FOOD [IN]SECURITY
AT GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Vision: Strengthening Our Community

Mission: Teaching and Learning Together
Student Demographics

Student Age Distribution (Credit) - Fall 2018

- Under 18: 6%
- 18-24: 49%
- 25+: 44%

Gender
- Female: 60%
- Male: 37%
- Other: 3%

Data source: GCC Office of Institutional Research, Fall 2018 Enrollment Demographics.
Key: Green = High school age students, Pink = Traditional age students, Blue = Non-traditional age students
Student Demographics

- 73% Associates seeking
- 10% Certificate seeking
- 11% Other non-matriculated
- 6% Dual enrolled & non-matriculated
Over 1 in 10 people in Franklin County are food insecure.

Franklin County has consistently had the lowest average wages of all fourteen counties in Massachusetts since 2000.

18% of children in Franklin County are food insecure.

Over 14% of people in Franklin County use SNAP – 2% higher than the state.

Only institution of Higher Educations located in Franklin County.

Low Wages

Rural Challenges

High Cost of Food

Food Insecurity in the GCC region
Hope Lab Survey
Hope Lab Survey

Measured:
1. House Insecurity
2. Food Insecurity

Given To:
- 1,200 students
- Received 153 surveys
  (13% response rate)
Food Insecurity Among GCC Students

More than 1 in 3 GCC students reported low or very low food security.
Food Insecurity Among GCC Students

- Food Insecure: 35% (GCC), 43% (Other 2-Year Institutions)
- Housing Insecure: 48% (GCC), 47% (Other 2-Year Institutions)
- Homeless: 12% (GCC), 12% (Other 2-Year Institutions)
Students Accessing Public Assistance
Other Concerns

- Receive a summons to appear in housing court? 1.9%
- Get thrown out of your home by someone else in the household? 3.8%
- Leave your household because you felt unsafe? 4.5%
- Have an account default or go into collections? 19%
- Borrow money from friends or family to help pay bills? 48%
Compounding Factors

Nearly 1 in 2 GCC students reported being housing insecure.

Over 1 in 10 GCC students reported being some degree of homelessness.
Compounding Factors

Over half of GCC students reported basic needs insecurity in the last year.
Food Pantry Survey
Food Pantry Survey Results

How often do you use the GCC food pantry?

- Every month: 39.13%
- Some months: 28.26%
- This is my first time: 32.61%
Food Pantry Survey Results

Did the campus food pantry provide you with meals that you would have otherwise had to skip?

- **Yes**: 67.39%
- **No**: 13.04%
- **I’m not sure**: 19.57%
## Food Insecurity Among GCC Students

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What We Are Doing To Help Students

Food Pantry
To-Go Bags
Free sandwiches in the Veterans Resource Center
Café Food Vouchers in Admissions
Referrals to Women’s Resource Center
SNAP on campus
Programs that address stigma
Student Emergency Fund
Service on local committees/task forces
Partner with organizations (Franklin Co Meals Plan)
Changing the Story Workshop
Western Mass Coalition to End Hunger

The Coalition to End Hunger was launched in 2017 as a result of recommendations developed in 2016 by the Task Force to End Hunger in western Massachusetts. This collaborative network of leaders and organizations are focusing on three primary areas of work.
Western Mass Coalition to End Hunger

• Policy Team
  • Identifies and supports changes that will help to resolve the underlying causes of hunger.

• Service Integration Team
  • Develops a network that will help connect those who are food insecure.

• Communication and Education Team
  • Addresses the lack of understanding and education about food insecurity, and the stigma involving food insecurity through a targeted media campaign.
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Career Closet / Campus Pantry

Rebecca Johnson
Vice President for Student Affairs &
Dean of Students
The University of New Haven is a student-centered comprehensive university with an emphasis on excellence in liberal arts and professional education. Our mission is to prepare our students to lead purposeful and fulfilling lives in a global society by providing the highest quality education through experiential, collaborative and discovery-based learning.
Quick Facts

5,000 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
1,800 GRADUATE STUDENTS
5 SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES
100+ DEGREE PROGRAMS

60% INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT SINCE 2004
89% OF FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID
Goal

• To provide support to current students in need of professional clothing, non-perishable food, and health & wellness products

“Life is expensive; We’re here to help”
Background Data

- Financial Wellness Survey
  - 2018, 49% respondents showed signs of low or very low food security (skipping meals or eating less nutritious meals)
  - 2019, 51% respondents showed signs of low or very low food security

- Annual Bergami Summer Internship Program Application Statement of Financial Need
  - 173 applications over 6 years of the program
    - 54% applicants showed need for financial support for food costs
    - 49% applicants showed need for financial support for professional clothing

- 2019 BSSE Survey
  - 39 incoming transfer/delayed entry students reported likely stress from not having enough money for basic needs
Fall 2019 Food Insecurity Needs Assessment

- 12% response rate – 783 students (101 international, 676 domestic)

- 33% indicated there had been a time when they did not have enough to eat for themselves or their household – 260 students

- 28% responded that in the last 30 days they had been hungry due to not being able to afford food – 214 students
  - 77% of those indicating hunger in the last 30 days experienced hunger 1-2 days a week – 159 students
  - 13% more than 3 days a week – 26 students
• March 2018 – Baskets of food products in staff member’s office.
• March 2018 – First purchased clothing items stored on garment rack in staff member’s home.
• September 2018 – Uniform lockers established as safe storage space on campus for clothing/food.
• November 2018 – Additional space needs assessment submitted to Facilities Department.
• Spring/Summer 2019 – Space needs approved and construction started on permanent location.
• Fall 2019 – Items moved into new space. Approved for Federal Work Study student worker.
• November 20, 2019 – Grand opening of permanent new location.

