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Food Waste on my Campus

Something that I have noticed on my campus is the amount of food that gets both used and thrown away in the dining centers. For starters there is three food centers which already in my eyes seems like a waste. It is convenient for the students to not have to walk as far, but it is honestly just a block. People need to get out more and be more active anyways. Another thing is the amount of money plans for food is costing. They are costing so much money, but they barely get used because the cost of food is cheaper people cannot eat that amount in that time. They usually end up selling in bulk at the end of year but it just shows that the production for food is higher than demand for it.



My School

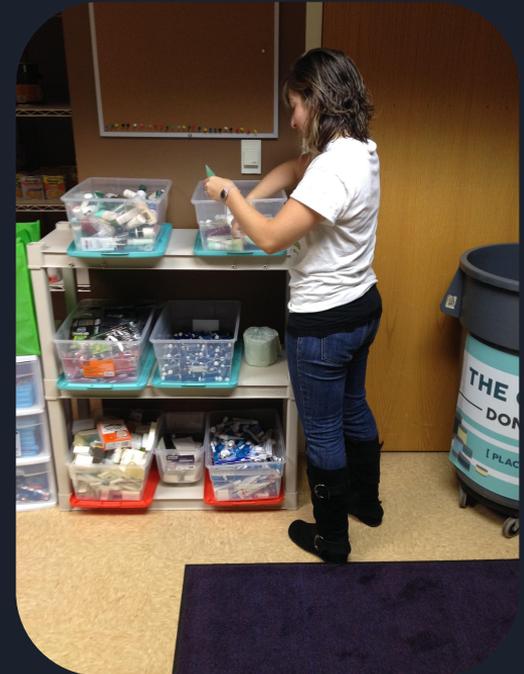
- I would say about 30% of my school is food insecure when it comes to healthy food. When it comes down to just food in general, no one is because the meal plan prices are crazy high and we are forced to buy them no matter what.
- The UWSP Grounds Work Unit uses compost "pulp" collected at the **Dining Services** facilities for use as bedding on the many berms on campus. This is food waste that might normally go down the drain as part of the dishwashing process but is instead collected and recycled. This compost pulp has a variety of uses and is known to improve soil quality and productivity as well as prevent and control erosion.



Pantry

We have a food pantry on Campus called The Cupboard.

- Thousands of students receive need-based financial aid and hundreds are enrolled in food assistance and WIC programs. Many more students encounter short-term financial emergencies and find themselves choosing between buying food and paying other bills. The Cupboard was created to help students meet their basic needs so that they can focus on succeeding in school.
- I cannot find anything that shows we are part of the Food Network Recovery thing



Promotion On Campus

We currently have a group on campus within our Office of Sustainability that promotes so many efforts including food waste and how to utilize the foods we eat and waste. They have a head person that helps promote these within the halls and dining services with signs and posters in dining area and just all over the entire campus.



My Plan

So my campus is really all about trying to promote the sustainable culture and food waste within the dining halls but using the wasted food to compost within the gardens and everything a long campus. A way that I can partner or be more involved would be to reach out to this office of sustainability and show them that I want to help make that difference and show how much all of this matters. I can set up a meeting with the office of sustainability and maybe talk about how we can branch this out to other campuses or even just high schools and other systems around the community. I mean how cool would it be if all the local restaurants did this as well. Most places have gardens outside, who's to say we can't feed it with the foods we eat everyday.

