**Course Information**

- Service Learning focuses on combining education in the classroom and on hands on experience.
- The main purpose is to help develop civic-mindedness in students.
- It is incorporated into this course by giving students like us the opportunity to apply what we are learning in class.
- We are each required to complete 20 hours of service while taking this class.
- We are also required to complete weekly reflections as a way to demonstrate our learning.
- This will help us get the experience we need in the real world one day and will help us decide if this is really what we want to do.

**What We Have Learned**

- Through our experience with Panther Pantry we have learned that someone will always be grateful for your time volunteering.
- We have built relationships with the people who work there and also the people who come in.

**Mission Statement**

- The mission of the Panther Pantry is to ensure that UNI students are able to get their basic food and necessity needs met.
- The Panther Pantry recognizes that in order to succeed in the classroom and here at UNI, students need to have access to food.

**How it Got Started**

- In spring of 2018, a food insecurities task force was created to determine the need of our students and the extent of insecurity on our campus for foods and necessary items.
- Based on the task force’s findings that 16% of surveyed students had low food insecurity, a recommendation was made to establish a food and necessity pantry on campus.

**Data About Audience**

- In Iowa, 305,100 people are struggling with hunger.
- In Iowa, those people are estimated to need approximately $144,058,000 more per year to meet their food needs.
- In 2019, 51% of UNI students had "varying levels" of food insecurity.
- 16% of students reporting having "very high food insecurity" meaning they eat inconsistently or at times, not at all.
- Rates of food insecurity are much higher at 2 year institutions, where 28% of students report having very high food insecurity.

**Organization Info**

- The Panther Pantry is a recognized student organization that is operated by a student executive board.
- Its operations are run out of the Office of Student Life and Event Services in Maucker Union.

**Programming**

- At the Panther Pantry, students can choose a wide variety of food and necessity items.
- Any student at UNI that completes an intake form before their first appointment is eligible to use the pantry.
- Students can schedule one appointment each week to pick up their items.

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