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**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA VOTED ONE OF THE MOST  
VEGETARIAN-FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S.**

**School Lauded by peta2 for Meeting Students' Growing Hunger for Meatless Meals**

Philadelphia — In an online contest sponsored by **peta2**, the world's largest youth animal rights organization, thousands of students were asked to vote for the most vegetarian-friendly college or university in the U.S. from an elite list of 30 nominees, and the votes have been tallied. The **University of Pennsylvania** is ranked ninth in the nation.

With offerings like fettuccine with vegan tomato-artichoke Alfredo, crispy fried tofu with pineapple chutney, vegan carrot cake with Tofutti cream-cheese icing, and many other meat-, dairy-, and egg-free selections to choose from, Penn is a true vegan paradise.

The demand for meatless meals has never been higher, and young people are leading the charge. Nearly one-quarter of all college students ask for vegan options in school cafeterias. Sales of vegetarian mock meats doubled between 1998 and 2003 and now constitute a billion-dollar industry. Considering that the consumption of meat and other animal products has been conclusively linked to heart disease and other leading killers, it's easy to understand why. And of course, going vegetarian is the best thing that you can do to help stop animal suffering.

“Just a decade ago, students who demanded vegan options in school dining halls might have gone hungry before they found a decent meal,” says Pulin Modi, peta2's college campaign coordinator. “But thanks to schools like Penn, eating healthfully and humanely has never been easier—or more delicious!”

The winner was Indiana University in Bloomington, Ill., and Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif., grabbed second place. Rounding out peta2's “*Greens*” List were the University of Puget Sound, Yale University, the State University of New York-Purchase, Oberlin College, New York University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Florida.

To view the list of 10 U.S. and five Canadian winners, please visit [peta2.com/college](http://peta2.com/college) or [click here](#).