FOOD INSECURITY TASK FORCE
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SHARED PRACTICES
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WHERE WE BEGAN

In 2014, at the request of a Trustee, SUNY collected data on what campuses were doing to prevent and respond to student hunger. Of those who responded, 15 stated they had an on-campus food pantry, 3 campuses planned to open on-campus pantries, and 6 campuses worked closely with local food pantries to address student hunger.

On January 24, 2017, the SUNY Board of Trustees Student Life Committee met to discuss the issue of student hunger across SUNY. Representatives from SUNY Oswego, Stony Brook University, and the University at Albany shared their experiences with addressing student hunger, and how they established programs to meet the need. The Committee provided feedback for System to evaluate networks, investigate best practices, obtain information about what pantries and services exist across SUNY, and to evaluate food service vendor contracts and other innovative options to alleviate food insecurity.

In preparation for the SUNY Board of Trustees Student Life Committee meeting on March 22, 2017, a survey was undertaken to update information on campus efforts to address student hunger, and follow-up outreach was conducted in November, 2017. Nearly all campuses responded to the initial inquiry. More than half of the SUNY campuses have a food pantry, are in the process of opening a food pantry, or are interested in opening a food pantry. Of those who responded, 32 campuses report that they have an on-campus food pantry, 13 campuses partner with or refer students to a local food pantry, 1 campus is planning to open a food pantry, and 6 additional campuses are interested in opening a food pantry.

WHERE WE ARE NOW

As illustrated above, many campuses across SUNY provide food relief to their campus communities. Accessibility to the food pantries varies. Most of the food pantries are located on the physical campus, while several pantries are hosted off campus. A few campuses have mobile food pantries, meaning an unaffiliated group brings food items to campus. Numerous campuses have direct partnerships with their local community for students to access resources such as food banks. A few campuses are in the process of starting food pantries on campus. Campus pantries may be open several times a semester, several times a week, or 24/7. Some campus food pantries extend beyond supporting food insecure students to be inclusive of faculty and staff.

Approximately one-third of the SUNY campuses have no food pantry on campus. However, many of these campuses have local partnerships or other programs to mitigate food insecurity.
“WE ARE NOT DONE YET”

“Acknowledging the problem and having a food pantry is only the beginning. To ensure qualified students participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), SUNY partnered with the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability to raise awareness of student eligibility for food benefits. According to a recent report by the Government Accountability Office, of the 3.3 million students who were potentially eligible for SNAP in 2016, less than half reported participating. Working together with Hunger Solutions New York, OTDA is currently dispatching staff to SUNY campuses to help students learn more about the federal food assistance program.”

- Chancellor, Kristina M. Johnson, PhD
GOAL of the TASK FORCE

SUNY Board of Trustees Student Life Committee Co-Chairs: Eunice Lewin, and Michael Braun, President of the Student Assembly

Trustee Joseph Belluck raised the question about student food insecurity and SUNY responded!

PHASE 1
First 6 Months

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Completed

Phase 3 Initiatives

Survey Assessment

Ongoing

Conference

Initial list of possible policy/procedure (system and state level) changes identified

Initial list of possible resources identified

Initial committee recommendations forwarded to the Task Force
The Food Insecurity Task Force, empanelled by SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson, PhD, is comprised of a broad spectrum of interested constituencies, including students, staff, faculty, auxiliary food service providers and community and philanthropic organizations. The goal of the Task Force is to **study the issue of food insecurity on college campuses and recommend the necessary changes and best practices to alleviate this serious issue.** The Task Force will present a preliminary and final report to the Student Life Committee of the Board of Trustees.

**PHASE 3**  
_First 18-24 Months_

- **Performance Indicators**
  - Food Pantries or Partnerships at all SUNY Campuses
  - Promising practices catalogued, communicated, and disseminated

- **Process Indicators**
  - System-wide Assessment of Hunger and Food Insecurity Completed
  - Task Force drafts report

- **Performance Indicators**
  - Task Force submits report to the SUNY Board of Trustees
  - Reporting on Student Basic Needs added to campus-level data collected by SUNY

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- Inaugural SUNY Conference on Student Basic Needs
- Task Force proposes policy and procedure changes to System based on report
- Second SUNY Conference on Student Basic Needs

**JUNE 2019**
GOAL MET!

Our goal of 100% has been met ahead of schedule.

State Operated Campuses
- University at Albany*
- Alfred State*
- Alfred University*
- Binghamton University*
- The College at Brockport
- Buffalo State College*
- SUNY Buffalo*
- SUNY Canton*
- SUNY Cobleskill
- Cornell University*
- SUNY Cortland
- SUNY Delhi
- SUNY Downstate
- Empire State College
- SUNY ESF
- Farmingdale State College
- SUNY Fredonia
- Geneseo*
- Maritime College
- SUNY Morrisville
- SUNY New Paltz*
- Old Westbury
- SUNY Oneonta*
- College of Optometry
- SUNY Oswego*
- SUNY Plattsburgh*
- SUNY Potsdam
- Purchase College*
- Stony Brook University*
- SUNY Poly
- Upstate Medical University*
- SUNY Adirondack
- SUNY Broome CC*
- Cayuga CC
- Clinton CC*
- Columbia Greene CC
- Corning CC
- Dutchess CC*
- Erie CC
- FIT
- Finger Lakes CC*
- Fulton-Montgomery*
- Genesee*
- Herkimer County CC
- Hudson Valley
- Jamestown CC
- SUNY Jefferson
- Mohawk Valley CC
- Monroe CC*
- SUNY Nassau*
- Niagara County CC
- North Country
- Onondaga CC*
- SUNY Orange
- SUNY Rockland*
- SUNY Schenectady
- Suffolk County CC*
- SUNY Sullivan
- Tompkins Cortland
- SUNY Ulster
- SUNY Westchester*

Governor Cuomo has announced that 100% of all New York State public colleges will have a food pantry or stigma-free food access for students in need by the end of the fall semester.

SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson said, “Food insecurity can affect anyone, including the students enrolled in our campuses. Under the Governor’s leadership and with incredible support from all 64 SUNY campuses and partnerships across the state, we are quickly changing not only the conversation about hunger on our campuses, but how we support our students in critical need. Together, we are providing needed nutrition, ending the stigma around food insecurity, and helping ensure no student is forced to drop out because of limited access to the healthy food they need.”

