Supporting Students’ Basic Needs

Meeting students’ immediate food needs
• All 23 campuses have a food pantry or food distribution program
• A majority of campuses offer meals through meal sharing or meal voucher programs
• A majority of campuses make fresh fruit and vegetables available to students
• Five campuses accept Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) with additional campuses in development

Providing students with short-term emergency housing
• More than two-thirds of CSU campuses offer on-campus emergency housing or vouchers for off-campus housing
• Four campuses provide assistance with long-term housing arrangements

Providing financial assistance for students in need
• A majority of campuses offer emergency grants or funds
• 14 campuses raise donations from the community specifically to support students’ basic needs

Connecting students with resources
• All 23 campuses offer students CalFresh application assistance
• Nearly all campuses have websites that connect students with on- and off-campus resources
• All 23 campuses have administrators or staff who manage programs and connect students with resources
• 11 campuses have case managers or crisis response teams
• A majority of campuses work hand-in-hand with local food banks and other community organizations

Offering additional support
• 10 campuses provide clothing for students in need, including interview-appropriate attire
• Nine campuses host financial literacy workshops for students
• Seven campuses provide cooking classes and recipes to help students prepare healthy and inexpensive meal options

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