksgiving

I won't be going home for thanksgiving

I won't be able to travel home for Thanksgiving, so I'm looking forward to sharing a meal with the MSU community

I won't be able to go home.

I wish to meet new and old people alike.

I will stay on campus during that time

I will picture Thanksgiving a day with people around, so I would like to enjoy a meal with other students and have a great Thanksgibing day.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I will not go home for holidays and this will be a way to connect with people who are at campus that weekend.

I will not be able to go home for thanksgiving because I have to work

I will be staying on campus this year for thanksgiving

I will be in East Lansing and alone on Thanksgiving, so it will be beneficial for me to be around people and food; not just by myself

I will be coming along with my husband

I will be by myself during this break and would like to interact with other international students.

I wasn't able to go home for thanksgiving, so it would be nice to have a dinner and be with friends

I wanted to experience my first thanksgiving meal

I want to try the Thanksgiving cuisine, also I don't have anything to do or anywhere to go on that date and I want to try the experience.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I want to see how Thanksgiving really looks like

I want to meet with friends on campus.

I want to meet friends.

I want to learn more about the culture in America.

I want to have a thanksgiving dinner while I'm still in town.

I want to get the feel of Thanksgiving

I want to gather for thanksgiving

I want to experience thanksgiving meal in US as I am an international student.

I want to experience a community dinner to encode the thanksgiving family tradition.

I want to enjoy the American thanksgiving

I want to enjoy a wholesome meal with my MSU community on my first thanksgiving here. Also, I cannot go back home.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I want to eat hot food

I want to eat

I want to connect with more people.

I want to connect with more people

I want to be able to have a Thanksgiving meal but am unable to make all of the dishes for just one person, and I miss being able to have a full warm Thanksgiving meal.

I want to attend thanksgiving day for the first time.

I want everyone to be able to enjoy good food and no one to go hungry especially on thanksgiving.

I want a full American plate.

I usually spend my thanksgiving alone as i cant go back to my country for such a short break. Spending it with other students who are in the same situation would be comforting.

I usually have a big thanksgiving with family, so it's really nice to still have the food and some company.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I stay alone this semester. I want a warm meal.

I need it

I miss home and this will make me feel gathered and somewhat keep this tradition going :))

I love food

I look forward to meetings people from other cultures by joining the meal.

I look forward to it every year because it's way too expensive to go home so me and my friends would have starved if it not for this meal.

I live in another country and now cannot go back, but my family have giving dinner, I miss my family.

I like to know more about Thanksgiving.

I like the idea of a unity dinner, bringing people together for a holiday that hasn't been the best for two whole years. I also would love to eat and chat with some peers.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I like free food

I like communication with others

I like Thanksgiving food and nothing else will be open.

I just want to meet someone and not stay in my dorm room all day for my mental health.

I just want to know more about the local festival.

I just want to know more about the local festival.

I haven't seen my family in about three years and I am feeling homesick. I would like to have some company on this day.

I have no where to eat

I have no where to eat

I have no where else to eat

I have no friends

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I have no family closeby, so this is my only way to get a Thanksgiving dinner

I have never had a traditional Thanksgiving meal here in the US. This meal seems like a good opportunity to experience thanksgiving while I am away from my family while the campus is completely empty.

I have never experienced Thanksgiving before.

I have never attended dinner on thanks giving day

I have had a very good time interacting with friends during thanksgiving in the past. I enjoy spending time with others during thanksgiving.

I have been living in East Lansing alone since I came. It would be a great opportunity for me to have a dinner with people

I have always enjoyed having the meal with my friends.

I get to meet fellow spartans and interact during Thanksgiving.

I enjoy the Thanksgiving tradition.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I don't have food.

I don't have any family whom I can visit for thanksgiving and being able to spend a dinner with other people on a day you celebrate togetherness I'm happy they offer this meal, and also I can have the thanksgiving meal without having to cook it since I don't have the means to do so. I truly appreciate this meal offered and provided by many.

I don't have a great family to come home to. I really love thanksgiving dinner but my family is not the best. I am staying at MSU for break to relax my mind.

I dont have family in michigan

I don't have my family here. There would be something I could feel like festival!

I don't have anywhere to go for Thanksgiving break as an international student, so it would be a nice opportunity to get a meal and meet some new people.

I don't get to celebrate and be with my family.

I don not know what I should say about this question.

I do not share any importance with Thanksgiving

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I didn't meet my friends for last one and half year. This is last opportunity for me before graduation to meet my colleagues and friends.

I could really use the meal

I could like to learn more about Thanksgiving holiday culture and enjoy a holiday meal.

I celebrate thanksgiving by myself and this dinner help connecting me with people. :) Also, I have never been in Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. :)

I can't go back home

I can't be with my family due to work.

I cannot have thanksgiving dinner with anyone in my family for the first time in my life.