### Pop Up Growth

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- First pantry pop up: 29 students
- First combined closet/pantry pop up: 29 students
- September 2018: 1-5 students
- October 2018: 29 students
- November 2018: 29 students
- February 2019: 28 students
- April 2019: 16 students
- September 2019: 56 students
- October 2019: 38 students

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Grand Opening of Career Closet/Campus Pantry

November 20, 2019, 12 – 2 p.m.

53 students (27 students in first 15 minutes)
- 31 undergraduate, 22 graduate
- 34 commuter, 19 resident
- 26 international, 27 domestic

Stop and Shop donated 100 reusable bags, 500 paper bag & 30 $10 gift certificates

Staff created 15 holiday meal bags for students staying on campus or in the local area for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Sources of Support

• Sodexo
  - Meal Vouchers
  - Frozen meals for Campus Pantry freezer

• Retail Partners
  – Stop & Shop
  – Target
  – Walgreens
  – Ann Taylor LOFT

• Student’s First Fund – Faculty/Staff/Alumni donations

• Clothing, food, health & wellness product donations from campus community members

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Next Steps

- Investigating meal swipes through “Swipe Out Hunger” program
- Partner with School of Health Sciences Faculty

Key Partners

- Dean of Students Office
- Beckerman Recreation Center
- Career Development Center
- Dining Services
- Facilities
- Financial Aid
- Health Services
- Marketing and Communications

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FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVES
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT AUGUSTA

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY – FACULTY CO-COORDINATOR OF UMA CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

NECHE 2019 Annual Meeting
December 11-13, 2019
Boston, MA

Contact: kate.corlew@maine.edu
MISSION: UMA transforms the lives of students of every age and background across the State of Maine and beyond through access to high-quality distance and on-site education, excellence in student support, civic engagement, and professional and liberal arts programs.

- Third largest state school in Maine with 4,361 students (Fall 2019)
- Our locations are dispersed across the state...
  - Two campuses (Augusta and Bangor)
  - Eight UMA Centers
  - 56 receiving sites
  - 46% of credit hours are online
  - Students in all 16 counties in Maine and over 400 municipalities
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- Student body
  - 67% part-time; 33% full-time (12 credits or more)
  - 68% female; 32% male
  - 56% Non-traditional (25+); 31% traditional; 13% early college
  - Average age of 30
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- Our student body
  - 72% Pell Grant eligible
  - 48% First-generation college students*
  - UMA students spend an average of 14.5 hours per week providing care for dependents*
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<td>56 (45.5%)</td>
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<td>During your time as a student, have you ever had to cut the size of a meal or skip a meal because you did not have money for food?</td>
<td>61 (49.2%)</td>
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<td>Have you ever missed class because you or someone in your household did not have food that day?</td>
<td>11 (8.9%)</td>
<td>109 (88.6%)</td>
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<td>If UMA-Bangor had an on-campus food pantry for students, would you or someone you know use it?</td>
<td>81 (64.8%)</td>
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FOOD SECURITY COALITION

- Founded in Fall 2015
- Cross-campus
- Faculty, staff, students, administrators

- Maine Hunger Dialogues
- The Hungry Moose Cookbook
- Rock the Truck
- Pack-Outs (Maine Campus Compact, Food AND Medicine)
- Food for Thought Food Pantry
The Garden Club, SGA, Student Life and TRiO organized volunteers for the Solidarity Harvest.

AND organized for UMA Bangor to be a distribution site.

46 baskets, feeding 8-10 people each, were distributed to students.
UMA COMMUNITY GARDENS
BANGOR AND AUGUSTA CAMPUSES

- Revived in 2016 by Drs. James Cook (Sociology) and Kati Corlew (Psychology)
  - Augusta by SSC 334/Garden Club
  - Bangor by VISTA Volunteer Jason Foley – Veterans Programming; adopted by SSC 334/Garden Club in 2017
- SSC 334 “Cultivating Community: The Garden Seminar”
  - Alternating campuses each spring
  - Initially co-taught and co-coordinated
- Campus Events
  - Eat & Greets, Open Houses, Workshops, Wellness Activities, Bonfires, and more….
- Community Partnerships
  - Augusta Food Bank, FedCap, Capitol Area New Mainers Project, local high schools, and many more…
  - Peace & Justice Center, Food Access Committee (FAM), BAHS, BARN, HEAL, local preschools, and many more…
Thank you!!  Any Questions??  Contact kate.corlew@maine.edu