

Dedication...

# To the Kitchen Staff

This year, the yearbook is dedicated to some unsung heroes of Sidwell Friends: the cafeteria staff. The kitchen staff works extraordinarily hard to ensure that we are eating healthy, delicious food every day. They always manage to have good attitudes, even through fake disasters (when a movement-up drill calls them from the kitchen) and real ones (the breaking of plates and consequential spilling of food). They even surprise us with sushi samplers, the occasional ice cream dessert, and of course we can't forget to mention that one day sophomore year, when the cafeteria was inexplicably filled with barbecue ribs, wings, veggie wraps, freshly baked cookies, brownies, and so much more.

We believe that the members of the kitchen staff are exemplars of one of the ideas behind this year's yearbook theme: letting your life speak. They continue to make a difference at this school through helping us understand that eating healthy and delicious food can be one and the same. Through using local fruits and vegetables, they uphold those values of environmental stewardship we talk so much about. They work harder than we even comprehend, coming into school at early hours so that food can be ready for the 7th/8th graders, the 5th/6th graders, and the Upper School. It is nearly impossible to catch any member of the kitchen staff without a smile on his or her face, and that smile, just a simple pick-me-up, makes a difference to so many students each and every day.

Because the kitchen staff makes such a difference in the lives of students, teachers, administrators, and even the Secret Service (who have known to say with enthusiasm, "Yes! It's chicken patty day!"), we thought that no one could express the love and appreciation we have for them better than members of the school community. So, from all of us who have enjoyed the school lunches for the past four or more years, we would like to say thank you for being the most amazing and dedicated chefs any of us could possibly wish for. And from the class of 2011, you can be sure that our planned visits will not solely rely on our old teachers' schedules, but more closely around the cafeteria's, as we can be sure it will be full of friendly faces, clean tables, and extraordinarily delicious food.





"I always look forward to lunch. With all the fresh fruits and vegetables, I would definitely say that the salad bar is da bomb."

-Ali Boochever '11

"I truly appreciate all the time and effort the lunch staff puts into our meals everyday. Sixth period is always my favorite!"

-Lark Toney '11

"Do you know why students are no longer afraid of getting "lopped" at SFS? Because when they are "lopped," they can't leave campus to eat junk food for lunch....Our dining room chefs make the best food in the nation.

My favorites are: Caesar Salads mixed by a staffer with the most inviting smile ever and I love having a plain yogurt as dessert.

We are all lucky to be blessed with such good food and impeccable service. The most compelling reason to choose SFS over peer schools has to be the delicious food. I can't believe it's organic, Wow! La vie est belle!!!

I love the food, the staff, and the colleagues with whom I share it."

-Mamadou Gueye, Academic Dean