*Other Interventions in place:
- SNAP
- Civic Organizations
- Community Based Food Banks
- Emergency Food Assistance
70% of SUNY campuses have an on-site food pantry

30% are in partnership with an off-campus food pantry and provide students with options for “stigma-free” access to food. SUNY campuses are ahead of the December 31st deadline and are fully compliant with the Governor’s “No Student Goes Hungry” Initiative.
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

The University collaborates with the St. Vincent De Paul Food Parish located in the center of the off-campus student neighborhood to assist students, faculty & staff in the area that are food insecure. Individuals can visit the parish once a month to obtain goods. Additionally, students who are unable to visit the pantry during regular distribution hours are able to order their food online and select one of two delivery days to have their food distributed to them on campus. The University Auxiliary Service (UAS) unit has launched a series of cooking classes for students living on a shoestring budget. Students are taught via a local chef how to cook their own meals (free of charge) using staple items regularly found in the pantry. Finally, the University at Albany is working towards launching our own on-campus food pantry in the very near future.

https://stvincentalbany.org/food-pantry

ALFRED STATE

There is a mobile food pantry program. The Rochester-based Foodlink schedules planned visits to campus. Alfred State has hosted four pantries over the past three semesters. The first pantry had a total of 191 students and community members served with the latest pantry in November on the Wellsville campus serving 392. The next pantry is scheduled for February 15, 2017 in the Pioneer Student Union on the Wellsville Campus. Additionally, the “Pioneer Exchange” program offers second-hand donated items (campus-based thrift).


Alfred University

The AUFP aims to complement the existing food security efforts of Alfred, Almond, Hornell, Wellsville, and the surrounding WNY area by offering supplemental/emergency foods. They serve low income or food insecure students, an overlooked population in need on college campuses, as well as community members unaffiliated with the university. The AUFP is now affiliated with both CUFBA (College & University Foodbank Alliance) and Foodlink Rochester. Located at The Judson Leadership Center, the AUFP is open Every Saturday from Noon to 3pm during the academic year (while school is in session).

https://my.alfred.edu/emergency-assistance/food-pantry.cfm

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

The Bear Necessities Food Pantry is open to all students with food insecurity. They also offer limited school supplies, toiletries, and bedding. They recently started a fresh produce giveaway that they hope to expand as well as having refrigerated items available. The pantry recently received a donation that allowed for continuous financial support of the pantry. The Parent Association and Student Affairs are very active in these efforts.

https://www.binghamton.edu/case-management/support/pantry.html

THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT

The College at Brockport partners with The Brockport Food Shelf at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. St. Luke’s is located on the corner of State Street and Main Street in Brockport, which is in the center of town. The Food shelf provides relief to eligible residents, but will not turn anyone away at first visit. They will work with non-residents to find resources in their own town after providing them with a one-time visit. The food shelf is available from 9am-12:30pm & 2pm-6pm the first four Thursdays of the month. We are marketing this opportunity to our student and other nearby pantries to our students through social media and print media. The College at Brockport is also investigating a partnership with Food Link to establish an on-campus food pantry in the near future.

http://brockportnewmancenter.org/

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

The Student Life Office coordinates Milligan’s Food Pantry with nine additional Faculty/Staff distribution sites across campus. Food and toiletries are distributed through an online request form. There are also a Food Insecurity Awareness Week, Food Drives, and Chartwells emergency hot meal card service.

http://studentlife.buffalostate.edu/milligans-food-pantry

SUNY BUFFALO

The University partners with the University Presbyterian Church located across the street from the Main St. campus to assist students, faculty and staff. They have established a food insecurity committee to explore other ways to support students in need. The UPC Food Pantry provides food items for students and residents in the community who are in need. Their shelves are stocked with a variety of non-perishable food items and basic necessities.
The SUNY Canton Food and Clothing Pantry on campus is run by the Student Affairs Division, who works with the Church & Community Program (C&CP) to assist those in need with food and clothing. Referrals can be offered for additional assistance. SUNY Canton’s on-campus food pantry is located in Miller Campus Center 225. Food is not the only thing that the pantry provides, as it also has a limited supply of clothing and winter apparel such as coats, hats, and mittens. Additionally, a Student Emergency Fund has been set up through the College Foundation. Through this fund, the College (through the Dean of Students and Diversity Offices) can provide additional limited resources to assist students in emergency situations such as providing gas cards or transportation for family emergencies.

SUNY Cobleskill established a Food Insecurity Task Force (FITF) during the Fall of 2017, charged by the President and consisting of faculty, staff, and students to explore, recommend, and implement a program surrounding the issue of food insecurity on our campus. The FITF determined that a food pantry on campus was not the optimal way to address food insecurity on our campus, based on a campus survey and given the fact that we have 18 food pantries in our region, three of which are in walkable distance to campus. The (FITF) developed a partnership with CAS to provide three days’ worth of meals to a student who is facing food insecurity. The staff member simply calls CAS who then “loads” the meals on their Coby Card in order to obtain food in the dining halls in a non-stigmatized fashion. FITF also assisted with the development of a website for our students, faculty, and staff regarding food insecurity. FITF members are including the topic of food insecurity throughout appropriate programs on campus. For example, when the Assistant Director of Leadership, who works with commuters, hosts a program on rental agreements; he will also provide information on resources for food insecurity both on and off campus. The three “walkable” food pantries closest to campus received a letter but also ongoing personal visits from Matthew Barney regarding our efforts and how we can assist each of their respective pantries. One pantry in particular, Catholic Charities, will be sharing numerical data if a student indicates they are a Cobleskill student. This pantry provides up to a month’s worth of food for the student and family or housemates. SUNY Cobleskill, over the years, has connected with the local food pantries via community service projects. For example, this holiday season we will be collecting personal care items for Catholic Charities as they are desperately low in supplies. We have also had numerous students provide community service in a variety of ways to our local food pantries.

Anabel’s Grocery is a project of the Center for Transformative Action that opened in the summer of 2017. The student team behind Anabel’s Grocery envisions a campus where all students have access to affordable, high-quality food without having to sacrifice their studies due to hunger or lack of nutrition. The team, comprised of representatives from all seven undergraduate colleges, which are the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Architecture, Art and Planning, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell SC Johnson College of Business, College of Engineering, College of Human Ecology, and School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR), aims to address student food insecurity by providing access to healthy food and increasing food literacy. The on-campus store means students will no longer require a car or bus to access affordable groceries. Students who demonstrate the highest need for food will be able to apply an anonymous subsidy for their groceries at the checkout and receive an 8 to 10 percent discount.

