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2022 - 2023



**2022-2023
ANNUAL REPORT**



David and Frances Brain
**CENTER FOR
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2022-2023 school year was a year of community, connection and commitment. The Brain Center experienced a lot of CHANGE throughout the last two years but remained dedicated to providing the students and community with service opportunities, the foundation of thriving community. With COVID-19 context still impacting so many individuals and communities our teams worked hard to balance planning and preparation with flexibility and compassion.

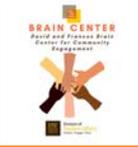


AND IT PAID OFF! We were thrilled to expand our programs from the 21'-22' school year. Alternative Break trips went from 5 to 9, we doubled our weekly service sites to 8, and added new programming and events. Our Student Resource Center continued to build on our innovative programs such as Campus Plate and launched Pop-Up Pantries in the residence halls. Lastly, the Social Change Model brought together campus and community partners to inspire civic, social action, and engagement.

We can't wait to see what our Student Leaders do next!



THANK YOU



The Brain Center would like to recognize all of the individuals who have collaborated with and supported us in the 22–23 academic year. Community Engagement is rooted in partnership and relationships, and without the contributions of these individuals our work would not have been possible.

To Baldwin Wallace Board of Trustees Chair, **Agnes Dover** and her husband, **Jack**, for their on-going support of Brain Center programs, including establishing the Dover Fund which helped to expand efforts to foster civility, empathy and community building dialogue on campus in the upcoming year. We were able to create our own Dinner & a Fight, thank you both!

To Baldwin Wallace Board of Trustees Member, **Susan Bixler**, for making inspirational events for our students, colleagues, and community – and continuing to serve as a fantastic partner and host for our annual Civil Rights Alternative Break trip to Atlanta. Thank you for continuing to make these transformational experiences possible.

To **Dr. Lori Long**, for her service and leadership serving as the faculty chair for the Service-Learning Advisory Council.

To **Dr. Brian Krupp**, for his never-ending trouble-shooting, innovating and developing for the Campus Plate app and support of the student team.

To **CASA**, **Student Government**, and the **Community Research Institute**, for their continued support of our Brain Fellowship program .

To **Suzanne Zilber**, for her continued support of the Jacket Philanthropy Program.

To **Jodi Novotny**, **Patti O’Grady**, and **Courtney Robinson**, for their service on the Student Emergency Grant Review Committee during the 22–23 academic year.

To **Chuck Fairchild**, **Jeannie Vasanelli**, **Renee Plataniotis**, and the entire **Dining Services** team, for their endless support for Student Resource Center programs, such as Swipe out Hunger and Campus Plate.

To our amazing alumni and campus partners, for your unwavering support of the Brain Center. We could not have done any of this without you.

Special thank you to the Brain Family

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Major thank you to our non-profit partners who served as co-educators, connectors, and mentors for BW students through Weekly Programs, Alternative Breaks, Social Change Summit, Service Learning courses, and more. We appreciate you and the tremendous work that you and your organizations do!

Advantage Cleveland
Applewood
Art House
Asia Inc.
Bellefaire
Berea Community Outreach
Berea Police Department
Chair-ity
CityMusic
Cleveland Food Bank
Cogswell Hall
**Collaborative to End Human
Trafficking**
Comite de Mexicano
Esperanza
Horizon Education Center
Hunger Network
Journey Center for Safety and Healing
LatinUs Theatre
Laura's Home
Malachi Center

Norma Herr Women's Center
Old Brooklyn Community Development
Organic Connects
PALS for Healing
Pregnant with Possibilities
Recovery Resources
Rid-All Green Partnership
Rollin Buckeyez
Scranton Road Ministries
Seeds of Literacy
**Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth
and Reconciliation**
The Center for Families and Children
The Centers
UnBail
US Together
Vel's Oasis
West Side Catholic Center
West Side Community House
Western Reserve Historical Society
Women's Recovery Center

THANK
YOU

BIG THANK YOU TO OUR 2022-2023 LHE INTERNS!

Jared Heidecker served as advisor for our
Alternative Breaks and 1st Gen programs.



Tyree Sewell served as advisor for our
SERVE and Weekly Programs.

We will miss you!

