

The Never-Ending Experience at Olive Garden
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PLANTATION, FL— Tyler Jurain, senior marine biology major, is drawn back to Olive Garden for dinners due to her fond memories of the breadsticks. Jurain is a former gymnast and remembers how her team would go to Olive Garden post-meets.

“It has a cozy environment; I've never had a bad experience at an Olive Garden,” said Jurain

With the Plantation Olive Garden located in The Fountains Plaza only eight minutes from campus, the restaurant provides students with an inexpensive dine-in meal.

The restaurant is set with dim lighting and wood furniture to provide a cozy feel. Depending on the time you dine the noise level is hard to gauge but during the Never-Ending Pasta Bowl, there may be an influx of customers.

Olive Garden’s Never-Ending Pasta Bowl comes around once a year and lasts for nine weeks. The dine-in-only promotion starts at \$13.99 and customers can stay as long as they want — even taking leftovers to go.

“The first option is a full size, and the refills are half portions. Some people get up to six refills and even more,” said Dani Jaime, server at Olive Garden in Plantation.

Each meal includes never-ending breadsticks and the choice between **Never-Ending** soup or salad. It can also be paired with a **Never-Ending** fountain drink for a never-ending experience.

Jurain has had many experiences at Olive Graden but her most cherished memory is her first date.

“I got the fettuccine alfredo and remember I took the rest of my meal to go because I think the nerves made me full,” said Jurain.

The all-you-can-eat menu is build-your-own style offering four pastas (fettuccine, spaghetti, angel hair, and rigatoni) and five sauces (alfredo, marinara, meat sauce, creamy mushroom, and five cheese marinara). Never-Ending protein can be added for an additional \$4.99, which includes the choice of crispy chicken frita, meatballs, or Italian sausage.

For customers not in the mood for never-ending pasta and, of course, breadsticks, the main menu is also available.

Olive Garden is a good contender when choosing an inexpensive night out whether opting for the main menu or the never-ending experience.