

# Goal 4: Enhance Student Well-Being

### American College Health Association Survey – 79 First-Year Student Responses

Proportion of college students who reported they agree or strongly agree that:	Cis Men	Cis Women	Trans/ Gender Non-	Total
Percent (%)			conforming	
I feel that I belong at my college/university	61.1	69.8	0.0	62.8
I feel that students' health and well-being is a priority at my college/university	38.9	47.2	0.0	42.3
At my college/university, I feel that the campus climate encourages free and open discussion of students'				
health and well-being.	50.0	56.6	0.0	52.6
At my college/university, we are a campus where we look out for each other	38.9	52.8	0.0	47.4

### American College Health Association Survey – 430 Total Student Responses

Proportion of college students who reported they agree or strongly agree that:			Trans/	
	Cis Men	Cis Women	Gender Non-	Total
Percent (%)			conforming	
I feel that I belong at my college/university	58.4	67.9	48.4	64.8
I feel that students' health and well-being is a priority at my college/university	40.8	46.5	29.0	43.9
At my college/university, I feel that the campus climate encourages free and open discussion of students'				
health and well-being.	48.1	57.7	35.5	54.3
At my college/university, we are a campus where we look out for each other	39.0	48.6	29.0	45.6

## **SD 2: Transform Student Experiences and Foster Innovation**



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#### 2022-2023 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

#### Point of Pride #1: Response to Food Insecurity (Compassion)

the Campus Cupboard and upgrading/replacing equipment in The HUB kitchen.

The Student Affairs team response to food insecurity at Millersville is a true point of pride for the 22-23 year. Since early August 2022, when First Lady Francis Wolfe came to campus along with Acting PA Education Secretary Hagarty to announce the PA Hunger Free Campus Initiative for all PA institutions of higher education, Student Affairs has implemented multiple initiatives that will have a lasting positive impact on the Millersville student community.

<u>PA Hunger Free Campus Designation:</u> Through a rigorous application process, and because of our existing programming and relationship with <u>The HUB</u>, Millersville University was one of the first higher education institutions to receive the PA Hunger Free Campus designation which allowed us to apply for state funds for programming.

Hunger Free Campus Taskforce: After being designated as a PA Hunger Free Campus, a Hunger Free Campus Taskforce was created made up of faculty, staff (including those from Dining Services), and students who are passionate about eliminating barriers and creating and promoting opportunities for students to have ready access to food. Two staff members at The HUB also serve on the task force as The HUB is a 501c3 organization that exists for the purpose of supporting Millersville students.

PA Hunger Free Campus Grant: The first effort of the Hunger Free Campus Taskforce was applying for the PA Hunger Free Campus Grant. Over the course of one short month, the group wrote, vetted, and submitted a grant for \$40k to support the efforts of The HUB to combat food insecurity including supplying

EPPIIC Compassion Fund: Although it started using monies from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund in 2020 during the COVID pandemic, this fund has now grown thanks to the efforts of the Advancement Office. During the 22-23 year, this fund has supported 24 undergraduate students providing them with emergency funds for food, clothing, medicine, medical bills, rent, supplies, and utility bills.

Basic Needs during Intersession: During the 2022 winter break intersession, Student Affairs, in collaboration with the International Programs Office, hosted a game night for all students living on campus. During the event, all participants were provided a hot meal and a goodie bag full of basic needs supplies provided by several campus offices. Every student received prizes including blankets, gift cards, apparel, and food.

<u>United Way Conversation about "Combatting Food Insecurity in Lancaster County:</u> VP Williams was invited to serve as a panelist alongside local food response agencies in Lancaster County to share how Millersville is working to combat food insecurity on campus.

<u>Conference on Zero-Hunger – Fighting Food Insecurity Regionally:</u> Rounding out a full academic year of working on issues related to food insecurity at Millersville, the annual SDG Conference hosted by Millersville focused on SDG #2 Zero Hunger. VP Williams served as a panelist alongside representatives from Thaddeus Stevens and Wilson College to discuss "Best Practices to Combat Hunger in Higher Educational Institutions." This provided a great discussion on both what has worked in the past and what will be future campus initiatives to address this important issue.