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Teaching + Learning Tuesday



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Alleviating Financial and Food Insecurity for Technical College Students

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Greenville Technical College

Greenville, South Carolina



- **Est. in 1962**
- **Approximately 11,000 students**
- **130+ programs**
- **5 campuses**

Academic Connections

Campus and
Civic
Engagement

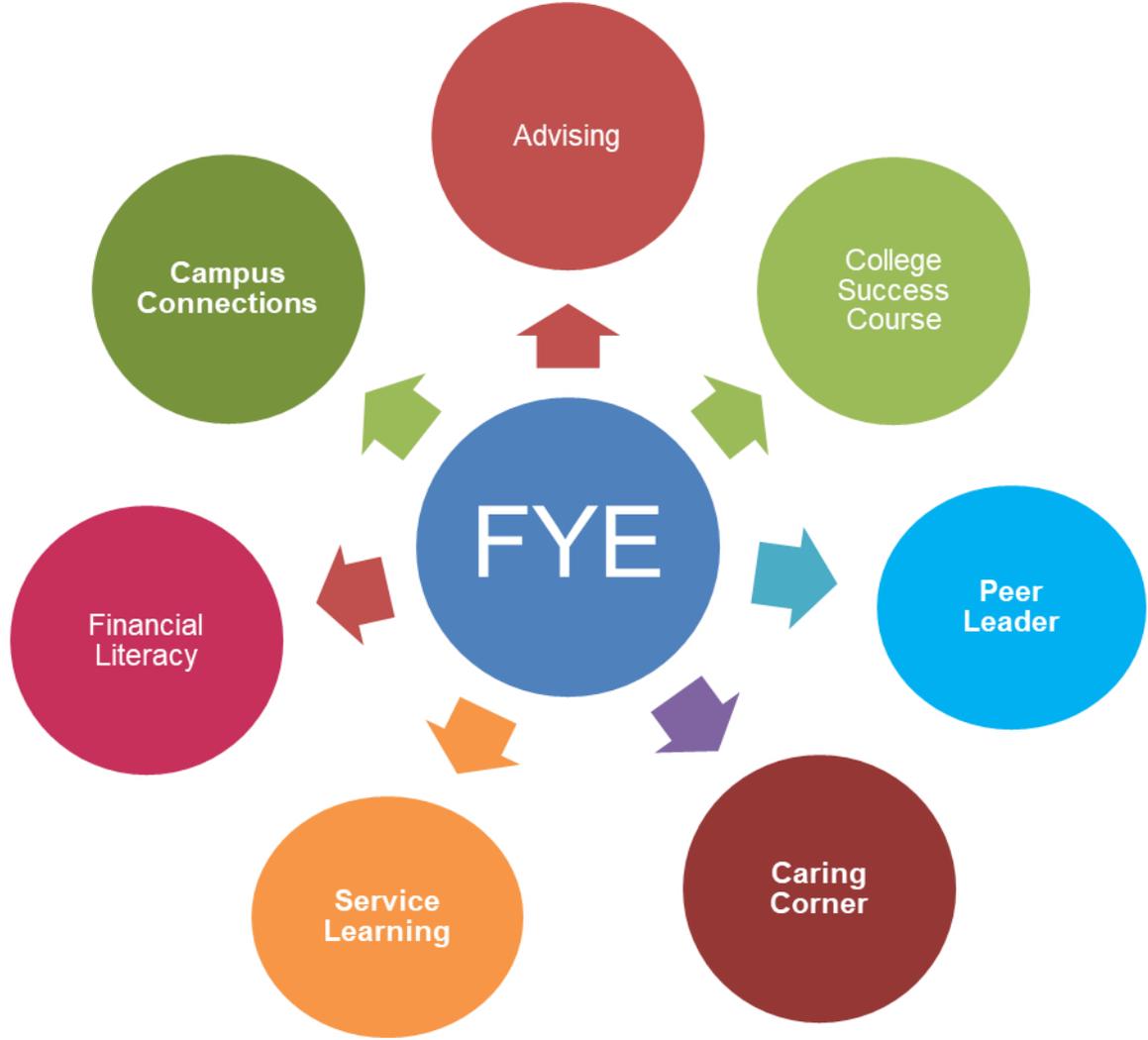
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Academics

Financial
Education
Center

First Year
Experience
(FYE)

AmeriCorps
VISTA

Caring Corner



Getting Real About Poverty in SC

- According to the US Census Bureau's 2017 data, the population of the state is 4,882,720. The total number of people living in poverty is **751,907**.
- South Carolina ranks **42nd** overall in people earning incomes below the poverty line. The percentage of people living in poverty is **15.4%**.
- South Carolina ranks **45th** overall in the rate of children living in poverty. **Twenty-two percent** of children in the state live in households in which the total income is below the poverty line.

