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Los Rios Students Join Global #GivingTuesday Movement

Campus communities come together to focus on helping student insecurity

Sacramento, CA (November 27, 2017) – Students from the Los Rios Colleges will join the global #GivingTuesday campaign on Tuesday, November 28 with events at all four colleges that underscore the generosity of the Los Rios community. Activities at the colleges will include food drives with local partners like Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, a blood drive with BloodSource, and “Gratitude” and “UNselfie” stations for students, faculty and staff.

Many Los Rios college students face insecurity while attending one of our colleges, including not knowing where their next meal is coming from or where they will sleep at night. It is difficult to be a student and focus on school when experiencing such instability. A national survey found that 13% of community college students are homeless, half of community college students are at least marginally food insecure or experiencing anxiety about the availability of food, and that 22% had gone hungry without money to buy food (*Hungry to Learn: Addressing Food & Housing Insecurity Among Undergraduates* conducted by Goldrick-Rab et al.)

The goal of GivingTuesday is to raise funds to help students at all four colleges who are experiencing insecurity due to a sudden emergency. The Los Rios Student Emergency Fund provides immediate financial assistance to students involved in emergency situations so that they can continue their progress towards their educational goals. There is a matching fund for gifts given on Giving Tuesday through the generous donations of Los Rios District and College leadership, the Los Rios Foundation Board and Wells Fargo. Donations from the community are welcomed and can be made online at foundation.losrios.edu/givingtuesday.

The Los Rios Foundation has awarded \$165,156 to 245 students at American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake and Sacramento City colleges. These grants included students who were homeless, students who lost family members or whose homes were destroyed by fire, students who couldn't afford to feed their families or who were the victims of violent crimes, and yet they were determined to finish the education they had started at Los Rios.

A breakdown of the events at each college:

Sacramento City College (SCC)

What: Local food drive to support the Sacramento City College RISE and Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services’ partnership for weekly, on-campus food distribution that helps improve food security among students and their families. Student College Hour with the SCC mascot (the Panther), “Gratitude” and “UNselfie” station for students, faculty and staff,

information for students to learn about volunteer opportunities in their community from local community partner, Team Giving.

Where: Student Center

When: Tuesday, November 28 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Folsom Lake College (FLC)

What: Local food drive to stock FLC's Student Food Cabinets. Student College Hour with the FLC mascot (Falco), "Gratitude" and "UNselfie" station for students, faculty and staff.

Where: Peregrine Room (Falcon's Roost FR-240)

When: Tuesday, November 28 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cosumnes River College (CRC)

What: BloodSource blood drive (November 27 and 28) and Student College Hour with the CRC mascot (Hawkeye), "Gratitude" and "UNselfie" station for students, faculty and staff.

Where: Winn Center Community Room

When: Tuesday, November 28 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

American River College (ARC)

What: Student College Hour with the ARC mascot (Bucky the Beaver), "Gratitude Wall" and "UNselfie" station, information for students to learn about volunteer opportunities in their community from local community partner, Team Giving.

Where: American River College Student Center

When: Tuesday, November 28 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Occurring this year on November 28, #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the US) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday to kick off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities and to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support.

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