

# CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS STRATEGIC INITIATIVE S | NON -FUNDED WORK

## Division of Student Affairs Expansion of Basic Needs Program

### Strategic Initiatives and Actions

#### Educational Excellence

1.2 Increase the number of students who graduate with a degree in a field of study.

#### Student Success

2.5 Examine and remove administrative barriers that impede timely degree progression.

2.14 Build partnerships with existing social service providers throughout the county to expand the basic needs resources available to support students.

### Project Summary

The CSUCI Basic Needs Program is making great strides in its efforts to meet what have been identified as “needs” critical to academic success: addressing food security, housing security, and financial assistance in dire need. This year, the Basic Needs program has expanded its program in respect to the following: fundraising, and internal partnerships, and eliminating administrative barriers for students.

Throughout the 2018-19 AY, the Basic Needs Program has been extremely resourceful and successful in expanding its program through the following ways:

- x Securing external funding streams in the form of grants:
  - o CalFresh grant totaling \$47,413 that will be utilized to advance access of CalFresh to students assist them in the application process so they may secure healthy and nutritional foods
  - o Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant from the Ventura County Continuum of Care totaling \$53,110 that will provide students with hotel vouchers on an emergency basis to address housing insecurity
  - o In conjunction with University Advancement, secured \$20,000 from the Ventura County Community Foundation for students who were impacted by the fires and Borderline incident
- x Partnering with external entities, such as Food Share, which provides sustainable food resources to complete a prodigious donation program servicing over 700 students totaling over 5,000 annual visits. For the Fall 2018 semester, 90% of the students who utilized the Dolphin Food Pantry stayed in school and were enrolled in the Spring 2019 semester. Additional established partnerships for the 2018-19 include CalFresh and MediCal representatives from Ventura, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles Counties.
- x Partnerships with internal units across campus, such as a Chemistry 101 course to utilize instructional activity funds to develop a clothing pantry available to students; Communication courses COMM 329, in which 20 students participated in an innovation challenge themed project and designed ways to market the pantry the end result of increasing donations. Of the 20 students, 4 were identified as leads, who worked 16 hours to staff the pantry over the course of the semester (anticipated completion date of spring 2019).
- € To examine and remove administrative barriers that impede timely degree progression by reviewing best practices to identify administrative barriers to students involved with Basic needs programs. Specifically, s

placed in emergency housing in connection with the Basic Needs Program now receive a special parking pass that allows overnight parking and prevents their vehicle from being ticketed. ~~Article 22~~ received this pass since the