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Valley's new food truck with a Middle Eastern twist to it

■ Falafelicious brings healthy options at great prices to campus food truck scene.

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A new food truck at Valley College offers low priced, healthy alternatives to satiating students' appetites while on campus.

Students attending class

on the south side of campus might have noticed an unfamiliar food truck parked in front of the Allied Health and Sciences Center. This newcomer, Falafelicious, belongs to Ofir Bass.

He is no stranger to the game of traveling cuisine and

we are lucky to have him grace our campus. Not only has he been a restaurant owner, but he runs a catering business and has another Falafelicious truck stationed at the Pierce College campus.

The food's eccentric taste revolves around authentic, very aromatic imported Israeli spices. All the ingredients are fresh and never frozen. Their most popular items are the Garlic Lemon Pita and, my favorite, the Schnitzel Pita. Their Tahini is

out of this world and they might have the best Shawarma this side of the Atlantic.

Shannon Whittet, 21 yr old Microbiology major, trying the food for the first time, said, "the Garlic Lemon Chicken Pita tast-

ed like a gift from the heavens. It melted in my mouth and has me smiling from ear to ear!"

Although most food-truck contracts only last a year at Valley, Bass is hoping to have one of his trucks featured on numerous campuses of the Los Angeles Community College District in the near future. Not only do they offer mostly healthy options, aside from their ridiculously delicious cookies, but everything on the entrée menu is only \$5. Bass understands students' struggle of being hungry on campus, explaining the prices.

"I know how long some students are on campus every day and it doesn't make sense them having to pay \$7 or \$8 twice a day just to stay full. I care about providing healthy, energizing fuel to them at a good value for the price. The portions are big but not too much and won't make them feel sluggish after eating it," said Bass. "Plus, having the same prices gets the line moving quickly and more than 10-minute wait times are non-existent. It's great for business and great for the students who don't have a lot of time in between classes."

We are already a few weeks into the semester and Monarchs might have already burrowed into their old habits of visiting the truck near the library every day, but better late than never, right?

The Falafelicious truck can be found in front of the AHS building Monday - Thursday from 7:30 am-7 p.m.



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PITA- Valley students find food and refreshments at the catering truck parked between the Allied Health and Business Journalism buildings.

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