**Welcome to our
2023-2024**

**AVERY
CALLOWAY**



Welcome

2023-2024 LHE INTERN



**Special Big Thanks to our
Administrative Assistant**

Jodi Novotny

MEET THE TEAM

LEGACY AND IMPACT

Dr. Christy Burke-Walkuski

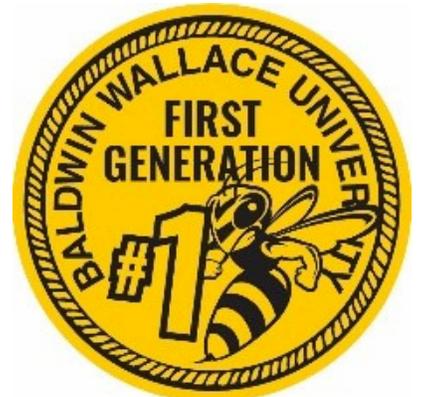
We would like to express our immense gratitude to Dr. Christy Burke-Walkuski for her work as the Director of the Brain Center for the past 8 years. In August 2022 Dr. Burke-Walkuski joined the BW Leadership & Higher Education graduate program as an Associate Professor. Her impact on student lives, the local community, and Baldwin Wallace University is immeasurable. Dr. Burke-Walkuski's dedication to advancing civic and social responsibility through action will be felt for years to come. You will be missed but we are happy you are only across the campus.

THANK YOU Christy!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAMS

For over 30 years the Brain Center for Community Engagement has continued to grow our student-centered leadership model. All programs are designed and led by our team of student directors and student leaders who commit to a 1-year leadership role, monthly trainings and weekly team meetings. Thank you to all of our student leaders for your energy, passion and ideas!



ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

2022-2023 AB TRIPS

SEMESTER	TITLE OF TRIP	TRIP LEADER	LOCATION	PARTNER(S)
FALL BREAK	Out of the Darkness	Tyree Sewell	Cleveland, OH	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk
FALL BREAK	Becoming an Agent of Change: a Student Voter Campaign for our Future	Jayden Madge	Columbus, OH	League of Women's Voter
WINTER BREAK	Youth & Trauma	Mehraeel Selah Manav Patel	Chicago, IL	Rice Center for Families and Children
WINTER BREAK	Strengthening A Community: An Act of Women's Empowerment	Sarah Pounder	KY	La Casa de Amistad
SPRING BREAK	Becoming an Agent of Change: a Student Voter Campaign for our Future	Mia Basit-Hightower	Washington, D.C	NPR League of Voter Women's Senator Sherrod Brown
SUMMER BREAK	Public Health	Manav Patel Mehraeel Saleh	Atlanta, GA	180 degrees Farm Center for Disease Control City of Refuge and Service
SUMMER BREAK	Equitable Queer Communities in America: Creating Change to Enhance their Future	Sole Hall-Hamilton	Chicago, IL	Heartland Alliance
SUMMER BREAK	The Vicious Cycle of Urban Poverty	Manimone Sengvoravong Cory Dulemba	New Orleans, LA Nashville, TN	The Branch of Nashville

ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

Everyone can be great because everyone can serve.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Alternative Break Trips 2022



SERVE

The SERVE team continued to host monthly service events to engage the campus and surrounding community. Many new members were added to the team this year, and with that came new and innovative ideas to best serve the Berea community. Traditional events such as the Holiday Gift Drive, MLK Day of Learning, Community Leaf Raking, and Leave it Behind saw more success and participation.

The SERVE team collaborated with many new and established community partners, for the benefit of the following community organizations:

- West Side Catholic Center
- Cleveland Food Bank
- Berea Community
- Empowered Sports
- Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court
- Laura's Home

SERVE'S FALL DAY OF SERVICE EVENT
NOVEMBER 12TH, 2022
4 SERVICE LOCATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM!
TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO OFF-CAMPUS SITES

1.) EMPOWERED SPORTS
2.) FAIRHILL PARTNERS
3.) CUYAHOGA DETENTION CENTER
4.) BERA LEAF RAKING

REGISTER ON GIVEPULSE

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contact Manimone at msengvor20@bw.edu with questions/concerns!