Launched in November 2017, the SUNY Cortland Cupboard serves food-insecure SUNY Cortland students. Although open to all of our students, it is designed for those living off-campus who are in need. (Students living in a campus residence hall have food plans that provide virtually unlimited food, but can use the Pantry regardless.) The Cupboard is located across the street from campus in the Interfaith Center. It provides non-perishable foods, can openers, personal care products, and reusable bags. Student, staff, and faculty volunteers welcome the Cupboard’s guests Mondays through Fridays, noon to 1:00, and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00. The Board of Directors keeps the Cupboard open with limited hours during holidays. The Board has the equipment for electronic card access; once the information is loaded, the hours can be expanded. Generous funding from the President’s Office covered start-up costs. The Cupboard Fund provides on-going funding. Food donations have come from students, faculty, staff, and the greater Cortland community. The Cupboard’s Board of Directors includes a student coordinator, the campus’ Protestant pastor, our associate of the Cortland Fund, our Health Educator, and the director of Residency and a valid student ID to utilize the pantry.

http://www.upcbuffalo.com/Ministries.html
our Institute for Civic Engagement. A risk management intern created our Policies and Procedures Manual. The Cupboard is a member of CUFBA, the College and University Food Bank Alliance, and we are in the process of partnering with the Central NY Food Bank. The Cupboard represents one aspect of SUNY Cortland’s dedication to students’ well-being and opportunity for academic excellence.

**SUNY DELHI**

Regalia is the on-campus thrift store and food pantry. It is located on the first floor of the Farrell Center. All proceeds from Regalia go to scholarships. Regalia’s hours of operation are between 12 p.m. & 3 p.m., Monday through Friday (when college is in session). In addition, there is a partnership with a local food pantry in Delhi at the United Ministry Church behind the bank on Church Street.

http://www.delhi.edu/campus_life/oconnor_center/events.php

**SUNY DOWNSTATE**

SUNY Downstate has made contact with two local food agencies that are within travel distance of the campus and were suggested by Vivian Nieves of NYS Food Harvest. The first is St. Clements Food Pantry. The contact is Seth Sibanda who has indicated that all of our students (and anyone in our campus community) who is food insecure can utilize the pantry regardless of whether we have an agreement in place or not. We have, however, sent them a memorandum of understanding (approved by Counsel’s Office) to ask them to sign and return to us so we can have a formal relationship. The Food Pantry is currently open every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) from 4pm to 6pm and every Saturday (except the first Saturday of the month) from 9am to 11:30am. They will also make available food at any other time of the week at the request of our office for a student who is insecure through their network of resources. The second is a soup kitchen located at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church. The contact there is Scott Layman. This organization operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we are in the process of writing up an agreement for them.

**SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE**

SUNY Empire State College has partnered with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York as well as the Food Bank Association of New York State to provide our students with connections to food pantries and food sources in their own communities. SUNY Empire is unique because our students learn where they live. We do not have a centralized campus like many traditional institutions, but we do have 34 offices across New York. With our students learning where they live, and many being non-traditional students with families, jobs, and other responsibilities, we found it imperative to connect our students to resources in their communities so that they would have access to far beyond their tenure with SUNY Empire. In addition, collaborating with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and the Food Bank Association of New York State allowed us to develop a state-wide resource list for all counties in New York, accessible to all of our students at www.esc.edu/hwi The Food Insecurity resources at SUNY Empire State College are managed by our Coordinator of the Student Health and Wellness Initiative, Brandon Aldous, in the Office of Student Life.

**ESF SUNY ESF**

The Hendricks Chapel Food Pantry is stocked with food and personal care items, available at no cost to all students with valid Syracuse University and SUNY ESF ID. The steps to accessing the pantry are simple! Come to the Dean’s Suite, sign in, and fill up a bag of food and personal care items once a week. The pantry is located in the Dean’s Office, Room 003 in the lower level of Hendricks Chapel. The hours of operation are Monday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

https://www.facebook.com/FRNatESFandSU/

**Farmingdale State College**

Farmingdale State College has collaborated with St. Killian’s Church food pantry to assist students, faculty, and staff who struggle with issues related to food insecurity. St. Killian’s food pantry will provide continuing service to anyone who lives within the parish’s boundaries, and will assist all others on a one-time basis, and then help them to find services in their local community. The college has also collaborated with the United Methodist Church to provide warm meals every Sunday for anyone who wishes to attend. Finally, students can come to the Health and Wellness Center in order to receive assistance with SNAP applications.

**SUNY FREDONIA**

The Student Health Center in collaboration with the campus Counseling Center and Campus Life have promoted a food pantry for the end of each semester. Located in the vestibule of LoGrasso Hall as well as at the information desk of the Williams Center, the campus food pantry has distributed thousands of items to date. The Food Pantry hours of operation are: Williams Center (Information Desk outside of Tim Hortons) seven days a week from 5:00 p.m. - 11 p.m. Williams Center (Information Desk outside of Tim Hortons)
Every Wednesday during the academic year from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Food donations are accepted at either the Campus Life Office or the Student Health Center. Monetary tax-deductible donations are accepted through the Fredonia College Foundation specific to the “Health Center Food Pantry Fund”. Nonperishable food and hygiene items are stocked in the food pantry.

**GENESEO**

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SUNY Geneseo has a partnership with The Groveland Food Pantry. The pantry is located at the Central Presbyterian church on 31 Center Street. The food pantry operates relatively simply. If a student finds they’re in need, they can go to the food pantry. For their first visit, students are given food that would last a day or two. If students need to continue utilizing the food pantry, financial aid office will generate a letter that the student gives to the food pantry. Hours of operation are Tuesdays 10am-2pm and Wednesdays 4pm-6:30pm. Student organizations and numerous departments conduct food drives to collect items for the Geneseo-Groveland Food Pantry.

[https://www.geneseo.edu/volunteer_center/poverty](https://www.geneseo.edu/volunteer_center/poverty)

**MARITIME COLLEGE**

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The pantry will be run by Student Affairs with the assistance of UPD. Work associated with the pantry (e.g. opening and locking, stocking, organizing, discarding) will be done by student volunteers, student workers, clubs and organizations, or others TBD. Maritime has run several successful food and clothing drives in the past. We anticipate being able to make a large campus push around the holiday season of 2018 to initially stock the pantry. The SUNY Maritime College Cultural Club has already agreed to donate their proceeds to this project. The College will need to absorb some initial costs, particularly the establishment of a physical space and shelving on the campus. We believe that the pantry should serve the entire on-campus community. Faculty and staff members may also be struggling with food insecurities or wages that do not fully cover their day-to-day-needs. We would therefore open and promote the food pantry to the entire campus community. We do not believe Maritime is currently in a position to serve the outside community, although that may be an effort we make down the road. We plan to offer nonperishable food items and hygiene products. We plan to put as few barriers in place as possible as a means of increasing use but preserving confidentiality. Therefore, we will have the pantry open during regular business hours (8am - 5pm) during weekdays as well as 1-2 evenings per week for commuter students who are only on campus during those times. The pantry will be open for use by anyone who needs the assistance. We will post guidance on who should use the pantry. We will monitor the need and activity to determine if more guidelines should be put in place to determine eligibility.

