

“Ducks Feeding Ducks is one of the most effective ways to provide food security to students. As a beneficiary of the Ducks Feeding Ducks program, I was able to get access to meals when I was in a moment of need. I most appreciated how anonymous and accessible it was to apply, and hope that the program continues to serve students.”

— MELINDA, UO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

150

STUDENTS ATTEND EACH PRODUCE DROP, ON AVERAGE

AVERAGE OF **900**

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED AT EACH PRODUCE DROP



MORE THAN **8.6K**

REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR DUCKS FEEDING DUCKS IN 2018-19

MORE THAN **7K**

MEALS PROVIDED BY DUCKS FEEDING DUCKS IN 2018-19



24.5 K

TEXTS SENT FOR LEFTOVER TEXTOVER IN 2019



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Feeding the Flock

An Overview of Food Security Initiatives at the University of Oregon

UO STUDENT FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE

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ADDRESSING FOOD SECURITY

Food insecurity among college students has created a national conversation. Bringing the topic closer to home, in a recent survey 36 percent of University of Oregon students identified as food insecure in the past 30 days.*

The UO is addressing this issue, establishing innovative programs while continuing to look for additional ways to address food insecurity.

The UO Student Food Security Task Force was formed in 2016 to investigate the topic of food insecurity, to determine how it might be impacting the lives of students, and to develop programs to address the problem.

In fall 2018, the task force collaborated with campus and community partners to create “Feed the Flock,” which calls attention to new and existing programs that help put food on students’ plates.

Many of these programs are made possible with joint funding from Associated Students of the University of Oregon and the Office of the President.

* #RealCollege Survey conducted October 2018 by Temple University's Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice



PRODUCE DROP

In partnership with FOOD for Lane County’s Trillium Produce Plus program, the UO Student Sustainability Center brings fresh produce on campus twice a month. Like a free farmer’s market, students can select fruits and vegetables and receive printed recipes that use the produce available on that day.

DUCKS FEEDING DUCKS

The Ducks Feeding Ducks program provides emergency assistance to students facing hunger. UO students can anonymously apply online, and if they meet certain needs-based criteria, the program transfers \$10 to their student account within an hour. Students can use the funds at any campus food venue that accepts Duck Bucks, the UO’s debit card program.

Based on the annual funding that is available, Ducks Feeding Ducks sets an allocation of meals and limits the number of transfers a student can receive each term. Once the total number of meals has been reached, the program closes for the remainder of that term.

Students, UO employees, alumni, and family members who would like to contribute to Ducks Feeding Ducks can make donations online at emu.uoregon.edu/ducks-feeding-ducks.

STUDENT FOOD PANTRY

The Student Food Pantry—a service of the Episcopal Campus Ministry in Eugene and a partner agency with FOOD for Lane County—is open to all college students in the greater Eugene area. Founded in 2011, the pantry provides free supplemental food for college students who show a valid student ID. Located just off UO’s campus, the pantry is open two days a week.

DUCKS LEFTOVER TEXTOVER

The Ducks Leftover Textover program alerts current UO students via text message when there is free, leftover food available on campus. When there is leftover food from events catered by UO Catering, event coordinators can send a text message to students who have opted in to receive the alerts.

The text messages that announce available food give students 15 minutes notice and include a link to the exact location on the UO campus map.

COOKING CLASSES

There are several options for students who want to learn how to cook healthy, affordable meals.

In partnership with FOOD for Lane County, the Duck Nest offers cooking classes throughout the year. In addition, the Department of Physical Education and Recreation holds a weekend class each term. Both offerings explore the basics of cooking and nutrition.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

Many students qualify for SNAP based on their financial need, but they are often unaware of their eligibility. The Student Sustainability Center and the Duck Nest Wellness Center collaborate with Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon and the Oregon Department of Human Services to help students learn about the program and apply.

SNAP enrollment events are held on campus throughout the academic year. Trained volunteers answer questions and help students fill out the application.