LEAVE IT BEHIND
GENTLY USED / UNUSED ITEMS ONLY
Household Items/Misc

- Clean bedding
- School Supplies
- clothing
- Lamps
- Laundry baskets
- Decorations
- Plates / Flatware
- Dorm essentials you don't need and want to donate!
- Microwave
- Keurigs

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Please reach out to Tyree at tsewell@bw.edu with any questions



SERVE TEAM'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

THE GIFT DRIVE ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30

LOOK FOR THE TREE IN THE UNION LOBBY!
A VIRTUAL GIFT DRIVE IS BEING HELD AS WELL (YELLOW ORNAMENTS)

SIGN OUT AN ORNAMENT, DROP OFF UNWRAPPED GIFTS IN THE BRAIN CENTER!!

CONTACT MSENGVOR20@BW.EDU WITH QUESTIONS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

1



ADVANTAGE CLEVELAND

BW volunteers serve as literacy tutors for children grades K-5 as part of Advantage Cleveland Tennis and Education's after school program at Mary B. Martin School.

LED BY: Isabella Doyle

2



SEEDS OF LITERACY

Seeds of Literacy is a non-profit organization that provides FREE basic education and GED® and HiSET® preparation to adults in the Cleveland area. Students, volunteers, and donors all work to break a root cause of poverty: illiteracy.

**LED BY:
Shannon Wilbourne**

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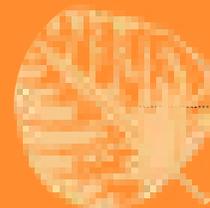


WRITERS IN RESIDENCE

Writers in Residence teaches creative writing to youth who are incarcerated to empower their voices and assist in their re-entry into society.

**LED BY:
Sole Hall-Hamilton**

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REFUGEE RESPONSE

The Refugee Response empowers resettled families to grow roots, supporting them in becoming engaged, self-sufficient and contributing members of their new communities.

**LED BY:
Ben Miller
Madison Nyiran**

JACKETS ENGAGED

Somewhere inside of all of us is the power to change the world.

- Roald Dahl

Jackets Engaged, the Brain Center's student-led, nonpartisan political engagement organization, continues to work to increase BW students' engagement in elections & politics, and understanding of how they affect our community.

Community Conversations

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
 WITH JACKETS ENGAGED
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
 3-4 PM
 SANDSTONE 2
 Join Jackets Engaged for a Community Conversation, where we will discuss a variety of diverse topics to help bridge divides and find common ground. All are welcome and food provided!
 POSSIBLE TOPICS INCLUDE:

JOIN JACKETS ENGAGED FOR A
Community Conversation
 MARCH 24TH FROM 3-5
 FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Dinner and a Fight
 Who: Faculty & Students
 When: April 12th, 2023
 Where: SAC
 An event where you enjoy dinner. And discuss divisive issues using a 5 Chair Civil Dialogue method. Tackle topics that encourage different views in a civil manner.
 interested? sign up here! (Choose Dinner and a Fight)

Engaging Events

WHAT PEOPLE SEE
WHAT PEOPLE DON'T SEE
APPLY TO TAKE A DEEP DIVE
 hybrid commitment
 \$200 stipend
 Six 90-minute Sessions
 Civic dialogue centered around respectful disagreement, collaboration, and healing. "Top Threats to Our Democracy - College Student Edition."
 The topics to be discussed during these sessions include free market capitalism + politics polarity + Racism + undermined basic facts + representation of POC in politics
 Questions, Contact Marsita Ferguson @mifergus@bw.edu

Alternative Break Trips

Use Your Voice.
 SPRING 2023 AB TRIP
 Gain leadership skills and connections beyond the classroom. Be part of the impact to increase college student engagement in our democracy.
 Scan the QR code or visit bw.givepulse.com
 Applications due January 9th!
 Questions Contact: Miajbasithi21@bw.edu

ALTERNATIVE BREAKS
 FALL TRIPS
 JOIN AN AB TRIP!
 "OUT OF THE DARKNESS"
 WALK
 BECOMING AN AGENT OF CHANGE
 Questions? Contact: AbiJensen@bw.edu
 Deadline to apply: SEPTEMBER 12TH
 Alternative Breaks give you a chance to make a difference in your community and beyond!
 Register Now

Statehouse Visits



SOCIAL CHANGE SUMMIT



This is a FREE, conference-style event taking place in the spirit of MLK's legacy surrounding social justice and working for positive social change. This program was open to all students and is designed to help students move from feelings of anxiety, apathy, and angst with current events into ACTION for social justice and positive social change.

2023 Workshop Presenters

What is DACA?