**SUNY MORRISVILLE**

The campus partners with a local pantry that students can access. Auxiliary Services supports a “Prepared and Perishable Food project (soup kitchen) in the town of Morrisville, which is open to the community. Opportunity Programs, Student Government clubs and organizations, Residence Life and others make regular food/other donations to the local agencies who support the town and students in need. Currently, beyond the local food pantry, Morrisville’s efforts include seven Take Something/Leave Something food shelves. They are stocked with soup, ramen and similar easy-to-make foods. They are reviewed and refreshed weekly, primarily by Residence Life, which also plans semester-end collections to increase stock.

**SUNY NEW PALTZ**

Coordinated by the Student Christian Center and located in the Student Union, the food pantry primarily serves students in need. Many organizations and departments also do collection drives for Family of New Paltz, a local food pantry for the community.


**OLD WESTBURY**

The College started a campus pantry in September 2018. It is open to the entire campus community. The pantry is staffed by a local volunteer and student volunteers. It is coordinated by a committee consisting of members from Academic and Student Affairs. Currently we receive food and other items from a local food bank, Island Harvest, and we are in the process of setting up a relationship with Long Island Cares. Departments and student organizations are supporting the pantry through food drives. We distribute information about SNAP, nutrition and other emergency services. We have an account set up with the Old Westbury Foundation and have received monetary donations. Next steps include initiatives with Dining Services and membership in CUFBA.
CAMPUS SURVEY RESULTS

STATE OPERATED CAMPUSES (continued)

SUNY ONEONTA
Food Shelf at Hunt College Union- Established in the fall of 2017, we worked with the campus to encourage our community members to drop off food items, and people could “take as you need, leave what you can.” We increased campus partnerships and created a work group supported by the Office of Student Life and Leadership/Hunt College Union, Center for Social Responsibility and Community, Student Association, Office of Equity and Inclusion, and the Office of Sustainability. We increased awareness and established sixteen collection sites across campus in April-May 2018, with a pick-up occurring on the third Monday of the month. Ongoing donations are moved to a designated store room in Hunt Union and regularly distributed to the shelf. We started tracking collections late last spring, and we have collected and distributed more than 600 pounds of food and hygiene items. We observe a regular activity of leavers and takers during the year. Last spring we worked with the Division of Student Development to offer free meal chips on the shelf redeemable for a free meal in the dining halls.

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
In an effort to provide confidential access to free food for SUNY Optometry students who experience food insecurity, the College is proud to announce a partnership with Guttman Community College (GCC) to offer our students access to GCC’s food pantry. GCC is conveniently located across Bryant Park (50 West 40th Street) and its food pantry is located in the Single Stop office (Room LL 021). Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but please note the food pantry is closed from 1 to 2 p.m. each day. There are no limits on the number of visits a SUNY Optometry student may make to the food pantry, nor any questions asked regarding a student’s need for food.

SUNY Potsdam
The on-campus food pantry is run through the Community Health Department. Students who are experiencing food insecurity are welcome to stop by and take what they need. Non-perishable snacks like cereal, granola bars and chips are available, as are easy-to-prepare meal items like boxed macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, soups, peanut butter and bread. A small refrigerator contains items like cheese and yogurt. Faculty and staff members regularly drop off donations or make gifts to support the resource. Groups such as the College’s CSEA chapter have held food drives to benefit the pantry. In addition to food, students in need have also requested toiletries, such as toothpaste and menstrual products. It is open to any student or faculty member. The SUNY Potsdam Campus Food Pantry is located in Dunn Hall Room 100, and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is a whiteboard available for students to request items that they might need.

https://www.potsdam.edu/studentlife/clubs/hafa

SUNY Oswego
The on-campus food pantry, The SHOP, went live in November 2016. The effort was spearheaded by Student Affairs and supported by the Student Association. They are exploring readiness to expand and work with the regional food bank distribution center. Additionally, a “caring closet” provides gently used clothing, especially winter coats and accessories. The pantry is located in Room 3, Penfield Library Basement. SUNY Oswego Vice President of Student Affairs presented to the Board of Trustees on January 24, 2017.

https://www.oswego.edu/counseling-services/food-pantry-shop-project

SUNY Plattsburgh
The pantry is located in the Student Support Services Office. It is available for any student to come as frequently as they wish. This started informally in fall, 2015, and more formally Fall 2016. Several student groups, University Police, and the UUP chapter have made significant donations of food from their efforts to collect it. They also have an emergency fund that was recently created with the help of the College Foundation. Guidelines developed during the fall 2016 semester are being shared with Faculty Senate, department chairs (throughout the campus), and other staff members that engage frequently with the low-income students.

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Purchase College
The Purchase College FreeStore is a sustainability service dedicated to reducing waste, subverting capitalism, and providing a space for the Purchase community to organize around ecological and social justice issues. The FreeStore responds to the issue of waste and food insecurity in our campus community and provides an array of services such as clothing, art supplies, nonperishable food, household goods and appliances, books and magazines, and more!
A temporary food kit can be picked up the same day while the order is being filled. This kit includes items for two meals and snacks. A staff member will engage in a private conversation with students who request additional resources to understand their current situation, what resources the university can offer and connect them to local agencies. Through the generosity of donors, Poly Pantry is able to send students to a local grocery store called the Bargain Grocer to purchase fresh produce, prepared meals and other household items. Additionally, Poly Pantry is working on a meal swipe donation and distribution system to offer occasional hot meals on-campus for students. The Poly Pantry committee is looking to offer workshops to help students cook simple meals, food budget and smart shopping tips for lifelong skill development. For more information:

https://sunypoly.edu/polypantry.html

Upstate Medical University has partnered with a neighborhood food pantry to offer Upstate Student Pantry Nights the second Tuesday of each month from 5-7 pm. Student Affairs staff members staff a table during these pantry programs to offer additional resources and information to students. Resources offered include gift cards to local grocery stores, SNAP sign up information, student emergency fund referrals and scholarship information. Funding for the pantry and related programs had been fundraised on campus via the “Upstate Fights Student Hunger Fund” through the Upstate Foundation. In addition to this dedicated night, Upstate Students are welcome to attend the weekly community pantry program that is offered to the neighborhood community on Friday mornings.
SUNY ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SUNY Adirondack’s (ADK) initiative is designed to meet the unique needs of low-income, first generation students living in rural areas within the college’s expansive 2,625 square-mile service district. It has established itself as the “Community HUB” at SUNY Adirondack and is located in a centralized place on campus (inside the Student Center building), which makes it easy for student and families to access the Community Connections Coordinator and the services being offered. Student success is reinforced by identifying student needs and helping to come up with initiatives to bridge that gap; hence the opening of the Community Hub Food Source, the first ever food pantry on SUNY ADK campus. The Hub is also excited about its team expansion and has recently hired completion coaches that will follow up and support students who come through The Hub. The Community Hub Food Source opened its doors on September 25, 2017! As of the 2018 fall semester we have had a total of 310 students utilize the Community Hub Food Source! We have also established ourselves as a member of the Northeastern Food Bank of NY in order to order large bulks of food at discounted prices. We have also moved in to a larger space and are currently in the process of buying additional supplies, such as shelving and refrigerator. Lastly, we will also be working with our local garden to get fresh produce.

