

A NOTE ABOUT CAMPUS/KITCHEN SERVICE

Magdalen College is a very special environment. Not only is it a Catholic college that is vibrant in its Catholicity, it is also vibrant in its community. Students learn together and participate in various events together throughout the year. However, students also bond through the experience of working in the kitchen and through campus service. To keep tuition down, all students work in the kitchen. Every student is assigned to a kitchen team that works for lunch and dinner one day around every week and a half. Here, there is no distinction between lower and upper classmen. All work alongside each other to prepare meals for the school. Speaking from personal experience, kitchen can be a good time to get away from studying and refocus your brain. Deep philosophical conversations can occur while you are working alongside fellow students whether it be an upperclassman or fellow classman. Or it can be a time for a little dance party while you scrub to the beat of the music. We cannot count the many times that kitchen work has paused briefly in order to dance to a particular song.

To further keep tuition down, all students participate in campus service. Once a week for no more than 15 minutes, every student cleans some part of campus. You may be assigned to the chapel, the classrooms, the common room or some other area. Both campus service and kitchen service create a bond between the students and a bond between the students and the campus. With this responsibility, students grow closer together as they care for their mutual "home away from home". It is our campus since we are the ones who look after it.

As you think about coming to Magdalen College, just remember that everything we do tries to promote true Catholic living whether that is through a clean building in which to live and study or through the community building that happens during kitchen and campus service. While the Catholic spiritual life is emphasized, we also do not neglect the real world. Practical skills are learned and put to use during this time, and community is fostered through a clean campus. It takes very little time out of a student's schedule and the effects can be immediately seen.

To conclude this letter, we would just like to say thank you for considering Magdalen College. It truly is a unique and rewarding experience coming here. We hope to see you here. Maybe we will be able to rock out to some tunes in the kitchen together.

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