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Learning from the #RealCollege Movement

Dear Dear Friend

We hope that the semester is off to a great start!

Today we're sharing the latest installment in our Beyond the Food Pantry series, with lessons learned from an innovative public housing authority partnership with a community college.

Mark your calendars: Our 5th annual #RealCollege survey report will be released on February 12.

This report describes basic needs insecurity among nearly 167,000 students from 171 community colleges and 56 four-year institutions. That's our biggest sample ever. Throughout the spring, we'll be releasing additional briefs from that survey, including those focused on student-athletes, students with children, students with transportation challenges, and more. Be sure that everyone in your life who needs to know the latest on how to help #RealCollege students is signed up for our newsletter. They won't want to miss out!

Our next newsletter will feature the report, hitting your inbox the day of the report release.

The Hope Center Continues to Grow!

The Hope Center's #RealCollege movement is redefining what it means to be a student-ready college. This effort is succeeding because of the commitment and hard work of partners across multiple sectors striving together to secure students' basic needs. We are so pleased that going forward, those valuable partnerships will be nurtured and expanded by David Koppisch, Hope's new Director of Strategic Partnerships!

David was part of the original team of organizers who helped convene what became the founding clergy group of POWER, an interfaith organization committed to building communities of opportunity that work for all. POWER, a people's movement, represents over 50 congregations throughout Southeastern and Central Pennsylvania. Since POWER's formal launch in 2011, David has played several roles in organizing, communications, operations, and development, and served as interim co-executive director.



Meet our new director

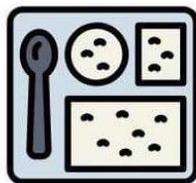
Supporting Community College Students with Affordable Housing Vouchers

Given demonstrably high rates of housing insecurity and homelessness among the nation's community college students, innovative public housing authorities have begun collaborating with colleges. These partnerships aim to promote college success, including degree completion, and help students become economically self-sufficient. This brief provides a first look at several initial lessons we have learned from the College Housing Assistance Program's implementation.



Read our latest Beyond the Food Pantry Brief

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DEMOCRATIC POLICY HEARING
ON HUNGER FREE CAMPUS
LEGISLATION

Invitation to Attend a Hearing on Hunger-Free Campus

Two Pennsylvania legislators are pursuing hunger-free campus bills like the recent one passed in New Jersey. Come out and support the effort!

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#RealCollege Issues in the News

New SNAP Rule Impacts College Students By Limiting Benefits And Adding Confusion

"The new Trump administration rule makes



it harder for states to waive the requirement that adults work at least 20 hours a week in order to receive their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — or SNAP — benefits. Some low-income college students could be affected."

[Read the article](#)

Childcare is a #RealCollege issue

#KidsOnCampus is our latest #RealCollege hashtag, thanks to a recent twitter thread from Sara Goldrick-Rab. Students, faculty, staff, and administrators all report that children are increasingly unwelcome on campus and it's creating major work-life challenges. Read the [twitter thread](#) and coverage from the Chronicle of Higher Ed.



[Read the article](#)

What We're Reading

- [Low-Income People Have More Student Debt Than Realized](#)
- [Can Re-Enrollment Campaigns Help Dropouts Return to College? Evidence from Florida Community Colleges](#)
- [Quiet Spaces, Kids On Campus, and Academic Libraries](#)
- [Hidden Population: Undergraduate Student Parents Advocate for More Resources](#)

Join our team!

The Hope Center is growing! Want to come work with us, or know someone who would be the perfect fit? Take a look at our current opening for a Senior Research Associate.

[Join the team](#)



Meet The Hope Center Staff Out in the Wild!

- **January 27, 2020: Sara Goldrick-Rab speaks at Austin Community College — Austin, TX**
- **February 6-7, 2020: Eddy Conroy and Paula Umaña at California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance Intersegmental Basic Needs Summit — Orange County, CA**
- **February 7, 2020: Sara Goldrick-Rab at University of Pennsylvania Law School 39th Annual Edward V. Sparer Symposium — Philadelphia, PA**
- **February 7, 2020: Eddy Conroy delivers Spring Convocation at Santiago Canyon College — Orange County, CA**
- **February 13, 2020: Sara Goldrick-Rab speaks at San Jacinto College — Houston, TX**
- **March 25-29, 2020: *Hungry to Learn* Documentary featuring #RealCollege at Garden State Film Festival — Asbury Park, NJ**

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