

STAFF PICKS, YOU SAVE!!

As a college student, we know eating out in NYC can be a bit rough on your bank account. Checkout EHS' top picks and more! We will do our best to make sure that we take the work out of finding great places in NYC at a good price for you! Make sure to stay tuned for more picks in upcoming months. If you have a great place with great prices that you would like to recommend, email us at Studentlife@studenthousing.org!

VANESSA'S DUMPLING – *BRENDAN MAHONEY, ST. GEORGE TOWERS RESIDENCE DIRECTOR*



You won't find your dollar going further anywhere else in NYC; 4 dumplings for \$2!?! Vanessa's also offers a variety of soups, noodles, bubble tea, and sesame pancakes at prime bang-for-your-buck value! Seating is very limited in this super popular spot so be a New Yorker and grab a seat with a stranger. Be a savvy shopper and bring cash as the minimum on cards is more than you'll ever spend here by yourself. I find it a perfect spot for grabbing a bite when shopping near Union Square, or heading to a show at Webster Hall or Irving Plaza. Located at East 14th St between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

BARKING DOG: *MIKE STIEFEL, EHS RESIDENT ADVISOR*



Low-High Pricing- If you love dogs, this is the place to go. The restaurant itself displays dog-themed decorations in a way that is noticeable but not overbearing. It feels like going and visiting a grandparent's house that loves their dogs. During the Spring-Fall, the owners of the Barking Dog encourage customers to bring their canine companies to dine in and enjoy both inside and outside seating. The food at this restaurant is diverse and exquisite. I suggest going around brunch time and trying out their specials. 1678 3rd Avenue at 94th Street.

REPUBLIC~ THINK NOODLES! - *BRIAN HARRINGTON, COORDINATOR OF STUDENT LIFE*



I've never been much of a noodle person until the day I was introduced to the wonder known as Republic. Located in the heart of Union Square, this hot spot hosts a variety of noodle dishes. My personal favorite are the chicken skewers. For just a reasonable price you can get a delicious noodle dish, with your choice of meat, and salad in a light tangy dressing. Republic is also cafeteria style seating so you might even make a few new friends while you're there. You can always take in one of their freshly made drinks that go great with this scrumptious meal and a long day of walking around NYC. You'll definitely want to come back and try out some of their

other signature dishes time and time again. This venture won't hurt your wallet and if you choose wisely, you'll find that you haven't spent more than \$20.

TAZZA - BRENDAN MAHONEY, ST. GEORGE TOWERS RESIDENCE DIRECTOR



This is the second location for a Brooklyn Heights original! Tazza is a contemporary café with premium coffee, assorted teas and a variety of pastry options you can easily see while waiting in line. Don't worry, if there's a line it usually moves really quickly! But Tazza isn't just a coffeehouse across the street from the St. George Towers.

Tazza also boasts a lengthy menu of hot and cold paninis as well as decadent breakfast options. Whether you're interested in brioche French toast, egg and ham on a buttery croissant or a tomato, mozzarella and pesto panini, your taste buds will be very happy! I recommend ham and brie on a baguette – add a little fruit preserves if your sweet tooth is calling. *Clark*

Street between Hicks and Henry Streets.

RED BAMBOO - YOLANDA CRUZ, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE



Are you Vegan or Vegetarian? Looking for a delicious cheap eat? I stumbled upon Red Bamboo near Washington Square Park on one of those sunny Saturday afternoons. The restaurant itself has a cozy and friendly atmosphere. After reviewing the menu, I realized I was faced with a tough task.

Deciding what to eat! Everything sounded so good, but since I am a Texan I went with the BBQ option. For \$10.00 I had a savory "pulled pork" sandwich with a side of fries. If you want to stay away from fried foods you can have a side of coleslaw instead. Their portions are big, filling and really

affordable. This is a definite must visit when you're in the neighborhood. Check out their menu at [Red Bamboo NYC](#). 140 West 4th Street # A, New York, NY 10012

JOY BURGER BAR: MIKE STIEFEL, EHS RESIDENT ADVISOR



Mid Pricing - If you're a burger lover and seek to experience a hand-crafted, unique, journey of beef and sauce, Joy burger is the place to go. Their specialty is their signature list of diverse sauces that will accompany your beef patty. You can choose from their burger combinations or make your own.

Despite Joy Burger being known for their wondrous burgers, I actually suggest to try their chicken tenders. Not as well known, but their chicken tenders are juicy, full of flavor, and are always making you want more. 1567 Lexington Ave A, at East 100th Street

HIDE-CHAN RAMEN - BRENDAN MAHONEY, ST. GEORGE TOWERS RESIDENCE DIRECTOR



I'll be honest I'd never taken a strong liking to ramen until I was introduced to this place. Growing up in an area with a large Vietnamese population, getting Phở was a regular occurrence, but now that I've had Japanese ramen like this, I don't know that I can ever be satisfied with any other noodle soup!

