Support Students Beyond Tuition: A Look at Food and Housing Insecurity on College Campuses

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Welcome!

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Florida College Access Network is the heart of a movement to ensure **today’s students** are prepared for **tomorrow’s jobs**.

**Our mission:** To create and strengthen a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to improve college and career readiness, access, and completion for all students.

**Our vision:** At least 60% of working-age Floridians will hold a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential by the year 2025.
**FCAN’s Work**

**Research and Data** FCAN publishes research and data on evidence-based practices and policy opportunities to strengthen Florida’s talent pool. Recent publications highlighted student experiences with financial aid, transfer policies, and developmental education reform.

**Local college access networks (LCANs)** LCANs represent 81% of the state’s population. These organizations are made up of community leaders who come together to create solutions and partnerships to support local talent development.

**Statewide Initiatives** FCAN coordinates four College Ready Florida initiatives to increase access to resources to support students in continuing their education after high school.
How do we define ‘food insecurity’ or ‘housing insecurity’?

**Food Insecurity**

the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe food, or the ability to acquire such food in a safe manner.

**Housing Insecurity**

the challenges surrounding housing including the inability to pay rent, utilities, fees or the need to move frequently.
College and University Basic Needs Insecurity: A National #RealCollege Survey Report by the Hope Center

- 86,000 students
- 90 two-year colleges
- 33 four-year institutions
- 24 states
How many students experienced food insecurity within the past 30 days?

- 45% of students surveyed reported being food insecure within the past 30 days.
  - 48% of students at two-year universities reported being food insecure within the past 30 days.
  - 57% of food insecure students received some form of public assistance, with Medicaid and SNAP being the most common forms of public assistance.
How many students experienced housing insecurity in the past year?

- 56% of students surveyed reported being housing insecure in the previous year

- 60% of students at 2-year institutions experienced housing insecurity in the previous year.

- 17% of students surveyed reported being homeless in the previous year.
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• For more information, visit the Hope Center’s website and see the full report here:

Hunger & Homelessness – Serving our Students with a Collaborative Approach

Erin LeDuc, Director
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Daytona State College by the numbers (2018)

- 26,963 annual unduplicated headcount
- 2-county service area: 635,000+ population
- 7 campuses
- 269 full-time faculty
Daytona State College by the numbers

- Full-time vs. Part-time: 65% vs. 35%
- Gender: 60% Female, 39% Male
- Dual Enrollment headcount: 2,956
- Veterans: 1,383
- Athletes: 247
- Financial Aid (grants, loans, scholarships, work Study): 62%

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Daytona State College participated in the Wisconsin HOPE Lab and the Kresge Foundation’s 2015 survey

73% students reported food insecurities

67% reported having spent at least one night unsure where they would sleep
Center for Women & Men - Call to Action - 2016 / 2017

- One Stop Shop model streamlining services for all campuses
- Falcon Fuel snacks to grab and go!
- Relationships were built, mentorship and advocacy taking shape
- Food pantry stocked with canned and non-perishable food items
- Funding provided by SGA awarding an annual $10,000
- Sustainable food efforts providing a Bag lunch program
  (with community resources attached to each bag)
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Expanded Homeless Services:

- Faculty/staff mentor assigned
- Laundry vouchers & supplies
- Showers in the gym & toiletries
- Access to our career-ready clothing closet
- Free haircuts from cosmetology & barbering
- Access to free and low-cost healthcare
- Access to our student-parent services and support (+ free diapers)
- Free transportation assistance via VOTRAN
- Financial support for test fees and background checks
- Backpacks & school supplies
- Books through the Lending Library & Private Book Scholarship
Where Are We Now?
#realcollege DSC 2017/2018

50% respondents were food insecure within prior 30 days preceding the survey
59% of survey respondents were housing insecure in the previous year
19% of survey respondents were homeless in the previous year

69% of survey respondents at DSC experienced at least one of these forms of basic needs insecurity in the past year.
Comparison to Fall 2016 Survey Results
#realcollege 2017/2018

