Luckily, healthy no longer equals missing out on nostalgic holiday treats - including all the Christmas goodies.

This year, we're focusing on gingerbread, which is a flavor currently hard to come by when you're searching for a cookie that's nutrient-rich and free from unnatural sugars and flours.

However, when you turn gingerbread into a bliss ball, you suddenly end up with a mineral-rich dessert bursting with antioxidants and healthy fats, and sweetened with only natural sugars.

Joy to the World ... gingerbread has come.

Salted Chocolate Christmas Bliss Balls

Prep time: 5 minutes

Total time: 10-15 minutes

Serves: 12 balls

Ingredients:

1 cup pecans

1 cup medjool dates

- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¹/₂ tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp allspice
- 1/2 tsp Ava Jane Colima Sea Salt
- ¼ cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp orange zest
- Goji berries for garnish
- Shredded coconut for rolling

Instructions:

- 1. Add pecans to your food processor and pulse until finely chopped.
- 2. Add in dates, cinnamon, allspice, ginger, sea salt, vanilla, cocoa powder, and orange zest and pulse until a thick dough has formed.
- 3. Roll dough into small balls between your palms. Gently roll in shredded coconut.
- 4. Top with a goji berry for garnish and serve.

*If the dough is too dry, add a dash of maple syrup.