



PAW PROVISIONS

SPRING 2024

WINGATE UNIVERSITY PAW PROVISIONS (WUPP)



FREE STORE & CAREER CLOSET

In a 2022 National study it was reported that on average 40% of college students experience Food Insecurity thanks to rise in tuition and other costs. In **2022 the Wingate Bulldog Poll found that 33% of our students reported food insecurity** and this fueled the birth of WU Paw Provisions (Dec 2022). The goal was to create a space free from shame and judgement -- a place where people could feel cared for and empowered. Hence when WUPP Managers explain that **“Everything is Free.99”** those visiting WUPP could not help but smile ... and they leads many pay it forward when they can.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SPRING 2024

- 01 ENHANCED DIGNITY WALL
- 02 EXPANDED HOURS & DAYS (MON & TUESDAY)
- 03 REMODEL OF CAREER CLOSET
- 04 NEW FOOD PARTNERS
(FOOD FOR FAMILIES, GROUND 40, WAXHAW WOMEN'S CLUB, METROLINA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, INDIVIDUALS)
- 05 STEW DAY; PASTA POTLUCK; PIZZA DAY
- 06 2 CHALK/WUPP LYCEUMS



Don't forget about Dawgs Duds... it is where donated casual & sporty clothing and accessories live in WUPP



THANK YOU

In the Spring 2024 Semester of our second year of WUPP, **we are happy to report a decrease in food insecurity on our campus from 33% to 25%** -- this is quite an accomplishment and it took a whole village to do this.

Thank you to everyone who made this happen ... Res. Life, Student Success Coaches, Campus Security, Senior Administrators, Community Partners, Non-Profits, Distributors, Churches ... there is a big long list!

And don't forget the financial help we have received. Thank you Board of Visitors, Food Lion Feeds, and Campus Compact for your awards and grants. Also a huge shout out to the United Methodist Church 'Community Table' Collective who donated to the CCG to help campus food insecurity efforts!



PROMOTING THE TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE... PEOPLE, PLACES & PROSPERITY

Much of the donated food we receive is perfectly good but past the "Best Freshness" dates. The EPA indicates that processed foods are good up to 18 months after packaging but usually has short best freshness or best before dates (these are not expiration dates but people think they are). This is one reason why in the US, over 90 billion pounds of food gets thrown away equalling about 145 million meals.

WUPP is doing our part in loving the planet by keeping good food on the plates of people who need it -- and helping our Bulldogs invest their money in their future.



CAREER CLOSET FACTS:



- Started by Career Services
- Moved to WUPP in Dec 2023 -- last suite on first floor of NE
- Open every Tuesday when WUPP is open... served hundreds of students to date
- Why? Here are some of the reasons we hear that people need the Career Closet: Away games, formal dinners, date nights, job interviews, internships, Greek Life events, Stylish Up-cycling, funerals, weddings, ...
- Donations from staff, students, community partners, alumni, emeritus faculty



WISDOM FROM OUR WUPP STUDENT MANAGERS & INTERNS

OLIVIA PAYNE SPRING 2024 WUPP MANAGER



OLIVIA'S
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Paw Provisions and the Career Closet were super hits this semester at Wingate. We had huge donations from Heart for Monroe, Food for Families, Ground 40, and Registrar's office. Clothing was donated by mothers of interns, students here at Wingate, and the Music Department, and the Emeritus Group.

Data for Spring 24 Farmers Market:

of Openings: 4
of Attendees : 491
Avg. # of Attendees per Opening: 123

Data For Spring 24' Paw Provisions:

In Kind Donations : \$48,304..74
of Attendees: 2100+
Avg.# of Attendees per Opening: 55
of Openings: 39

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WUPP OPENINGS:

MON 4:30-7:00PM (MANOEL)

TUES 4-7:00PM (OLIVIA, MANOEL, KELLY)

FARMERS MARKETS:

THURSDAYS 4-6PM (OLIVIA, MANOEL, KELLY)

REFLECTION

My experience working for the Paw Provisions and Career Closet was nothing short of amazing. It is more than just helping your fellow peers with food donations and professional wear. I built friendships, learned how to be patient, and started doing things out of my comfort zone.