Since eating at Hide-chan I'm also on a mission to find other great ramen shops throughout the city – send recommendations my way! When you visit Hide-chan you may have to wait in line on a fairly steep and narrow staircase to get seats at Hide-chan, but it is well worth the wait! I like the spicy garlic ramen (\$13) and hot tea (\$1.50), but there are a variety of

other options. Don't get Hide-chan confused with next-door Totto Ramen (also good but I haven't been to this location next door to Hide-chan). *East 52nd Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.*

VAPIANO - BY K-ANDREA LIMOL, PACKAGE ROOM/OFFICE ASSISTANT



If you ever find yourself in Union Square and are in the mood for some pasta and/or pizza, check out Vapiano's on University Place! The very first time I visited Vapiano's, I was instantly blown away. Not only is their food and service amazing, but the overall aesthetic of the place is absolutely stunning. Right when you enter, a greeter is there to meet you and give you a quick rundown of the place. There are different stations for whatever you are in the mood for (e.g. pasta, pizza, antipasti, salads, drinks, desserts), and your food is prepared right in front of you.

You can tell the chefs exactly how you want your food to be prepared, and they will have it ready for you in just a matter of minutes. I highly recommend trying whatever pasta specials they have for the day. These

come in incredibly large portions, are exceptionally delicious, and are no more than \$15.00 (rolls/bread included)! Those are definitely worth a try. To top it all off, there is an open bar filled with a large selection of beverages and sparkling aperitifs, all for a reasonable price. Vapiano's is worth a visit and does not disappoint, so plop right on in if and when you get the chance! *113 University Place at East 13th Street*

SHORTY'S - KERI-ANN BYERS NEW YORKER ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



Looking for a little hometown bar in big ole New York City? Check out this small, classic, authentic, hometown cheesesteak bar visited by New Yorker Associate Director Keri-ann Byers! For years now, Shorty's has been serving NYC's most authentic cheesesteaks. The debate rages on: what makes a cheesesteak authentic? Some people say it's the meat. Others say it's the cheese. Some people actually think a cheesesteak must be eaten in Philly!

For Shorty's, it's all about the bread. Just like it's difficult to duplicate NYC pizza in Los Angeles or a Long Island bagel in Miami, everyone feels the

same way about a Philly cheesesteak outside of Philly. What makes Philly bread work so well? Is it the water? Who knows? Shorty's ship their bread in directly from Philly and bake it every hour. Our personal favorite meal at Shorty's? To start, their amazing buffalo wings, chicken cheesesteak with fried onions, mushrooms peppers with a side of Italian fries (sprinkled with garlic and parmesan cheese), and a nice beer (to those that are 21+). Check out their awesome menu and their locations (they also have a traveling van) at: www.shortynyc.com.

THE MEATBALL SHOP - SAMANTHA NEUGEBAUER, (PREVIOUS) ST. GEORGE RESIDENCE DIRECTOR



You would think a restaurant that sells mostly meatballs wouldn't be known for its versatility, but you would be wrong. The Meatball Shop is a great place to take anyone in your life and share a delicious meal! There are three locations in New York City (Williamsburg, the Lower East Side, and the West Village) and each location has its own charm and character.

I've had the opportunity to eat at all three and would recommend the Williamsburg location for a meal with friends, the Lower East Side shop to

take a date, and the West Village spot for a trip with your parents or relatives. Each meal is customized and under twenty dollars. There are daily special meatballs, vegetarian meatballs, and ever-changing sides and desserts. My favorite side would have to be the mushroom risotto and the pesto chicken meatball smash sandwich is a winner. You can check the website for the daily specials and to see what is being served at each location any given day. You can also “Like” The Meatball Shop on Facebook or follow the restaurant on Twitter!

SWEETWATER - **BRIAN HARRINGTON, COORDINATOR OF STUDENT LIFE**



Looking for a great spot to get a great burger in NYC? You're in luck. There are of course many great places to get great burgers. Five Guys may have amazing burgers and delicious fries as well as Shake Shack. But, the place I'm talking about will leave you leaving wanting more. Don't believe me, check it out for yourself. When you have a chance, take a trip down to Williamsburg and stop by [Sweetwater](#).

The Sweetwater burger is a hot menu item. The locals know you go there mostly just for the burger. What's so great about? I'm glad you asked. This burger is lean and is a generous portion of beef. It comes served on an English muffin, wrapped in melted cheddar cheese and topped with

caramelized onions. But that's not all; this burger also comes with hand cut fries cooked to perfection with just the right amount of salt and a side salad topped with a tasty vinaigrette. Did I mention this is all for just \$12.00? Add a beverage and you're still under the \$20 mark. If beef isn't your thing, try the lamb burger for just a dollar more! It's just as good. When you're done with that, make sure and take a stroll down to the [Wythe Hotel](#) for a different view of the city. The Wythe Hotel has a rooftop area with a stunning view of NYC, not to mention one of the few places where you can order a coke in the original glass bottle. *105 N 6th St, Williamsburg, Brooklyn*

NON-FOOD PICKS FOR YOU!

STEEP ROCK BOULDERING: **MIKE STIEFEL, EHS RESIDENT ADVISOR**



Deep in the city you would never expect to be scaling a 30 foot wall using only your upper body strength. Steep Rock Bouldering provides a unique experience of bouldering; that is, to scale natural cliffs (or synthetic cliffs in this case) without the use of equipment (such as a harness). *1506 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10029*