Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude and family.

But let's be honest: the real point of this holiday is judging the food like it's a competitive sport.
After rigorous "research" (two students – Jenna and Ember and one half-finished pumpkin spice latte), here are the definitive Thanksgiving Food Rankings.

These are final. Disputes will not be acknowledged.

Mashed Potatoes — The Uncontested Champion

Scientific reasoning: Carbs = serotonin. Enough said.
Why it wins: Works with everything. Accepts gravy like a pro. Annoys no one.

Stuffing — The Chaotic Good Icon

Scientific reasoning: Stuffing is bread deciding it wants to evolve.
Why it ranks high: Impossible to define, somehow always good. Celery? Herbs? Existential dread? Doesn't matter.

Rolls — The Silent Workhorses

Scientific reasoning: Observational studies show rolls vanish faster than the desire to socialize after 8 p.m.
Why it ranks high: Great for "accidentally" eating four before dinner starts. Also functions as a spoon.

Turkey — The Overrated Frontman

Scientific reasoning: Turkey is the band whose opener (mashed potatoes) is better than their entire set.
Why it ranks lower: We pretend to like it. The gravy is doing most of the heavy lifting.

Pumpkin Pie — The Dessert that Sparks Debate

Scientific reasoning: Pumpkin pie is 50% nostalgia and 50% arguments waiting to happen.
Why it lands here: Loved by some, tolerated by others, always abundant.

Final Verdict:

Mashed potatoes run the table. Turkey is just here for branding. Pumpkin pie loyalty is mostly performative.

This concludes the Thanksgiving Food Rankings brought to you by students who should definitely be doing something else.