PACK Meal Share Program Update

The PACK Meal Share Program started by Student Government and Campus Enterprises has been a successful addition to the tools the University uses to help students in need. The impact of Hurricane Florence saw an increase in students facing food insecurity and who were temporarily without food options, leading to an increase in requests to the Pack Essentials program. Student Government will be collecting student donations of unused guest meal swipes from November 19th - November 30th.

Campus Child Care Resources for Students

Recognizing the need for affordable child care resources for students at NC State, Student Government led the way in advocating for the inclusion of NC State students in current programs and the creation of new programs. We are pleased to announce that Meredith College has opened up their new after school program, Wings After School, to NC State students. This low cost enrichment-based after school program is available from 3-6pm for children ages 5-12 for $175 per child per month. We are working on advertising this opportunity to relevant student populations. We are also currently working on assessing the exact needs (full-time vs. part-time vs. emergency care) and the demand for these services so that resources can possibly be expanded to better meet need. We are continuing to investigate many potential solutions that could complement the Wings After School program.

Campout

The NC State Student Government Traditions Department hosts their annual event “Campout” to celebrate the tradition of camping overnight to receive tickets to NC State vs. Chapel Hill athletic events! This year’s event has nearly 500 students signed up and includes participation in Primetime with the Pack, UAB’s late night breakfast and Karaoke, Hall Council Cocoa and Coco, and more. This event is an all night experience where participating students receive 6 loyalty points to apply to the basketball ticket request cycle.
Accessibility Excursion

On Monday, October 15th NC State Student Government in partnership with a wide array of campus partners, hosted the inaugural NC State Accessibility Excursion to raise awareness about campus accessibility and to address accessibility barriers. With an accessibility barrier checklist in hand, as a team, students explored campus areas for barriers and logged their findings. Information collected during this one-hour event was sent to the proper campus departments to be addressed.

Association of Student Governments Legislation

Legislation supporting the Beyond the Box initiative and Gender Inclusive Housing passed unanimously at the Association of Student Governments General Assembly and the Council of Student Body Presidents. The Beyond the Box legislation encourages UNC System schools to do research into the impact of criminal history questions on application completion rates for their particular institution. The Gender Inclusive Housing legislation encourage UNC System Institutions to work towards repealing UNC System Policy 700.8.1 which does not allow students to live in on campus housing that aligns with their gender identity.

#GoStrawless

Inspired by the NC State Waste Reduction and Recycling's #GoStrawless initiative, we worked with NC State Dining to make 1887 Bistro an opt-in location. Straws are available upon request, but will not be automatically given with drinks, which helps reduce waste and improve sustainability.

Promotion of QPR Training

The newly created Student Wellness Department is kicking off the year with promotion of the Counseling Center’s QPR training. This suicide prevention training is offered by the Counseling Center and teaches students to question about suicidal thoughts, persuade them to get help, and refer them to the best resources. The Student Wellness Director is currently working to help get Student Government members certified while promoting the opportunity to the greater campus community.

Fall Appropriations

The Student Government Fall Appropriations cycle saw $72,666.17 allocated to over 200 student organizations. These allocations serve as start up funds, help finance student organization events, and is the primary way many student organizations receive funding.