

ASI FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

Welcome & Reflection

As Fall 2025 comes to an end, we are excited to reflect on the many accomplishments made possible through generous donations, expanded student outreach and engagement, volunteer highlights, meaningful partnerships, and thoughtful planning for the upcoming semester.

This semester, we focused on the full launch of PantrySoft, a new platform designed to make the ASI Food Pantry more accessible and efficient by improving inventory tracking and enabling direct communication with students through text messages and batch emails.

As we transition into winter break, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to the students, volunteers, staff, and community partners who have supported the ASI Food Pantry throughout the semester.



New changes to our layout created additional space for produce.



ASI Leadership pose for a photo at Friendsgiving Feast.



ASI FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Winter Intercession
For Sacramento State students with financial hardships and low food security
University Union 1246
(Enter through the side of the University Union across from the Reference Engineering Building)

Dec 9*-18*	
Tuesday	12:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday	11:00pm-3:00pm
Thursday	12:00pm-4:00pm
Dec 23*	
Tuesday	12:00pm-4:00pm
Jan 5*-22*	
Tuesday	12:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday	11:00pm-3:00pm
Thursday	12:00pm-4:00pm

USING THE FOOD PANTRY

- 1 Bring your physical OneCard
- 2 Check in and shop once a week
- 3 Check out and bag your items!

PANTRYSOFT SIGN-UP



December at a Glance:

In December, we partnered with Student Affairs on the **Finals Friends Snack Drive** to support students during late-night study sessions at the AIRC by providing fresh produce, including 100 lbs of apples and 75 lbs of bananas.

To further support students during this busy time, we transitioned to winter pantry hours during finals week, remaining open 12 hours per week so students could continue accessing food resources throughout the Winter session.

FALL 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

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Friendsgiving Feast 🦃

We hosted our second annual **Friendsgiving Feast**, a two-day celebration that brought students together to enjoy a free Thanksgiving-style meal, along with games, crafts, music, and a surprise slice of pie. This was the result of three months of dedicated planning and collaboration, making it a meaningful tradition for our campus community.



Turkey and stuffing were a hit at Friendsgiving Feast.

The ASI Food Pantry partnered with the Art Department's ceramics class on the **Empty Bowls Project**, an international initiative using handmade art to raise awareness and funds to fight hunger. We are grateful that 50% of the proceeds supported the ASI Food Pantry, helping students facing food insecurity.

By the Numbers:

- Total Pantry Usage: **8,872 visits**
- Average Daily Student Usage: **110**
- Friendsgiving Feast Attendance: **240** ~
- Total lbs of food distributed: **40,000+**
- From the end of Summer 2025 to Fall 2025, over 2,549 students benefited from the ASI Food Pantry's services. That's 1 in 12 students at Sac State!



Free Groceries Pop Up:



Students enjoyed resource tables and fun activities at Pop Ups

- A total of **14 partnerships** came out.
- We had roughly **820 students** come by getting groceries and meeting campus and community partners.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Thank you & Appreciation:

This semester, the ASI Food Pantry was supported by **45 dedicated volunteers**, contributing **approximately 120 volunteer hours each week**. We are grateful for the continued support from campus partners and community organizations, including the Hornet Racing Club, Enterprise Internships Group, NUD Graduate Program, and Renaissance Society members, among many others, whose involvement helps us continue serving students.

Looking Ahead to Spring 26:

The ASI Food Pantry is actively pursuing GOLD certification in the **Nutrition Pantry Program** (NPP) by Leah's Pantry. This healthy pantry initiative enhances the policies, systems, and environment of food distribution through a trauma-informed approach.



Repackaged spice jars by ASI Food Pantry staff



Food Pantry staff welcome students at Friendsgiving Feast



October produce from SFBFS and Soil Born Farms



Volunteers test spice jar filling methods



A student grocery basket for the week



Renaissance members at Day 1, Friendsgiving Feast



Food Pantry staff organizing donations

FAVORITE MEMORIES

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Daisy and Brayden tabling at the BNRC Resource Fair



Our produce market in August 2025



Parker and Katie unloading donations from Central Downtown Food Basket



Annabel, Pati, Victoria, Angie, and Bai inspecting onions



Soil Born Farms' generosity in growing 24 bins of organic lettuce



Rob, Cary, and Jeanne tabling at Renaissance Society Open House



Jane, Giselle, Minette, Eva, and Gabby with KSSU Sparky



Sharing our abundance of lettuce with faculty and staff



7 AM food bank runs to grab the best produce for our students



Adan and Jenna heat sealing our first ASI Food Pantry spice jar



Free Groceries Pop Up team potluck and appreciation



Bill, Deb, Muskan, Daisy, Lily, Jeanne, and Pam gleaming over a fully stocked Food Pantry