SUNY BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Student Assembly, in conjunction with the Student Activities Office, runs The Food for Thought pantry. Food and Toiletries are distributed. The pantry has also partnered with the local food pantries Chow and Southern Tier Food Bank to start providing fresh food via a Mobile Food Bank.


CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Hunger is a widespread adversity faced by many, more specifically by college students. With this knowledge in mind, Cayuga Community College launched its very own food pantry, The Cayuga Cupboard. The Auburn Campus first opened its pantry doors in the fall of 2017, and the Fulton campus followed shortly after in the spring of 2018. The pantry on both campuses is available to all active CCC students, and operates on a point system:

- Students are awarded 25 points per week.
- Food and personal care items range in value from 0-5 points per item.

- All 25 points may be used in a single visit, or rationed throughout the week.

The Auburn Cayuga Cupboard is accessible Monday-Wednesday from 9am-1pm, and Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1pm-3pm. Fulton’s hours are dependent on volunteers. Auburn’s pantry averages 30 students a week and provides its students with food items such as: canned fruits & vegetables, breakfast items, pasta, granola bars, and several other items. The Auburn pantry also has a refrigerator allowing us to provide necessities such as milk, eggs, lunch meat, cheese, and bottled water.

CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The College partners with a local food pantry. Clubs and organizations collect food for the JCEO and the Interfaith Food Shelf. In addition, there is a food pantry on campus called the Eagles Nest. There is also a Dress for Success area beside it for students that need clothes as well. Both are located in the Pines Cottage and students can utilize them any time from 8:00am to 4:30pm by contacting the President’s office.

COLUMBIA GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Columbia-Greene Community College’s food pantry was created over 10 years ago in response to the growing needs of our students. The pantry provides cost- and stigma-free food, toiletries, pet supplies, and other items. In October 2018, through the creation of a new partnership with the Hudson Salvation Army, the food pantry has been able to expand and offer more variety of foods for students to eat while on campus and to take home. The Salvation Army visits campus once a week bringing fresh fruits, vegetables, and breads, among many other food items. Our grab-and-go pantry offers non-perishable food items for any student who needs to grab a quick breakfast, lunch, or snack including granola bars, power bars, fruit cups, oatmeal, ready to eat soups, canned tuna and chicken, cereal and other food items. Food boxes are available for emergency situations and contain enough food for 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners with foods that can be prepared at home. In addition, students have access to items as needed from a toiletry closet including diapers and baby wipes as well as a pet food pantry.

CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The food pantry is located in the Office of Student Life and is operated by the Student Association. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 8am-5:30pm and Friday 8am-4pm. Students are not required to show ID, the pantry is open to all students. The pantry also partners with the Food Bank of the
Southern Tier three times a semester to offer a mobile food pantry to everyone on campus. Emails and flyers are sent out at the beginning of each semester to inform students of the on-campus pantry and mobile pantry.

**DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The Pantry is a supplemental resource for students, faculty, staff and DCC alumni that provides a 3-day supply of food and hygiene products determined by family size. We follow the client-choice model and offer a variety of shelf stable canned foods along with fresh and frozen food options. Last semester we served 117 direct clients, totaling 331 people served. Our pantry is open 3 days per week for 4 hours each day (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12-4) and we offer by appointment/after hours when needed. The Pantry is staffed by several faculty and staff volunteers and up to 3 Human Services interns, depending on the semester. Clients are able to receive their 3 day supply every 30 days. We also have a ‘help yourself’ shelf of food that anyone can take from at any time and a basket of snacks for folks that need something right away. The Pantry at DCC partners with DCC CARES (Campus Assessment Response Evaluation and Support), which is an initiative through which various types of support is available to students whose ability to stay in school is threatened by any number of outside factors. DCC CARES assists students with emergency financial assistance as well as referrals to campus and community resources to access food benefits. DCC CARES administers our Student for Students Fund, created by DCC’s Student Government Association, which provides a $20 grocery card to Stop and Shop to students in need. Eligible students may receive Emergency Meal Dollars, which provides a meal plan to students who demonstrate significant food insecurity. The Emergency Meal Dollars are emergency funds loaded onto the student’s ID card where the student is able to purchase food items from our dining hall. DCC CARES has also partnered with a non-profit agency, Hudson Valley Community Services, where their Nutrition Outreach Education Program (NOEP) Coordinator is on-site at The Pantry weekly to pre-screen students for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. SNAP funds are loaded monthly onto a special debit card that students can use at grocery stores and farmers’ markets. As a college student, special considerations may help them qualify for SNAP benefits.

**ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Erie Community College will be adding a college food pantry program. ECC and FeedMore WNY will announce on 3/11/19 their new partnership. The Food Bank of Western New York and Meals on Wheels for Western New York recently joined forces and are now one organization known as FeedMore WNY. With this partnership, ECC will place food pantries on the campuses of the community college. Located on the City Campus, in Room 145, The School Pantry Program provides students with nutritious Seven Meal School Pantry Packages that are intended to be shared with the student’s household. In preparation for the opening, 1,359 pounds of food items from the fruits, veggies, grains, and protein food groups are stocked. Canned baby food and diapers are also available. Under the Food Guide for a Seven Meal School Pantry Package, a student with a family of six will receive 23 food choices from the vegetable/fruit category, 14 choices from the protein category, and 9 grain choices. Students in need may shop the pantries on a weekly basis to obtain seven meal packages for their households. It is anticipated that the designated pantries at the North Campus in Room G166 and at the South Campus, Room 6202d, will be operational within the next few weeks. The pantries are open Monday afternoons from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. & Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student IDs are not required, but pantry usage is tracked for accounting purposes. Additionally, food pantries operating under the Food Bank of Western New York collaboration are available to community members. Non-perishable food donations are accepted. The pantries are staffed by College employees who are trained in food safety handling procedures. Additionally, a limited supply of non-perishable foods and personal hygiene supplies are available through the Student Activities and Student Government Association offices on all three SUNY Erie campuses. Finally, students experiencing immediate hunger needs may stop by several campus offices and pick up a “Kat Snacks” pack – a bag containing a cup of soup, a couple of nutritious snacks and a bottle of water. Students are required to provide their SUNY Erie ID for this service and usage is tracked.

**FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

FIT has had a small, informally advertised dry food pantry for the past decade. It has been housed in the Center for Student Volunteer Community Service, a sub-section of the Office of Student Life. Student clubs donated cans as part of their philanthropy efforts. Students with need self-identified to the volunteer coordinator and knowledge of the service was passed on mainly through word of mouth. In addition, our Health Services Office has historically been distributing Health Packs (small bundles of pantry items) to students who visit our office. In early 2017, the Student Affairs leadership began researching and laying plans to formalize and grow the food pantry. We knew that there was growing demand and that assisting students to meet basic needs like food was important to our strategic plan. During the discussion phase of planning, resources and space were identified along with
operational issues that needed to be addressed: planning for reliable sources of supplies, staffing, and management oversight. As we finalized plans, FIT was pleased to host the SUNY and CUNY Chief Student Affairs officers this summer who sponsored an evening workshop on food insecurity as part of our commitment to addressing this need in our community. Mid-summer 2018, institutional resources were put in place to outfit a room on our student life floor in the Dubinsky Building. The room will be complete in early September. The Health and Wellness educator from Health Services will coordinate the management of the pantry. She has been assigned office space on the floor near the pantry and moved in last week. We expect to open the pantry by Spring semester with trained staff, fully stocked space, and material/handouts to assist students who need more than what our dry pantry can offer.

As part of this effort, FIT is participating in conversations with Optometry, Downstate Medical, Maritime, and City Harvest to identify existing city resources that will back fill demand which our dry pantry will not be able to meet. Lastly, FIT is participating in the SUNY food and housing insecurity survey to fully understand the extent of need within the FIT student community.

**Finger Lakes Community College**

Students can access the food cupboard twice per semester. They provide students enough nonperishable food to supply 3 meals for 3 days. Additionally, they refer students to local food pantries, services available in the community and SNAP. They also offer toiletries and limited bedding. In order to provide a hot meal to students, they offer $10 cafeteria cards. The campus provides assistance with transportation expenses, bus passes and $10 gas cards. The Student Emergency Loan program is also available to students who experience an unexpected financial crisis that could jeopardize their enrollment and degree completion. Students are required to apply for the loan and are eligible to receive loans twice per their career at FLCC. 

[www.flcc.edu/offices/counseling](http://www.flcc.edu/offices/counseling)

**Fulton-Montgomery Community College**

Public Safety Department offers a food for fines program meaning that anyone who receives a ticket on campus can pay their fine with food donations. In the past, the food was donated to local shelters. In the future, it will be used to help stock the campus pantry. We are sustained by the generosity of our donors. We seek donations of perishable and non-perishable food items as well as personal care items. For those who wish to donate to the Raiders Relief Food Pantry, items can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to the Student Activities Office. Hours of Operation are Mondays 11 am-1 pm and Wednesdays 1 pm-3 pm. Students who wish to access the Raiders Relief Food Pantry are welcome and encouraged to visit U-041 (lower level of the Student Union). Bring your FM ID.

**GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The Adult Educational Opportunity Center oversees the food pantry. Two human service interns provide internship hours to help the college run the pantry. We carry food of all kinds and a hygiene closet. We are supported by the community and expanded to feminine products and hygiene, based on student need. The pantry is open 8 to 4 and by appointment for food emergencies.

**Herkimer County Community College**

The College refers students with food insecurity to the local food bank. The food pantry for students is used mainly during breaks between semesters. Herkimer finds the food need is becoming a more prominent issue across the country, but said they did not see the issue to be as severe at HCCC as it may be at other state schools. He credited the college’s required food plan for its cafeteria for helping to keep numbers down.

**Hudson Valley Community College**

The Food Pantry is available to students in the Student Activities Office (CTR 210) Monday - Friday, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Students are welcome to the Food Pantry with a current HVCC ID and are allowed two bags of food once a month. We depend upon the college community for donations of non-perishable foods such as: spaghetti, sauce, tuna, soups, Ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, pop tarts, baby formula, granola bars, small boxes of cereal and snacks. We are always in need of plastic bags. Donations are accepted Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Student Activities Office.

[http://www.hvcc.edu/studentactivities/pantry.html](http://www.hvcc.edu/studentactivities/pantry.html)

**Jamestown Community College**

A student food pantry is located on the Jamestown Campus, Cattaraugus County Campus, and North County Center. We have a limited selection of basic food items and hygiene products. Any student in need can bring a valid JCC Student ID to receive items. There are individuals at each site to assist students with the distribution. The Jamestown Campus Hours of operation are: Monday-Friday 12:00-2:00, Wednesday 3:00-4:00. Student ID is required; students are limited to one bag of items per week. Non-
perishable food and personal care items can be donated at HULT 295, Student Senate Office in the COCE. Monetary donations can be made through the FSA office.

https://www.sunyjcc.edu/student-life/student-services/student-food-pantry

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Jefferson Community School (JCS) in the North Country provides centralized on-campus services to support the unmet health needs and the financial barriers faced by students and their families. The overall goal of the program is to raise retention and graduation rates for low-income and first-generation students and provides services to a large population of student veterans, students with disabilities, and single parents. JCS also hosts community partners to provide free services to students and their families, including health exams, mental health counseling, financial benefits counseling, a food pantry, child care and transportation assistance. The campus food pantry is open daily and is located and managed by the Health & Wellness office. Students need to show ID in order to access the pantry.


MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The C3 Student Pantry is a food and basic needs pantry available to all MVCC students. We officially launched the C3 pantry in fall 2017. Many students were skipping meals or not eating for full days due to the fact that they could not afford food. Students with limited meal plans or SNAP benefits would run out of food for the semester/month with no way to supplement the limited resources they had. The pantry stocks nonperishable foods including everything from quick snacks to the ingredients for full meals. Students’ basic needs are also met through personal care items that allow them to care for their hygiene needs. Blankets, pillows and other houseware items are available to those in need too. The needs of homeless students and students with families have been some of the biggest needs met through the pantry. We have been able to help many homeless students find stable housing and these students don’t typically have bedding or other household items they need. We are able to support them with some of the comforts of a true home as they transition into independent living. Students working to get an education as they care for their children and families have been able to utilize the pantry to provide full meals for those families. Knowing that resources are here and there will always be something available for them to eat has allowed MVCC students to focus more time and energy on completing their educational goals.

https://www.distributehope.org/college-students-never-have-to-choose-between-a-meal-and-an-education/

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

All students, faculty, staff, and contractors are welcome to use NCC’s free-choice on-campus food pantry, The NEST. NCC ID or proof of NCC affiliation is required. The NEST is committed to fostering health and well-being by providing nourishment and other vital supports to all members of our campus community. We aim to alleviate the presence of hunger and food insecurity in the lives of our students, employees, and their families. In our effort to fight against hunger, we gather and store basic necessities and distribute them with a compassionate hand. We respect the vulnerability and dignity of each person we serve. The NEST, a free-choice food pantry, is an open and inclusive facility that honors the rights and needs of all those who come to our door. The NEST is located at the South Hall in Rm 118. Hours of operation are Monday 12:00pm-1:00pm, Tuesday 11:30am-1:00pm and 4:00pm-6:00pm, Wednesday 2:00pm-4:00pm, Thursday 10:00-11:00am, and Friday 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

http://nestncc.weebly.com/about.html
NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Niagara County Community College’s Food Pantry opened in October 2016. The Student Life staff oversees the operations which includes 3 work study students and 2 student assistants working in the pantry throughout the week. The pantry is located in a small office near the Student Life Office. It is a small space that was converted to provide the service for our students. The pantry is open approximately 20 hours a week Monday- Friday, with Saturday hours to begin March 2019. Donations for the pantry are collected through requests sent through the college system wide messaging system, flyers posted around campus and donation boxes placed strategically around campus. Each month a new food item is promoted to the community to assist in keeping the pantry stocked with items the students are requesting, or to replenish low inventory or to give volunteers ideas on what to donate. In the 2017-2018 academic year we had approximately 541 visits to the food pantry with over 1,500 items donated by the NCCC community. Plans for the future include acquiring a larger space, installing a swipe system for easier access and better record keeping, and offering fresh food and perishable items for the students.

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

North Country Community College acts as a referral agent for students with food insecurity by connecting them with the community operated food pantry in their community of residence. We work most closely with our community pantries below:

- Saranac Lake Interfaith Food Pantry – located at 15 Bloomingdale Ave., Saranac Lake, NY 12983. Phone 518-891-7325. Open Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- Ticonderoga Food Pantry – located at the First United Methodist Church, 1045 Wicker St., Ticonderoga, NY 12883. Phone 518-585-7995. Open M, W, F 11:00 a.m. to noon.
- JECO-Malone Food Pantry – located at 43 Valco Dr., Malone, NY 12953. Phone 518-319-4028. Open Fridays 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- First Baptist Church Malone Food Pantry – located at 48 Harris Place, Malone, NY 12953. Phone 518-483-0585. Open the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month 12noon to 5:00 p.m.

ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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OCC serves a large, economically and socially disadvantaged student population from suburban and rural communities and the City of Syracuse, the 23rd poorest small city in America. In 2008 it came to staff and faculty’s attention that students at OCC were suffering from food insecurity. As a result, the Student Emergency Food Pantry began, and faculty and staff made voluntary donations. Ten years later the Food pantry has its own designated space in the Community Care Hub and serves even more students. The College’s food pantry is now a partnership with the CNY Food Bank, and as a result the food not only serves students but serves their families as well. For example, if a student comes in and has a family of 5 the Food Link at Onondaga Community College must serve all 5 family members. Food is distributed based on a nutritional point system. So, families can prepare healthy nutritious meals. Since the inception of the Community Schools Grant the Food Pantry has served over 1144 students and family members. In May of 2018 we changed the name of the Food Pantry to the Food Link in effort to de-stigmatize students feeling uncomfortable with receiving assistance, and to entice more students to take advantage of the services. The Food Link is open every Monday and Thursday from 2-4pm and Tuesday and Wednesday 4-6pm throughout the academic year. Individuals can schedule appointments online or in-person to streamline access, avoid long lines and to provide a personalized approach service.

http://students.sunyocc.edu/index.aspx?id=37765

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

We currently have one active pantry at the Middletown Campus We currently have one active pantry at the Middletown Campus and working to get one set up in Newburgh. Every student who uses the food pantry will be given a comprehensive resource guide to the local pantries in Middletown and Newburgh, some within walking distance of our campuses, and information on the SNAP food assistance program. To ensure that the food pantry will be sufficiently stocked throughout the semester, the students in our leadership program (ECCEL) will be running campus-wide food drives as their community action project.

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Rockland Community College’s Connection Center addresses students’ food insecurity through its programming and practices, such as staffing the on-campus, client-choice Food Cupboard, 18 hours/week, and supplying visitors with local food pantry lists and recipes. Our recently donated
pantry refrigerator enables us to enhance our offerings to the cupboard’s 158 non-repeat visitors (602 with repeats) from spring 2018. Students receive on-campus SNAP assistance, nutrition education through Eat Smart NY, and “It’s in the Bag” healthy snack packs. In spring 2018, our Nathaniel C. Jackson Food Voucher Program, funded by campus and community donations and Student Activities fees, provided close to 1100 complete meals to 60 food insecure students. Students are permitted to shop/visit the Food Pantry at least once per week with a Student ID.

http://sunysccc.edu/News/ArtMID/470/ArticleID/165/New-Food-Pantry-On-Campus-For-Students

SCHENECTADY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The food pantry opened in February 2017. It is open to students, staff and faculty. Students who present their student ID card can receive food twice a month with the goal of the food they receive lasting a week. Students will also receive information on locations where, if needed, they can receive additional food sources and daily hot meals. The new food pantry was created through the Student Success Initiative Sub-Committee, which is comprised of SUNY SCCC faculty and staff members and is part of the Achieving the Dream program on campus. Student Affairs oversees this effort.

http://sunysccc.edu/News/ArtMID/470/ArticleID/165/New-Food-Pantry-On-Campus-For-Students

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SCCC has a food pantry located on each of its three campuses. Students can access the pantries as often as they need. Inventory is supported through a variety of student food drives, employee support, and community donations. If inventory permits, meals are bagged and delivered to organizations that feed people, or to needy families in the community. Items beyond food include toiletries, personal hygiene, baby needs, and small amounts of clothes are also collected and available.


SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SUNY Sullivan’s food pantry is open to both residence hall and commuter students. It’s located in the college’s Learning Center (supervised by the Director of that dept.) in an area that’s discreet where students can feel comfortable stopping by when in need. Supporters include faculty, staff and students via food drives and individual donations, as well as outside resources such as Walmart, Shop Rite, and food drives within the community.


