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Culinary Program partners with DVC food pantry offering fresh “meals to go”

DVC Culinary Department has taken innovative measures to helping students in need. The delicious meals prepared in Culinary classes that would normally be served at the DVC Norseman are being donated to the DVC food pantry. In keeping with the sustainable practice of food reclamation, the food pantry then offers these delicious and healthy meals to students in need. “It’s a wonderful way to offer support to students who need it most” says Todd Farr, Manager of Student Services. “The Culinary students are making this great food using the best ingredients and now it won’t go to waste.”

World Food Day
October 16th, 2020

World Food Day 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in an exceptional moment as countries around the world deal with the widespread effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

World Food Day is calling for global solidarity to help all populations, and especially the most vulnerable, to recover from the crisis, and to make food systems more resilient and robust so they can withstand increasing volatility and climate shocks, deliver affordable and sustainable healthy diets for all, and decent livelihoods for food system workers. It’s a time to look into the future we need to build together. Make #WorldFoodDay YOUR DAY

For more information and suggestions on what you can do, visit: www.fao.org/world-food-day

The DVC Cafeteria and Bookstore also donate food and snacks to the pantry. Thank-you to all who support this worthy cause during these challenging times. This is a wonderful example of how food reclamation programs really work! You are #FoodHeroes

Who Can Access the Food Pantry?
All currently enrolled DVC students in need of food can access the DVC Food Pantry in the Student Union Building, Room 101.

Hours of operation: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:30 am to 4:30 pm and Fridays 10 am to 2 pm.

For more information about the DVC Food Pantry visit: www.dvc.edu/foodpantry
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the CAREER CLOSET

Earlier this year, the Career and Transfer Department introduced the Career Closet for students. Essentially they take donated professional clothing items from DVC Faculty and Staff and re-purpose them for students to use/keep for job interviews, awards ceremonies, and meetings. The goal of the Career Closet is to remove financial barriers that may prevent students with the highest need from looking and feeling their best during the internship and job search process.

Are you tidying up during this shelter-in-place? You can donate your gently used professional clothing that will then be distributed for free to DVC students.

Here’s what we need in the Career Closet:

- Clothing for all genders and sizes (especially plus and petite)
- Professional or business clothing and accessories (blazers, dresses, shirts, slacks, belts, shoes, purses, etc.)
- Reflecting contemporary trends and fashion (think the recent 5 years)

Meghan Ennis Ortega and Rachel Luna are asking that you hold onto your items until we return to work as we do not have donation drop-offs while our campuses are physically closed. “We’ll gladly take them off your hands as soon as we can so our students can benefit from your generosity!”

On behalf of the Sustainability Committee we would like to say THANK-YOU for putting together this wonderful program that helps our students in need while providing a way for us to recycle and re-purpose our unused items.

For more information, visit: www.dvc.edu/careercloset
Or email: careertransfer@dvc.edu

Do you have a story to tell about how your department is environmentally conscious?

Contact David Hagerty or Sharrie Bettencourt to be the next Sustainability Spotlight story!
Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan

County Connection has been closely monitoring the changes surrounding the Coronavirus, or COVID-19. The health and safety of County Connection employees, passengers, and the communities we serve remains a top priority.

“We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all.”

Bay Area Public Transportation Providers have collectively developed this health and safety plan to bring the region’s public transportation providers together around transit-related health and safety standards and mitigations.

Note: There have been service changes to accommodate the ever changing needs of our community.

For the most updated schedule please visit: www.countyconnection.com

Message from the DVC Sustainability Committee

With the switch to (mostly) remote services, the Sustainability Committee is adapting its focus for the school year. Whereas previously we concentrated on redirecting wastes from the landfill and reducing single vehicle trips to campus, this year we will highlight ways to reduce environmental impacts at home.

Some of the many examples are:
- The 4Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover), with an emphasis on reduction of wastes and consumption
- Gardening
- Composting

Please join our efforts and consider ways to reduce your own Eco footprint. If you have an idea on how to reduce your impact while working remotely please contact David Hagerty dhagerty@dvc.edu or Sharrie Bettencourt sbettencourt@dvc.edu. We’ll include your suggestions in the next newsletter!

E-bike Rebate Program

No sweat biking? Yes, please! If you’ve ever seen a bike rider zooming up a hill with no apparent effort, they were probably riding an e-bike. The “e” should stand for enjoyable, but it actually stands for electric. E-bikes are battery powered and recharged by plugging into a standard power outlet. An e-bike’s fun factor, zero-emission footprint, nearly effortless cruising speeds of up to 28 MPH, and low lifetime costs make it attractive for replacing local car trips without sacrificing COVID-safe personal space.

511 Contra Costa is offering a limited number of $150 Rebates ($300, if low income) for residents of every Contra Costa city and unincorporated community for e-bikes purchased on or after October 1, 2020, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Find the complete rebate details at: 511CC.org/rebate
SAVE THE DATE!
AMERICAN RECYCLES DAY
NOVEMBER 15

HELPFUL LINKS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT RECYCLING IN THE BAY AREA

CALRECYCLE A comprehensive resource for environmentally friendly legislation (pending, failed, and passed)
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Legislation/PriorityRpt

REPUBLIC SERVICES The recycling and garbage company for DVC as well as Pleasant Hill area.
https://www.republicservices.com/residents/recycling

EPA Regulatory exclusions and alternative standards for the recycling of materials
www.epa.gov

EAST BAY DEPOT FOR CREATIVE REUSE Need to know where you can go to recycle something? It’s all here.
http://creativereuse.org/reuse-links

EARTH911 With over 350 materials and 100,000+ listings, we maintain one of North America’s most extensive recycling databases.
https://search.earth911.com

TAKE THE PLEDGE!

LEARN Find out what materials are collected for recycling in your community.

ACT Within the next month, reduce the amount of waste you produce, recycle more, and buy products made with recycled content.

SHARE In the next month, encourage one family member or one friend to take the #BeRecycled pledge.

Visit: https://kab.org/programs/ard/pledge

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS

Due to Covid-19, all the drinking fountains at both campuses have been shut down. However, there are several water bottle filling stations so if you happen to be on campus, bring your own bottle.

For a map of filling station locations and other updates, visit:
www.dvc.edu/water

YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE!

Deadline to register is October 19th. November 3rd is general election day. California voters have access to numerous online tools provided by government agencies to help facilitate the voting process. Your can track your ballot! For more information, visit:
www.calvoter.org