I can't go home because my car broke down. I don't have the money to fix it. I don't want to spend Thanksgiving by myself.

I can meet with my friends

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I can meet whit old friends

I can meet friends

I can eat with my friends instead of being alone

I came from Bangkok, Thailand. This is the first time to learn more about American culture including Thanksgiving Dinner. For a long holiday, I will only stay in my apartment. This meal sounds good and enjoyable for me.

I came from Bangkok, Thailand. First time for me here to learn more about American culture including Thanksgiving Dinner. For long holiday, I don't go out. That sounds good to enjoy this meal.

I believe it will be a nice way to get to know other people around here and there arent many places open on Thanksgiving.

I be familiar with the event

I am unable to go home this thanksgiving): I also miss my mom's cooking being OOS for medical school

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I am unable to cook my own Thanksgiving dinner tonight because I am working at Brody's Service Center. It'd be nice to have something already made and ready to go for when I get off work.

I am staying on-campus for the first time this year, which is the first time in my life I won't be home for Thanksgiving. I am doing it to save money so that I'll maximize my time at home during Christmas break, as well as the fact that I already came home for Fall Break this semester.

I think this meal is important to me because I love being around others on Thanksgiving, and this would be the perfect chance to share a meal on a day we give thanks.

I am staying on campus

I am staying here alone and would love to spend the day among friends

I am staying at Campus

I am poor

I am open to learn about the celebration and traditions of the US

I am not sure if I will return home this year for Thanksgiving due to certain circumstances. But I would still like to enjoy time with other people and have a nice Thanksgiving dinner.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I am not going home and usually we celebrate thanksgiving a lot so this is very unusual for me. Usually a lot of family time.

I am not able to go home for this holiday so I won't be around family or have the same access to dinner for the day.

I am mostly looking to be with other people since my family lives 10hrs away and I won't be able to travel this year.

If meals are short I would be happy to just come and hangout. I could bring snacks too if it's gonna be helpful

I am international graduate student. This is my first thanksgiving at USA and MSU. This is imporant and exciting for me.

I am interested in thanksgiving dinner as an international student.

I am going to be so far from home and my roommate will also be gone. I have work 5am-11am so I think this will be the best for my day to still celebrate coming together.

I am from California but I will not be flying home until after the semester is over. This is first year I won't be celebrating Thanksgiving with my family.

I am fostering star student from LCC and I have been invited to join this dinner.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I am financially struggling, and I will be on campus for thanksgiving break.

I am far away from my home, home country, own culture. Also, I would like to see how this unity lunch is going to be.

I am excited to experience what a thanksgiving meal is like and meet new people !

I am an out-of-state student, so I can't go home for Thanksgiving Break. I want to have a Thanksgiving meal.

I am an out of state student that might not be able to spend thanksgiving somewhere.

I am an international student. I have been at MSU for 4 years, I am graduating in next year, so much work to do.

I am an international student.

I am an international student, and would love to find out more about Thanksgiving, and experience a real Thanksgiving meal! As someone living away from family for months, it will provide me a warm mental hug and help me feel at home :)

I am an international student, I have been at MSU for 5 semesters, I cannot go back home to visit my family since the virus during the holidays.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I am an international student far from home. This meal makes me feel less homesick

I am an international student away from family on a holiday and I miss my family a lot more this time.

I am an international student at MSU, I cannot go home to visit my family because of short of money for traveling.

I am an international student and this is my first thanksgiving at USA. This is important and exciting for me.

I am an international student and living on campus.

I am an international student and don't know how people celebrate thanksgiving in the US, so I would like to see how the culture of the US is represented by the thanksgiving meal.

I am an international student and I would love to experience a typical thanksgiving meal before I have to leave the US in december.

I am an international student and I won't be able to go home for the holiday. Also, I cannot afford to eat from somewhere other than the dining hall. I have some friends at MSU in the same situation as me. So, the meal is important to me in the sense that we all will be able to have a nice, warm meal without being isolated in our rooms and feeling homesick.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

I am an international student and I will stay here in East Lansing.

I am an international student and I want to experience thanksgiving meal.

I am an international student and I cannot go home for Thanksgiving so celebrating it with other fellow students will be really nice

I am an international student and I am away from home. This meal will allow me to enjoy the essence of Thanksgiving and be amidst my fellow Spartans!

I am an international freshman. This is my first thanksgiving in the US.

I am an international Ph.D. student at MSU. I am preparing for my graduation and have no time to go home to visit my family.

I am a new math PhD student here

Helps giving energy & the will to live

Having this meal is important because I will be grateful that people are going together to share foods since I couldn't be home with my family.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Having quality time with friends

Having a quality time with friends

Have never celebrated thanksgiving before

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Have a meal with friends.

Have a meal with friends

Haha

Good moment with friends during special time

Good food, good people

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Getting familiar with thanksgiving culture and take part in this festival.

