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Learning from the #RealCollege Movement

Dear Dear Friend

Big news-- 5 years after it began, the #RealCollege survey has now reached more than 330,000 students at more than 400 colleges and universities! A previously invisible crisis of basic needs insecurity is now evident, and we all have a part in addressing it.

Check out our latest findings and supports for your work in this newsletter.

The #RealCollege 2020 National Report is Here!

In 2015 we began assessing campus food and housing insecurity at 10 community colleges and a sample of just over 4,000 students. Five years later we engaged 171 community colleges and 56 four-year colleges or universities from 24 states, reaching 167,000 students.

Among our findings:

- 39% of respondents were food insecure in the last 30 days.
- 46% of respondents were housing insecure in the previous year.
- 17% of respondents were homeless in the previous year.

These results are remarkably consistent across time, place, and institution. Read the full report and share it with others.



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#RealCollege 2020: Five Years of Evidence on Campus Basic Needs Insecurity

Christine Baker-Smith, Vanessa Coca, Sara Goldrick-Rab, Elizabeth Looker,
Brianna Richardson, and Tiffani Williams

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Read the National Report



Ready to learn about basic needs insecurity on your campus, or need help putting the right programs and policies in place?

We can help.

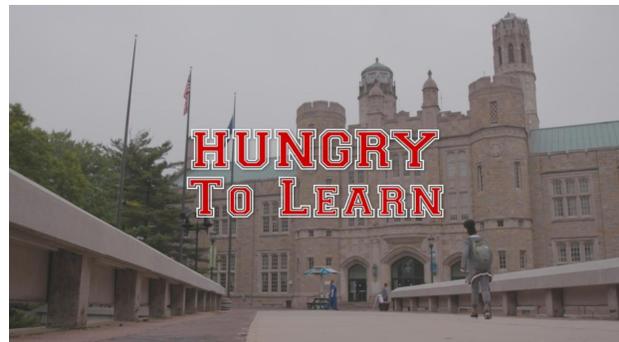
Complete this short questionnaire to identify how your institution can most effectively partner with the Hope Center.

Get started now!

See *Hungry to Learn* in a city near you!

The new documentary from Soledad O'Brien is making the rounds at film festivals. You can catch it next in Austin at [SxSWEDU](#) and then in New Jersey at the [Garden State Film Festival](#).

Educational distribution is coming soon!



Let's go beyond the food pantry



Addressing the numbers in our national report requires implementing viable, effective, and sustainable programs. Check out our [Beyond the Food Pantry series](#) of tips and tools to help, including our new Getting Started guide.

[Read the Guide](#)

#RealCollege Issues in the News



Virginia Takes on Basic Needs Insecurity

Governor Advancing New Legislation

Following Virginia Secretary of Education Atif Qarni's participation in our 2019 #RealCollege conference, that state has been leaning into policy work to address students' basic needs. Check out Sara Goldrick-Rab's new op-ed supporting their efforts.

[Read the op-ed](#)

What We're Reading

- [What makes stopped-out students more likely to return to college?](#)
- [New SNAP Rule Impacts College Students By Limiting Benefits And Adding Confusion](#)
- [Can Re-Enrollment Campaigns Help Dropouts Return to College? Evidence from Florida Community Colleges](#)
- [Saturday Essay: Taking on Stigma of Community College](#)
- [Hidden Population: Undergraduate Student Parents Advocate for More Resources](#)



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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!

- [February 13, 2020: Sara Goldrick-Rab speaks at San Jacinto College — Houston, TX](#)
- [February 14, 2020: Marissa Meyers speaks at the Duke Symposium on Food Insecurity — Chapel Hill, NC](#)
- [February 18-19, 2020: Sara Goldrick-Rab speaks at DREAM on invisible students: Identifying strategies for #CCWomenSucceed — Washington, DC](#)
- [February 21, 2020: Sara Goldrick-Rab speaks at Cleveland: Union Club and City Club — Cleveland, OH](#)

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