Resource Stability Initiatives to Assist with Student Persistence

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Pathway to Student Success

WHAT PEOPLE THINK IT LOOKS LIKE

WHAT IT ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE
Challenges Affecting Student Retention

- Academic Preparation
- Academic Engagement
- Social Engagement
- Financial Concerns
- External Obligations (work/family)
- Time Concerns

Rabourn et al., 2018
What Can Institutions Do?

Find Resources

• Campus Life Activities
  • Campus Events
  • Student Organizations
• Mental Health Support
• Technology Support
• Educational Support
  • Integrate within Coursework

Renner & Skursha, 2022
Student Financial Wellness Survey Results

Understanding the connection between student finances and student success is essential to supporting the 21st century student.

While 60% of students used personal savings and 72% used current wages to pay for school, only 5% are able to solely rely on this self-help.

58% of students would have trouble getting $500 in cash or credit in an emergency. 11% of students would not be able to get that amount from any resource.

66% of students worry about having enough money to pay for school.

23% of students ran out of money 6 or more times in the past year.

47% of students reported being housing insecure.

18% of students had very low food security.

50% of students indicated experiencing generalized anxiety disorder.

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The Center for Campus & Community Connections (CCCC)

Owens recognizes that reliable and consistent access to affordable food, housing, transportation, technology, familial care, and health care is a central condition for learning.

- Harvest Food Pantry
- Harvest Community Garden
- Career Closet
- Free Store
- Harvest Apiary
What is CCCC?

• Enhance retention through resource stability, community connections

• In-person and online appointments connect students to both on-/off-campus resources

• ALL campus community members are eligible!
Student Stories

**Javon:** 18-yr.-old who is estranged from his family and rides the shuttle from the shelter to campus to take courses. He is approved for tuition support, but no other living expenses such as food or housing.

**Danielle:** 65-yr.-old survivor of cancer who lost her spouse and son, and was left financially destitute. She came to Owens to rediscover a sense of purpose and is now pursuing a social work degree so she can help others.
Commitment to Student Success

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