UCLA Student Affairs

UCLA Basic Needs Framework

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Community Programs Office

CPO Food Justice

The Community Programs Office, UCLA's cross-cultural center, works to build and nurture an inclusive and diverse community of scholars and leaders who are committed to giving back to historically marginalized communities.

Website: www.cpo.ucla.edu
Email: support@cpo.ucla.edu
Phone: 310-825-5969

CPO Food Closet

Created in 2009 to provide free food for any UCLA student who may be experiencing hunger and/or struggling to obtain food due to financial hardships.

Manager: Chidera Izuchukwu
Website: www.cpo.ucla.edu/foodcloset
Email: foodcloset@cpo.ucla.edu

CalFresh

California state public service program operated out of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) centers. Students can receive a grant of up to $192/ month for groceries.

Email: calfresh@cpo.ucla.edu

Bruin Bites

Bruin Bites is a text-messaging app that notifies students of available food from on-campus events. In order to receive notifications, students must opt-in by logging in with their UCLA single sign-on credentials.

Contact: Chidera Izuchukwu
Email: foodcloset@cpo.ucla.edu

Dean of Students

Economic Crisis Response Team

Provides support and guidance to students who have self-identified, or are identified by UCLA faculty or staff, as experiencing a financial crisis that impacts their academic success at UCLA.

Manager: Serifa Dela Cruz
Email: ecr@saonet.ucla.edu
Phone: 310-206-1189

Financial Wellness Program

Empowers and supports students with the knowledge to make informed financial decisions.

Manager: Sara Potter
Website: www.financialwellness.ucla.edu

External Partner

Wesley Foundation's Café 580

A free space for students to break bread and build relationships through food, conversation, study and arts.

Manager: Jeanne Roe Smith
Email: wfsucla@gmail.com
Phone: 310-909-4471

Healthy Campus Initiative (HCI)

Jane B. Semel HCI Community Garden

Provides on-campus space for the UCLA community to grow healthy food and foster urban gardening practices. The initiative is intended to promote community building and addresses food insecurity on campus.

Website: www.recreation.ucla.edu/amphitheatergarden
Email: hcigardens@g.ucla.edu

Student Organizations

Swipe Out of Hunger

Aims to tackle food insecurity and its stigma both within and outside the UCLA community by collecting and donating residence hall meal swipes to students.

Website: www.swipehunger.org/ucla
Email: swipes@ucla.edu

Basic Needs Coordinators

Students work with the Basic Needs Manager, Café 580 staff, Westside Food bank, Swipe Out Hunger, Bagel Mom, Bruins of the South Bay and other individuals interested in donating to the CPO Food Closet or providing logistical support.

Manager:
Chidera Izuchukwu

Website:
www.cpo.ucla.edu/jobs

Email:
cizuchukwu@cpo.ucla.edu

[FITTED] EATS

Aimed at student leaders from historically marginalized communities. Provides healthy snacks every Tuesday with informative sessions taught by a Dietician.

Website:
www.facebook.com/ThinkFITTED

Email:
thinkfitted@cpo.ucla.edu

CPO Holiday Boxes

Provides an opportunity for students who experience financial hardships to fill boxes with food items onsite to sustain themselves throughout academic holidays and breaks.

Manager:
Chidera Izuchukwu

Email:
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CPO Grocery Bundles

Serves students who regularly utilize the resources provided by the Food Closet, but who also face more long term challenges buying groceries and/or supporting other individuals. Applications are accepted at the beginning of each quarter.

Email:
foodcloset@cpo.ucla.edu

Commuter Van Service

Since 2010, the CPO has provided a free ride service to students who live within a 30-mile radius of campus (e.g., Southeast Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and Ventura counties). Students must submit an application in order to participate in the program each academic term. The Commuter Van Service operates Week 1 to Finals Week, quarterly.

Transportation Services
Manager: Octavio Rodriguez

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