

St. Patrick's Day Visit Celebrates Donors, Students, and Community

The Department of Nutrition, Food Science, and Packaging at San José State University was pleased to welcome donors Diane Bordoni and Bill Simpkins on March 17, 2026, for a special St. Patrick's Day visit. Hosted by Dr. Ashwini Wagle, Dr. Kasuen Mauldin, and Professor Caroline Haas, the visit included conversation about the department, student outcomes, and student success in dietetics, foodservice management, and food science.



The group also visited NUFS 111: Foodservice Production Management, where students, under the guidance of Professor Todd Engstrom, planned, prepared, and served lunch for guests at a VIP table joined by Christina De Leon, Professor Jamie Kubota, and Sonia Wright.



The visit concluded with a tour of the department's updated Circle of Friends display case, which honors alumni donors, including Diane Bordoni and Bill Simpkins' mother, Phyllis Simpkins.