V-A-R:
An everyday tool
for everyday connection



Historical and Current
Discrimination
Faced by LGBTQ+ Individuals



2023 Professional Panel - Lunch with Leaders



Director of Inclusion Programs
Center for Inclusion
Baldwin Wallace University



Chief Talent Officer
Baldwin Wallace University



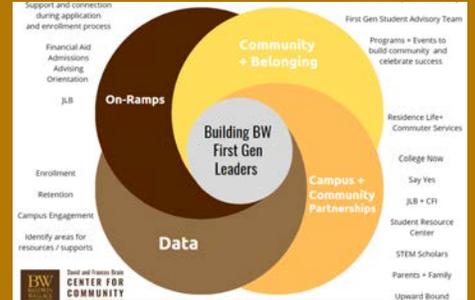
Associate Professor,
Leadership in Higher Education program
Baldwin Wallace University

NASPA FIRST SCHOLARS NETWORK

We are on our way.....



Strategizing and Planning



Programming and Professional Development



Acceptance to the NASPA National First Scholars Network Member Program



SPECIAL EVENTS

Creating a sense of belonging is at the core of the Brain Center. This past year we created and added to events dedicated to creating space, fellowship, and recognition to women and students, staff and faculty of color.

Thank you to each of our guests, speakers and collaborating partners!

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Baldwin Wallace University
DONATION DRIVE
Benefiting Norm Herr Women's Shelter
MARCH 6 - 21, 2023
Please bring all items to the Brain Center
2nd Floor of the Union
Questions? Contact: Marsita Ferguson: mifergus@bw.edu

MULTICULTURAL MIXER

First Annual Multicultural Mixer
Connecting the BIPOC Community of BW

When: Friday, August 19, 2022, 5 - 7 p.m.
Where: BW Black Cultural Center, 118 Beech St.
(The House at the corner of Beech & Grand Streets)

As you begin your Yellow Jacket experience, we enthusiastically invite you to attend the First Annual BW Multicultural Mixer, a welcome event specifically for incoming students of color.

Let us know you're in, RSVP here!

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COMMUNITY PARTNER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

2023 Community Partner Appreciation Breakfast

A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

BW
BALDWIN
WALLACE
UNIVERSITY

BRAIN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

Program Mission: BW student leaders addressing today's most complex and challenging social issues, while working to educate and empower the community to take action.

22-23 Fellows + Social Change Projects



**Daisjah Brown
Hannah Dodson
Isabella Doyle
Jamia Basit-Hightower
Kiara Milko
Benjamin Miller
Athena Pantoja**

Program partners included:

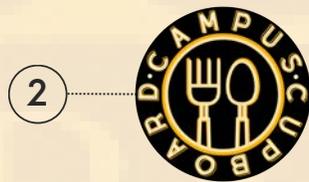


STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

Created to meet the needs of BW students, the BW Student Resource Center provides 1:1 support, resources, and referrals to current BW students to ensure all students are able to persist and succeed in their academic endeavors. The Student Resource Center's robust programs address food and housing insecurity and equitable resource accessibility:



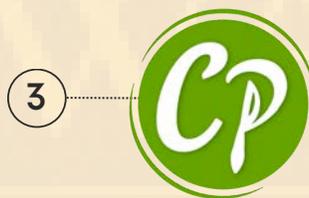
1 STUDENT AMBASSADORS



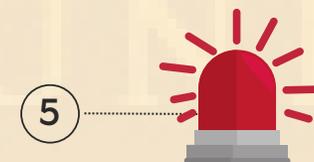
2 CAMPUS CUPBOARD



4 SWIPE OUT HUNGER



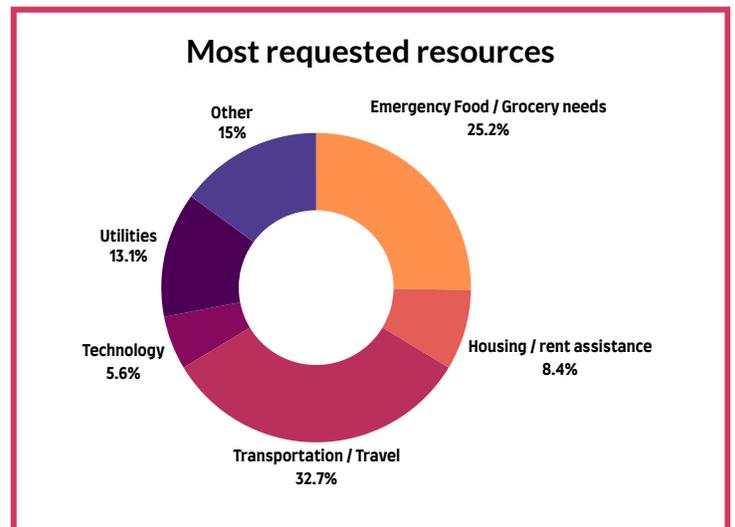
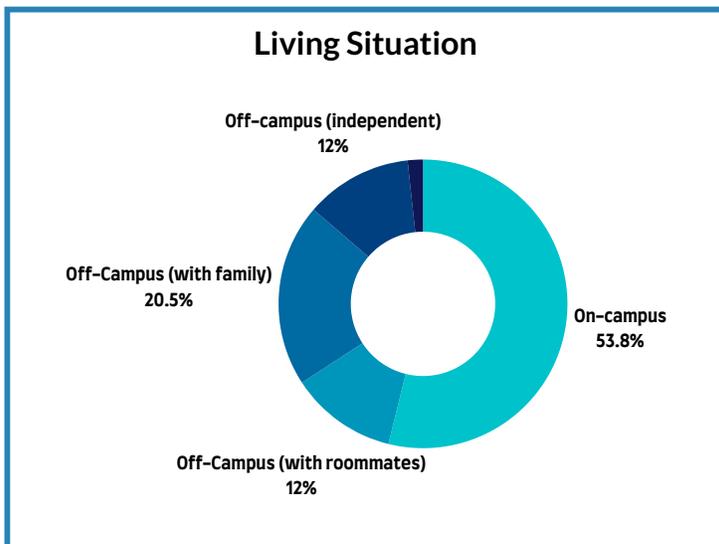
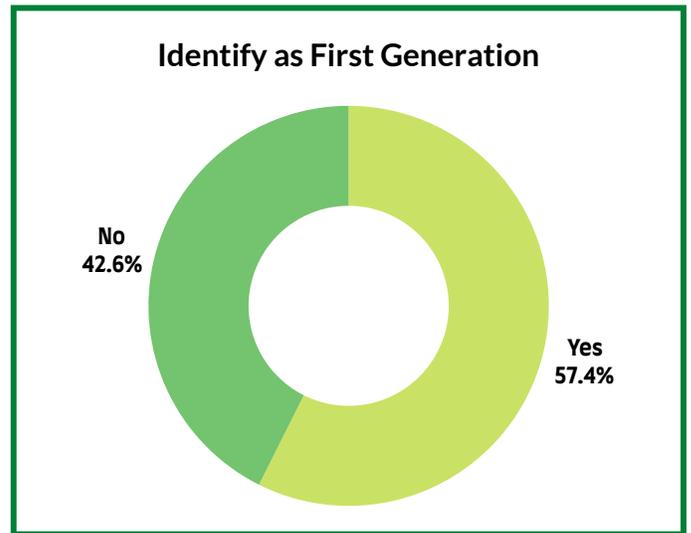
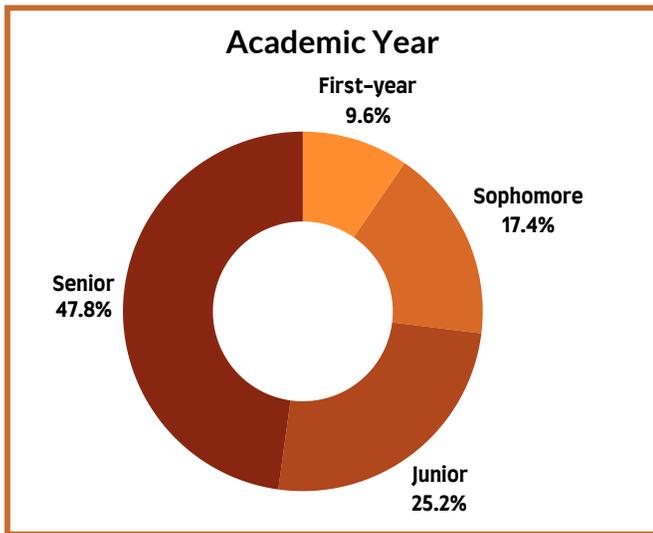
3 CAMPUS PLATE



5 EMERGENCY GRANT FUND

STUDENT EMERGENCY GRANT FUND

In 2022-2023, the Student Emergency Grant Fund received 143 requests, which is a substantial increase from the 91 requests from the year prior.



