

Laney Eagles Nest SPRING 23 NEWSLETTER



EAGLES NEST BASIC NEEDS CENTER

Our Story:

Beginning in the Spring 2023 semester, Laney College began its creation of the Eagles Nest. Currently, our Basic Needs Center at Laney College supports enrolled students to meet their most basic needs so they can succeed academically. A traditional list of immediate "basic needs" is food, water, shelter, and clothing. Many lists now emphasize the minimum of "basic needs" is not just food, water, clothing and shelter, but also transportation, hygiene, education, employment, and healthcare.

The Laney College Eagles Nest fosters a culture of holistic well-being by helping to eliminate life barriers, such as food, housing, and economic injustice, that may jeopardize students' academic and personal success.

****We aim to eliminate barriers and support students by developing initiatives, streamlining communication with campus partners, and connecting students to campus and community resources.****



What is CalFresh?

CalFresh is a nutrition assistance program that helps low-income individuals and families buy the food they need (formerly called the Food Stamp Program). CalFresh dollars help stretch a tight food budget and help many people afford to incorporate healthy foods like fruits and vegetables into their diets.

With the help of Rescue Agency we held 7 CalFresh outreach events to Laney students. We assisted 87 students with CalFresh information & applications. Currently working to submit a grant proposal for up to \$25k to help with CalFresh outreach for our students.

Successes:

With the help of our basic needs funding the Eagles Nest was able to provide Laney students with emergency assistance. Throughout the Spring 2023 semester we were able to serve 105 students in total.



Students Served:

- Clothing Closet: 20
- Emergency grocery cards: 35
- Transportation passes: 50

Food Services:



We had a HUGE success with our FREE lunch and pantry giveaway. Special thanks to our amazing food services staff and volunteers that helped throughout the Spring semester.

Students Served:

- 18,549 meals served
- 5,880 fresh produce boxes
- 6,567 pantry meal kits

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The Eagles Nest would like to give a special thank you to Laney College, staff, administration, faculty, students and our community partners. We look forward to another year to provide service to our students.

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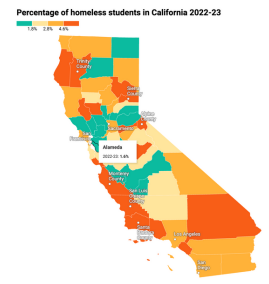
Partnerships:

We had the opportunity to create cross-department connections on campus to provide a holistic approach for student success. Our external partnerships are vital and assist with sharing best practices and community resources.

- Berkeley Community College
- College of Alameda
- Dress for Success
- Laney Health Services
- Oakland Museum of CA
- Rescue: The Behavior Change Agency
- SOAR
- UC Berkeley Basic Needs Center
- Unity Council

Challenges:

Housing assistance is a hot topic for Laney students. We had many requests for housing, yet there are limited to no resources available for our students.



As the Eagle's Nest develops partnerships with agencies in Alameda County we hope to find solutions for our students. We aspire to provide useful resources that will create tangible access to affordable housing for students. Collaboration between the other Peralta Colleges are currently in the process to help students navigate housing resources in the Bay Area.



Upcoming for Fall 23:

As we plan for the upcoming 23-24 academic year we excited to develop action

- More marketing to improve visibility on campus
- Develop CARES team to ensure cross-department case management
- Hire student workers to create a student-led center
- Develop a parent resource center
- Create emergency funds for students in need