

## LinkedIn Recap: The 2024 International Food Festival at Rockford University

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This past Saturday, the Rockford University Office of Global Affairs and the Multicultural Club hosted the 2024 International Food Festival, an incredible annual event where students have the opportunity to share their culture, heritage, and food with other students, staff, and faculty, as well as the Rockford Community as a whole.

Executive Chef David Carandang and the team at Fresh Ideas cooked and served food from fifteen different countries. Guests had the opportunity to try jollof rice and fried plantains from Ghana, borscht from Russia, fattoush from the Middle East, katsu curry from Japan, and much more.

After dinner, guests headed over to Regents Hall for the Flag Ceremony, where students from twenty-eight presented their flags. Professor Luis Romero, Chair of the Puri School of Business, joined students for the ceremony and carried the Colombian flag.

Students Alice Cesare, Maggie Pacileo, Manar Abdulelah, and Goomara Basbish treated guests to songs, the RAAS Beloit Dance Collective presented several different dances, and Amina Alkharasani read “Echoes of Canaan: A Palestinian Anthem.”

The 2024 International Food Festival was an enormous success thanks to the Rockford University Office of Global Affairs, the Multicultural Club, and all of the students who volunteered their time to share their culture with the community! Thank you to everyone who attended, and we’ll see you again next year!