SRC AMBASSADORS

The SRC Ambassadors was a new initiative created this year to aid in advocacy and outreach to the BW student body. Student leaders were invited to represent the SRC in course presentations, fair tabling, pantry assistance, recruitment efforts, and connecting with other campus partners. The SRC Ambassadors help reduce the stigma surrounding requesting assistance to succeed in college. Currently, there are 4 SRC Ambassadors that are also Brain Center leaders for other organizations.



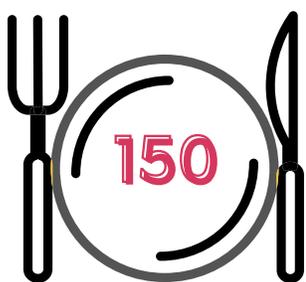
CAMPUS CUPBOARD



Campus Cupboard is also new this year! The campus pantry is designed to meet the immediate needs of students by providing food items and basic household necessities. Students were able to schedule a time to visit the Campus Cupboard and collect items they needed free of charge. The SRC also hosted pop-up pantries and conducted a passive survey to gauge student needs. Upgrades to the space are in the plan for the upcoming year.

SWIPE OUT HUNGER

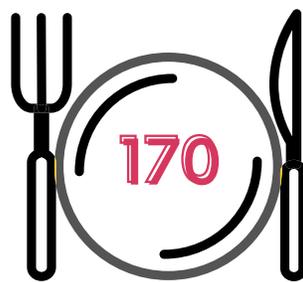
This year, our Swipe Out Hunger (SOH) team has seen a few changes in leadership, as well as some additions in membership. Many of the recipients of swipes were senior students who lived off-campus. Additionally, many of the recipients were able to receive weekly meal swipes due to the generosity of the entire student body who donated their guest meal swipes. Students who advocate for SOH worked all year with Dining Services and Campus Access Services to offer more meal swipe options for students.



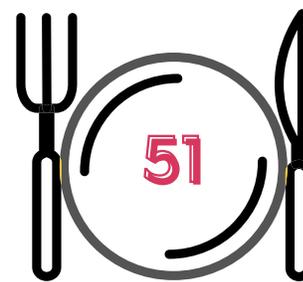
NUMBER OF SWIPE RECIPIENTS



NUMBER OF SWIPES DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS



NUMBER OF SWIPES DONATED BY STUDENTS



NUMBER OF STUDENT DONORS

Campus Plate

We officially launched Campus Plate in October of 2021 and saw immediate success. That success has only increased in its second year of operation: 2022-2023. Campus Plate has six (6) Food Stops: Residence Life (Heritage Hall), Recreation Center, Black Cultural Center, Veteran’s Center, Student Resource Center, and Wilker Hall. Each Food Stop was operated by a student Food Stop Manager; Managers were in charge of monitoring the stops during open hours to keep track of the food that was picked up and updating the app accordingly.

