

# 2024 Staff Appreciation

May 17 | 1 - 3pm | Holmes Convocation Center

**Come discover tastes from around the world!**

A survey was sent out asking staff from across campus to submit their favorite dishes from different cultures around the world to serve at Staff Appreciation 2024.

Below are the featured menu items and why they were suggested!

## Staff Spotlight

**Kara Melton**

Chicken Tikka Masala

This dish is one of Kara's favorites. She recommends Taj, in Hickory, NC, and Mint, in Boone, NC, as places to eat Chicken Tikka Masala and other amazing Indian dishes.

**Kate Hoffman**

Kielbasa

Kate is primarily of Polish heritage. She remembers her father often cooking this growing up and sometimes even eating it at the Valle County Fair, the annual fair in Valle Crucis.

**Cathy Ziegler**

Pulled Pork

Cathy notes that her family has been in the southeastern US dating back to the 1700s, and despite the fact that barbecue meat is not originally American, barbecued pork has become a staple amongst the Appalachian region.

**Abigail Duker**

Jollof Rice

Abigail Duker tells us that Jollof rice is one of the most popular foods in Ghana, and also across many West African countries. It has a rich history and is often served at celebrations!

**Staff Appreciation  
Food Committee**

Baklava & Kelewele

Suggested by the Staff Appreciation Food Committee composed of App State staff from across campus who volunteered to help with the event.

**Mariana Greene**

Empanadas

Mariana is a first generation American born in Argentina, where she says empanadas are deeply rooted in the culinary culture and help her feel connected to her Argentinian roots.



Final selections were chosen by the Food Committee made up of App State staff. While we could not include all dishes that were suggested, we want to extend a special thank you to those who submitted dishes that were not selected.