TOMPKINS CORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Health Center and Residential Life offers a food pantry. Three times a semester they offer a mobile food pantry from Food Bank of the Southern Tier. The purpose of the Pantry is to provide non-perishable food items to students in need. Students need only to show their TC3 ID to use the Pantry to receive food items. The campus pantry has relied heavily on monthly shopping trips and donations of shelf-stable food from students and staff. The pantry operates on a point system, all students have 10 points each week to spend. The food pantry provides food for students daily in the Main Building. As a partner agency of the Food Bank, the pantry will have access to weekly deliveries of free and low-cost food, including fresh produce.

http://tc3farm.com/index.php/tag/tc3-food-pantry/

ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The food pantry opened in the fall of 2016. They partnered with Christ the King Church and the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Grants have supported the effort. The Student Government Organization (SGO) and other campus organizations assist by hosting food drives, to add to the inventory. This pantry started in the fall as a mobile food pantry. After seeing the great need, the campus approved and opened a pantry in a space close to the bookstore and the dining hall. In addition, they now have a clothing boutique (which is comprised of free, donated clothes for students). They continue to partner with Episcopal Diocese of New York.

http://hudsonvalleynewsnetwork.com/2017/02/03/food-pantry-grand-opening-suny-ulster/

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The food pantry is located on campus. It is part of the Benefits Access Center that is located in the Student Center. An application form is used and reviewed. Applications are reviewed immediately. There is also the opportunity to refer/make note of others who need assistance. The On-Campus Food Pantry provides Non-perishable snacks, lunch and take home items. The pantry’s hours of operation are Monday – Friday 11:00am – 1:00pm on the 2nd floor in the Student Center Near room 228. Notification of the new Westchester Community College Foundation Emergency Aid Program is posted on the campus website:

http://www.sunywcc.edu/student-services/bac/
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE (OTDA)

OTDA Office of Nutrition Outreach and Public Education and SNAP Awareness are committed to supporting the work of the Task Force. As collaborating partners, they will provide system-wide Material Distribution of Information to Students, envision a Campus Pantry SNAP Awareness Day, provide ongoing Targeted Pre-Screening and Application Days and ongoing SNAP Food Demonstrations at SUNY College Pantries. These support services will include working with and through their internal partners such as Hunger Solutions, Nourish Your Neighbor – A Healthy Food Drive Initiative and Capital Region Eat Smart New York.

New York State OTDA administers the SNAP, SNAP Outreach, and SNAP Nutrition Education programs. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the largest nutrition safety net and provides nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families. With the SNAP benefit, individuals and families struggling to make ends meet are able to purchase more food within their limited budget.

Not all individuals who are eligible for SNAP are aware of the program. And, many individuals find that they need assistance with the application process. Still others experience difficulties making their benefit stretch the whole month. OTDA works with many local not for profit providers raise awareness of hunger, promote the availability of SNAP benefits to make ends meet, and provide nutrition education to provide food insecure families with skills to make healthy meals with their limited food budget.

- Working with Hunger Solutions New York, Local Nutrition Outreach coordinators have been conducting prescreening and application assistance on college campuses. In February-March, 2019 Hunger Solutions will be conducting a “College Student Hunger SNAP Outreach Campaign” to raise awareness about SNAP and to assist with prescreening and application assistance at targeted campuses.

- Working with local Cornell Cooperative Extensions, local nutritionists are conducting nutrition education outreach events across the state during March Nutrition Awareness Month to promote ‘Healthy Eating on a Limited Budget’. These events are being conducted at 42 select college pantries. Activities included interactive exhibits, food demonstrations and workshops, food pantry tours and assisting college staff with design and set up of food pantries to facilitate access and healthy choices, signage and planning healthy food drives. Frequently exhibits were coordinated and conducted with NOEP Coordinators.

SUNY/CUNY STUDENT AFFAIRS SUMMIT: STUDENT FOOD INSECURITY

In June 2018, SUNY Vice Presidents for Students Affairs at state-operated campuses and community colleges met with CUNY administrative counterparts and staff to discuss ways to improve statewide efforts to address student hunger. Best and high impacts practices were discussed including partnering with local food banks and other related interventions. The goal is to develop a comprehensive two-system compendium that address food and related insecurity for all students in the state of New York.
COUNCIL ON HUNGER AND FOOD POLICY

In March 2019, a virtual meeting was held with members of the New York State Council on Hunger and Food Policy to offer feedback on sustaining efforts to reduce food insecurity across SUNY campuses. Since leadership of the SUNY Food Insecurity Task Force began participating in the New York State Council on Hunger and Food Policy meetings, chaired by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, there have been several partnerships secured with other state agencies and not-for-profits advancing outreach on campus.

HUNGER SOLUTIONS NY

Hunger Solutions New York is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to alleviating hunger. We promote awareness of hunger in your community, awareness about programs that address chronic and crisis hunger, full participation in hunger assistance programs for all who are eligible, public policies that contribute to ending hunger, and public awareness of the economic benefit of anti-hunger programs. Hunger Solutions New York works with local, state, and national partners.

Hunger Solutions New York provides services that connect hungry New Yorkers with SNAP, WIC, the School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Services are provided at both the community and statewide level.

Hunger Solutions New York manages the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP) to connect New Yorkers with SNAP and the WIC Help NY Program to connect people with WIC. Both programs provide free and confidential community-based services. In addition, Hunger Solutions New York works to expand participation in the Summer Food Service Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Through the Food Insecurity Task Force, SUNY and Hunger Solutions New York have forged a partnership to contribute to SUNY’s many efforts to address student hunger. To date, through this partnership, the following has been accomplished:

- Hunger Solutions New York had the opportunity to introduce the organization and its Programs to members of the SUNY Food Insecurity Task Force in July, 2018.
- In a survey of NOEP Coordinators conducted in August 2018 approximately 33% (22 of 66) reported some connection with a SUNY/CUNY campus. Connections ranged from hanging flyers throughout the campus, to exhibiting at a campus event, to conducting SNAP pre-screenings through which people can learn if they may be eligible for SNAP, to assisting people on campus to complete a SNAP application.
- SUNY had the opportunity to educate NOEP Coordinators from around the state about the work of the SUNY Food Insecurity Task Force in October, 2018.
- Staff from Hunger Solutions New York met with SUNY’s Director of Child Care and Related Services in November and identified numerous ways to work together.
- In February-March, 2019 the College Student Hunger SNAP Outreach Campaign is being conducted by NOEP Coordinators. In addition, SUNY distributed information about the campaign on social media.

As we move forward in our partnership, we will make the College Student Hunger SNAP Outreach Campaign an annual effort through NOEP and will begin on-campus outreach efforts by the WIC Help NY Program. In addition, together we will identify policy initiatives at the campus and state level to sustain the improvements made in securing food security for all SUNY students.