

Nashville State Community College

Student Food Pantry Opens on Nashville State Humphreys County Campus

WAVERLY, Tenn. (March 12, 2021) -- Students can now access free food and personal care items at the Nashville State Humphreys County Campus Cupboard.

"A Campus Cupboard has been a dream for the Humphreys County campus for many years, and I'm excited to see this dream become reality," said campus Director Kim Zills. "The Campus Cupboard will meet a need for our students so they can be successful and not worry about where they will get food and basic personal care items. Providing these resources for our students is an extremely rewarding feeling."

The Campus Cupboard, the College's on-campus food pantry, allows students to access free grocery and personal care items on a weekly basis, as needed. Students can log in to the online ordering system to do their shopping and schedule an appointment to collect their items. The Humphreys County Campus Cupboard is open for order pick-up Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Beginning Tuesday, March 16, and every Wednesday after, fresh produce will also be available. Online ordering for produce is not available. Students should contact Ms. Bernice Knight, Nashville State Humphreys County Campus Cupboard coordinator, to arrange.

"One of our greatest joys in life is helping our neighbors and community residents. That is how we feel about opening the Campus Cupboard in Humphreys County," Knight said. "A wise person once said, 'What we do for ourselves alone dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.'"

The Campus Cupboard program is operated by the Nashville State Community College Foundation, with seed investments from Piedmont Natural Gas and Kroger and through a partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. Recently, a Tennessee Community CARES grant allowed the Campus Cupboard to integrate an online ordering system with curbside pickup to continue meeting the needs of food insecure students during COVID.

"We're grateful for the partnerships and support that allowed us to expand this resource to students at the Humphreys County campus," said Lauren Bell, Nashville State Foundation's executive director. "The Cupboard is one of several resources we developed to address the most significant challenges our students struggle with while attending classes. Nashville State Foundation also created a 'Beyond Financial Aid' initiative providing child care, nutrition, textbook, transportation, and unexpected emergency assistance. These resources would not be possible without the generous support of individuals and community partners."

To learn how to support the Campus Cupboard program and other student support resources at Nashville State, please visit nscf.org/donate/, or email foundation@nscc.edu.

The Campus Cupboard is closed between semesters and during breaks, and students will need to bring their Nashville State Student ID when picking up their order.

For more information on the Campus Cupboard program and for students to place an online order, please visit www.nscf.org/campus-cupboard/

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