Getting familiar with thanksgiving culture and meet with different people around the globe in this festive gathering.

Fun to meet people and gather

Friends, family, food

Food is important, and I want to eat while being able to be surrounded with people that care for me.

First time away from family. Good to be in a company

First time I will celebrate, I want to learn American culture.

First Thanksgiving in the USA as an International Student

First Thanksgiving dinner at MSU

Feel good to get out and see people again.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Family thing

Explore thanksgiving culture

Enjoying with my friends during special time

Enjoying the tradition

Enjoying Thanksgiving

Dinner

Dining halls are closed.

Connecting with the community

Chines food please, Thank you !

Celebrating gratitude

Celebrating Thanksgiving with the MSU community will be fun!

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Celebrate with others

Celebrate thanksgiving

Cause I have no where to eat

Can't travel home for thanksgiving due to my family being far away in Texas. This provides a warm meal for the day.

Can't go back home, important to be with family and friends on thanksgiving

Bringing people together

Both out of a need for food due to the closed dining halls, and a desire to share this holiday with a community I know and love

Being with friends

Being around friends

Being an international student, this meal will make me feel part of a community in the festive season.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Being able to foster community with people who aren't apart of your blood family is just as important

Because this is my first Thanksgiving meal far from my home.

Because the residential dining halls are closed and also to meet new people.

Because the dining halls on campus will be closed during Thanksgiving.

Because the dining halls are closed and it's better for me to save money if possible.

Because thanksgiving is awesome and I'm a bit sad I won't see my family but I hope this will be just as good and besides a couple of my friends are going and hopefully my girlfriend will come too.

Because of Thanksgiving tradition

Because of Covid, I have not met many students in MSU. I wish to take this as an opportunity to meet some more students.

Because I will have more opportunity to talk with others, and I feel alone when I stay in the dormitory.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Because it's my first thanksgiving in the US and I'm excited to experience this communion of people around food and the idea of giving thanks !

Because it's enables me participate in Thanksgiving.

Because it is free, and I can't go back home this year. I hope to know more people and experience more things in another country.

Because it gives me comfort to have food with my friends and other good people rather than eating alone on Thanksgiving.

Because is a time to share woth friends and be thankful for what we have

Because all of the residential dining halls will be closed.

Because I've never had a thanksgiving meal before

Because I'm not going home for Thanksgiving. It would be nice to eat a meal.

Because I'm not going home for Thanksgiving. And I don't have any other options for food.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Because I'm going to be alone this thanksgiving and I don't want to be

Because I'm excited to taste a variety of typical Thanksgiving dishes, since this is the first Thanksgiving I'm spending here

Because I'm international and don't have a family here

Because I'm an international student and I've never experienced Thanksgiving so this will be one of the first memories I'll made on this occasion!

Because I'll be staying in campus during Thanksgiving and all dining halls will be closed.

Because I will be on campus alone

Because I will be away from my family for thanksgiving and having the meal will bring some comfort

Because I want to feel the festive of thanksgiving, I never experience thanksgiving before back home

Because I want to experience a local Thanksgiving.

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Because I want to celebrate Thanksgiving with others.

Because I stay on campus and all of the dining halls will be close.

Because I stay in dorm on Thanksgiving Break

Because I stay at campus and dining halls will be close.

Because I love thanksgiving and eating with family and friends, I am just not able to do it this year.

Because I like to eat food, and the dining halls will be closed. I also want to save money as a broke student.

Because I like to be around good company and share good food

Because I have now where else to eat.

Because I have no where to go and I want to experience thanksgiving for the first time here!

Because I have no where to eat

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

Because I have no where else to eat.

Because I can't return home, and it would be sad to spend holidays alone.

Because I can experience thanksgiving holiday is with various people

Because I am alone in Thanksgiving and I want to participate in American culture

Because I am alone in East Lansing and would love to meet people during this holiday.

Away from home!

Away from family

As an international student, I look forward to joining this fabulous feast!

As an international student away from my family, this meal will allow me to feel like home and get together with friends to celebrate thanksgiving.

As an international student and a parent, this will be a nice opportunity to meet other fellow students and MSU community. :)

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

Why is this meal important to you?

As an international Student I don't have many places to eat during the thanksgiving break.

As an int'l student, I only heard of thanks giving but didn't had the opportunity to participate and thus it will help me in understanding the culture and it will be fun to be around people

As an International student I want to feel how's the spirit of Thanksgiving is celebrated here. And also I'm kinda stuck in the campus during the Thanksgiving

Almost all stores and restaurants are closed during this period of time and make it difficult to find/prepare a meal.

A warm meal on Thanksgiving sounds really nice and comforting.

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A sense of family

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1st Thanksgiving experience to me as an international student

Q5 - Why is this meal important to you?

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Thanksgiving holiday