Our vendors at the farmers market are amazing people who really appreciate our help and students coming to enjoy what they have to offer. Sorting through clothes and seeing all the great pieces people have donated is so rewarding. It is like watching a free thrift store unfold.



KELLY DUNLAP

SPRING 2024 CCG INTERN



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The Farmers Market was very successful this year despite being thrown a few curve balls. We were excited to see the return of some long time vendors such as glassworks by JR as well as welcoming a few new faces. We were also excited to see students getting involved with tables like the comic books as well as clubs like the pharmacy club among many others.

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My experience with the Farmer's Market as well as Paw Provisions and the Career Closet has been nothing short of extraordinary. I loved having the opportunity to work closely with many of the vendors and volunteers to ensure the Markets ran smoothly as well as working with my own sister to keep the career closet organized. I have loved being able to see my impact on the community directly through these three amazing events and services and I look forward to seeing all the great work they continue to do.

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Manoel Filipe Silva is our current paid WUPP Student Manager! He started in the late Fall 2023 and suggested that we expand our hours to Monday ... so he opened WUPP every Monday from 4:30-7pm after his swim practice (yes ... he is one of our amazing WU Swimmers)

We love Manoel's energy and his ability to speak many languages with all the students who come to shop at WUPP.

He will be back in the fall -- so come check out WUPP and maybe you will catch him both working and watching his Brazilian soccer team!

*Stay
Tuned*

...for more amazing
things happening at
WUPP in the fall of
2024



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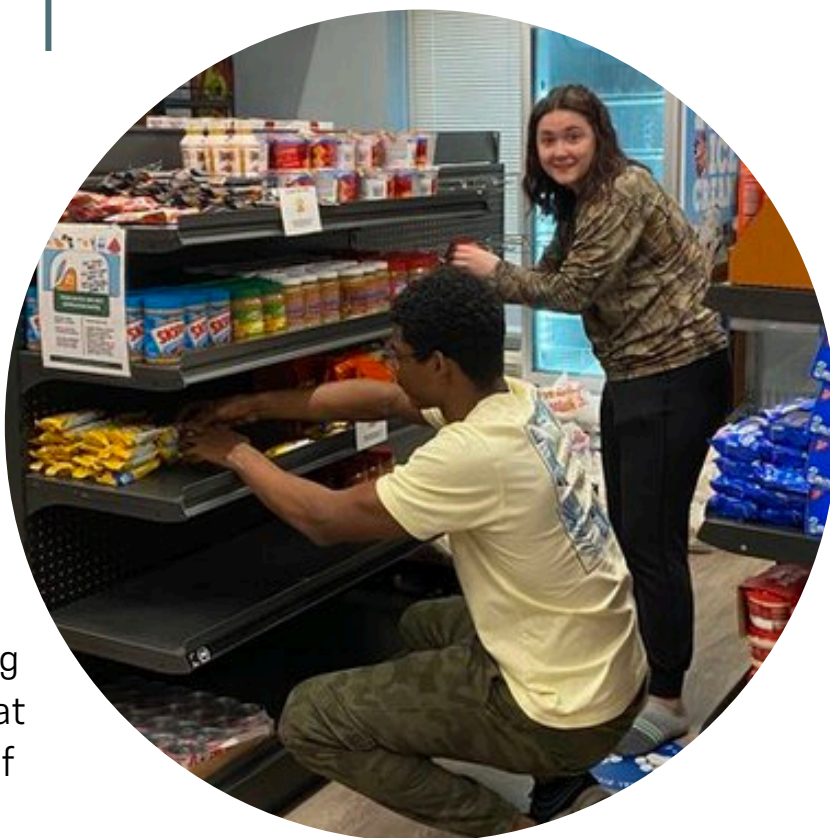
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Olivia
(WUPP
Manager)



Torrence (Farmers
Market Worker)



Kelly
(CCG Intern)



Penches
(Garden Manager)



Leigha
(SLCE Researcher)



Manoel
(WUPP
Manager)