Getting Real About Poverty in SC

- According to a report from the Food Research and Action Center, **18.3 %** of South Carolinians experienced food insecurity in 2017. South Carolina is ranked **the 7th worst state** in the United States in terms of residents who experience food insecurity.
- According to the Food Research and Action Center, children in South Carolina experience food insecurity at a rate of **19.9%**. This statistic is higher than the national average of 17.9%.

Educating Faculty and Staff on Poverty

Poverty Stimulations

- Missouri Community Action Network
- Three-hour simulation
- Play a role for a month of a person living in poverty
- Debrief about the experience
- Requires a minimum of 20 volunteers
- Requires a minimum of 40 participants



#Real College Survey Participation

Real College Survey – Temple University

- Collect data on the number of students experiencing housing and food insecurity
- Sara Goldrick-Rab, Founder of the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice and Professor of Higher Education Policy & Sociology at Temple University



#REALCOLLEGE™

Caring Corner

- 104 students served in the 2018-19 academic year
- Student referral system through Starfish
- Faculty and staff referral
- Student word-of-mouth referral
- Emergency food pantry



Funding

- Laurie Puffpaff Fund through the GTC Foundation
- Faculty and Staff Fundraising Campaign
- Individual donations
- Food Drives
- Partnership with Miracle Hill Thrift Store

Items distributed

- Canned, non-perishable foods
- Frozen meats as available
- Hygiene products
- Feminine hygiene products – Homeless Period Project
- Baby food
- Baby formula as available
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Household paper products
- School supplies
- Bread as available
- Miracle Hill Thrift store vouchers
- Thanksgiving turkeys



AmeriCorps and United Way

AmeriCorps Member

- Direct service to students
 - Caring Corner
 - SC Thrive Hub
 - Financial literacy one-on-one consultations

AmeriCorps Bridges VISTA

- Indirect Service
 - Processes for food pantry sustainability
 - Grant writing and fundraising
 - Partnerships with community resources



United Way
of Greenville County

Sustainability

- Continued campus- wide food drives
- Community partnerships
- Grants (AmeriCorps VISTA and GTC Foundation)
- Campus education to increase donations through the faculty and staff campaign
- Diaper bank connections/community resources



Caring Corner Processes

Application process

- Students indicate means of support
- Number of people in household
- Additional information to start a conversation about additional resources needed

Grocery List

- For sustainability
- To encourage a variety nutritious foods and balanced diet

Emergency Crisis

- Greenville Technical College Foundation Emergency Fund
- SC Thrive Hub
- Community Partnerships
- Financial Literacy – one on one coaching

Financial Education Center

Opened April 2016

- Serves students through Lunch and Learns and Financial Literacy events
- Classroom presentations in all Freshman Seminar and College Skills courses
- BudgetCon
- Free one-on-one coaching with AmeriCorps Member



Funding

- Private Donor
- Student Financial Empowerment Grant –
ATD & One Main Financial
- TD Bank



Financial Education Center Peer Leader Program

- Assist in the development and implementation of financial literacy programming
- Present financial literacy information
- Meet with students to determine financial coaching needs
- Assist with the assessment of financial literacy programming and events

Assessment

Ruffalo Noel Levitz College Student Inventory (pre) and
Mid-Year Student Assessment (post)

I need to learn how to manage my finances, including loan and credit card debt

I would like to talk with a counselor about getting additional financial assistance

Financial problems are not likely to interfere with my studies

My financial obligations are very distracting

I am able to manage my finances without having to work more hours

What Questions Do You Have?

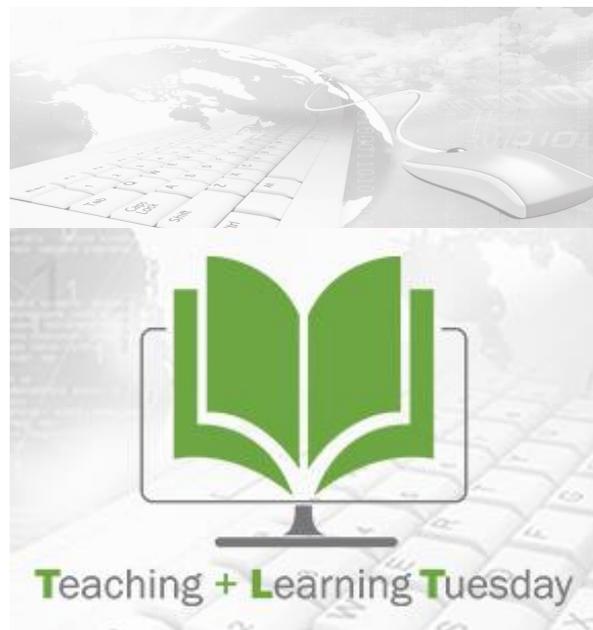
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- November 2019- Open Educational Resources (OER) Update

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