- Food Insecurity: 2016 - 73%, 2018 - 50%
- Housing Insecurity: 2016 - 67%, 2018 - 59%
- Homelessness: 2016 - 26%, 2018 - 19%
Food Insecurity Among Survey Respondents
#realcollege 2017/2018

- I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more.
- I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals.
- The food that I bought just did not last and I did not have the money to buy more.
- I cut the size of meals or skipped meals because there was not enough money for food.
- I ate less than I felt I should because there was not enough money for food.
- I was hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money for food.
- I cut the size of meals or skipped meals because there was not enough money for food (3 or more times).
- I lost weight because there was not enough money for food.
- I did not eat for a whole day because there was not enough money for food.
- I did not eat for a whole day because there was not enough money for food (3 or more times).

Percentage Endorsing Statement
Homelessness at DSC Among Survey Respondents
#realcollege 2017/2018

Locations stayed overnight

- Temporarily with relative, friend, or couch surfing: 15%
- Temporarily at a hotel or motel without a permanent home to...: 5%
- In closed area/space with roof not meant for human habitation: 3%
- At outdoor location: 2%
- In transitional housing or independent living: 1%
- In a camper: 2%
- At a treatment center (such as detox, hospital, etc.): 1%
- At a shelter: 2%

Percentage Endorsing Statement
How much do the following challenges prevent you from being successful at DSC? #realcollege 2017/2018

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Collaborative Approach

• Partnerships/Facility Changes
  – In – House Resources & Support
  – Hope Center (#realcollege)
  – Halifax Urban Ministries & Hope Place Shelter
  – Family Renew Shelter / Neighborhood Center Shelter
  – Advent Health – Centre Care
  – Votran
  – Volusia County Human Services
  – Domestic Abuse Partners in Volusia & Flagler
  – Volusia County Schools - Homeless Liaison
  – System Of Care Circuit 7/DCF/SAYS
  – Positive Pathways (National Resource) ~ www.positivepathwaysflorida.org
  – Educate Tomorrow (In partnership with Positive Pathways) ~ www.educatetomorrow.org
  – United Way Volusia/Flagler
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Thank you for listening and sharing!

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SUPPORTING STUDENTS

UNF Student Government oversees a 4.2 million dollar budget, allocating resources for 17,000 students.

Here's how we do it.
Data driven needs:

While we meet with students often, we know that statistical data is the way to drive decisions and provides solid ground for lobbying administration.

Osprey Voice: Each month, Student Government conducts Osprey Voice surveys. These are online and on topics decided by students.

Case Study: Campus Preachers
31% of UNF students live in poverty.

300 expected amount of visits per month at the Lend-A-Wing food pantry.

$50,000 in monetary donations to Lend-A-Wing
Lend-A-Wing

**Strategy 1:** Lend-A-Wing will move to core of campus to better integrate into campus life and expand hours, while assuring anonymity and privacy.

**Strategy 2:** Lend-A-Wing will create a mobile pop-up pantry that will be used for high traffic events and times.

**Strategy 3:** Lend-A-Wing will engage with University Development and Alumni Engagement to expand operating capabilities through donations.

**Strategy 4:** Lend-A-Wing will create programs and a climate that will reduce stigma regarding food insecurity.
Pop-Up Pantry

Our pop-up pantry is a mobile kiosk that can be moved around campus as needed. Thus far, we have used it as a way to destigmatize the pantry, but plan on using it for “grab bags” during move in and finals—when students are too busy to get groceries.
Strategic Partnerships

**Lend-A-Wing Foundation:** Through Alumni Engagement and the UNF Foundation, Lend-A-Wing has its own account through which we can raise funds.

**Feeding Northeast Florida:** We buy the majority of our food at FENFL, using our foundation account.

**Food Fighters:** the Food Fighters reclaim leftover food from the UNF Café and repackage it for the Aids network and Lend-A-Wing, it stays in our frozen section.

**Ogier Gardens:** Lend-A-Wing receives produce from the UNF Ogier Gardens.

**Osprey Eyes:** A secret shopper program that reviews UNF offices, reviewed Lend-A-Wing, leading us to push for the relocation to the core of campus.
Thank you!
Questions?

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Conclusion