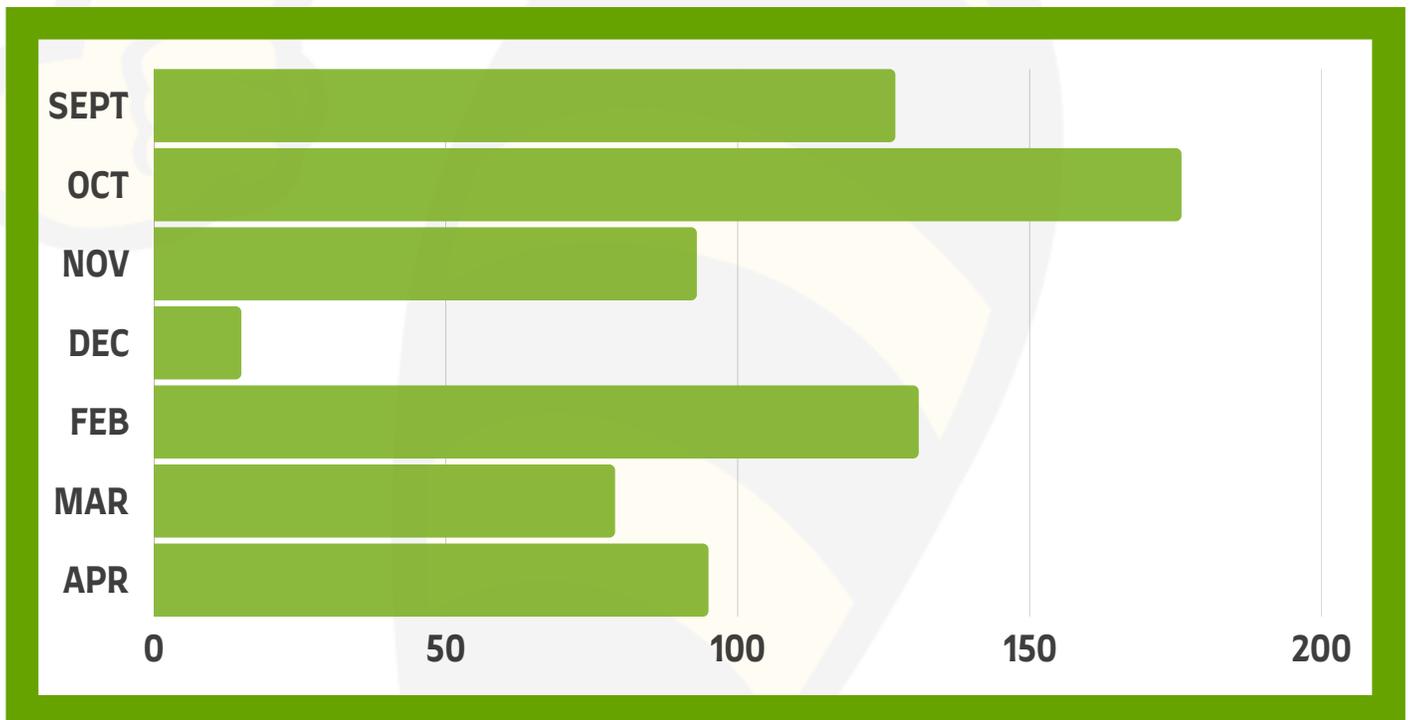
The success of Campus Plate could not have been so without the collaboration of the Computer Science program participants under the supervision of Dr. Brian Krupp, as well as Dining Services, our Food Stop Managers and their area supervisors, our student volunteers, and our Student Director, Emma Stamper.

UPCOMING UPDATES

In the coming academic year, we plan to expand Campus Plate to at least two more Food Stop locations in North Campus, continue to improve the Campus Plate app and develop a website landing page, improve our promotional and educational efforts on social media, and increase the efficiency of the food distribution and recovery process.

FOOD RECOVERED 22-23

Measured in weight by pounds



SERVICE LEARNING COURSES

FALL 2022

BIO-313S: ECOLOGY

ENG-309SX: GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING

PHL-273X: ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

PSY - 316DS: CHILD PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

PSY 269S: SERVICE LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

REL 105S: RELIGION OF THE CITIZEN

SPN 270: SPANISH FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

PRACTICUM IN LHE

PRACTICUM IN PSYCHOLOGY

SPRING 2023

ENG-309SX: GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING

ENV-464S: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CAPSTONE

PSY 269S: SERVICE LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

PHT 375SX: HEALTH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

PSY 269S: SERVICE LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

PRACTICUM IN PSYCHOLOGY

PRACTICUM IN LHE

SUMMER 2023

CSD 552S: INTEGRATIONS

JACKET PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM

FALL 2022

WE ENGAGED 8 PROVIDERS AND STUDENTS AWARDED
OVER \$10,000 IN GRANT FUNDING

SPRING 2023

WE ENGAGED 18 PROVIDERS AND STUDENTS AWARDED
\$20,000 IN GRANT FUNDING

**THIS YEAR, 101 STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED IN A
JACKET PHILANTHROPY CLASS!**

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS 2022-23
JACKET PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM FUNDERS:

Zilber Family Foundation,
a supporting foundation of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland
The George W. Codrington Charitable Foundation
Harry K. and Emma R. Fox Charitable Foundation
David & Frances Brain Center for Community Engagement

*THANK YOU TO STEPHEN LOVE FOR JOINING US AS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR
OUR 2023 SPRING JPP AWARDS CEREMONY!*



**TOGETHER ALL
THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE.**

CESAR CHAVEZ

