

## Discover Haverford Welcomes The Juice Pod

It has officially been two months since The Juice Pod's grand opening in Havertown! This local franchise serves smoothies, juices, acai bowls, and more using organic, high-quality, fresh produce. The first ever The Juice Pod opened in 2016 in Avalon, New Jersey. Since then, founders Danielle Leonhart and Christine Wyatt have expanded the franchise all over New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Havertown is now its 16th location, and it is currently owned and run by the O'Neill family. Along with being one of the owners, Dawn O'Neill is the Philanthropy Officer at The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence and her daughter Maggie is the store's general manager.

Maggie, a 2024 graduate of Penn State University, has worked for The Juice Pod since her senior year of high school and knows the brand better than anyone. Having been mentored by the founders, she has managed The Juice Pod in Bryn Mawr and helped open other store locations. When the O'Neill family decided to invest in the franchise, they trusted Maggie to build upon the franchise opportunity and create a friendly atmosphere for the employees and customers in Havertown!



When deciding where to open their franchise, they were considering other locations but ultimately decided Havertown was the best. Dawn shared, "We were looking at Chestnut Hill, Phoenixville, and Conshohocken, and then this location opened up. It's close to our home, and Pat (Maggie's father) grew up here; and we know what a wonderful community this is. We get a lot of great families that come in all ages from high school and middle school." They acquired the storefront in February and began their reconstruction and build-out process. Then Maggie graduated in May, and they have been off and running since.

As general manager Maggie ensures the day to day operations run smoothly, is responsible for managing all the personnel responsibilities which include hiring, training and mentoring the associates, manages the ordering of food and supplies, and oversees all marketing and social media. Currently, The Juice Pod Havertown has 12 additional employees, and according to Dawn, "everybody who we have, Maggie has trained, running from college to younger students. But now she's really mentoring them to learn the business and our product." Both the O'Neills hope

to continue The Juice Pod legacy in Havertown. For the future, Maggie states, "I hope to grow it. I have made a lot of really good friendships through working on the product; I want to see my voice and see other people grow within the business and the brand."

Be sure to check out The Juice Pod when you are looking for a quick, healthy snack or meal. Their smoothies and smoothie bowls are incredibly popular but don't forget about the savory paninis and salads as well. Be on the lookout for new promotions and deals. In the past, they have participated in national smoothie day discounts, special July 4th smoothies, and so much more! We are so excited to have The Juice Pod in Havertown!



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