

# More than just food at the ASI Food Pantry

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## ABSTRACT:

The ASI Food Pantry helps Sac State students facing financial hardships and low food security, by providing food and basic necessities at no cost. The ASI Food Pantry also aims to mitigate the negative impact of low food security on the academic success of Sac State students. At the food pantry, I participated in the ServSafe California Food Handler training and certification program, the task of daily operations (food inspections, stocking, greeting, registering new students, and referring students to helpful resources), data entry, and created a Food Locker Executive Summary for the potential location of future food lockers on campus.

## Action Plan:

- Participate in the ServSafe California Food Handler training and certification program.
- Participate in daily operational tasks such as food inspections, stocking, greeting, registering new students, and referring students to helpful resources
- Enter data for future use by volunteers and staff in research and funding projects.
- Created a Food Locker Executive Summary for the potential location of future food lockers on campus

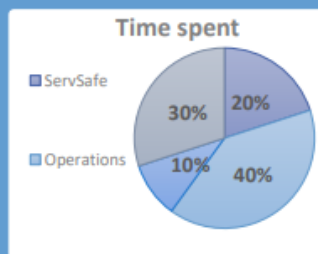


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## Projects/Methods

My time spent at the ASI Food Pantry was mostly on four components that include: ServSafe, Operations, Data entry, and a Food Locker Executive Summary. A major project I worked on was the Food Locker Executive Summary. I joined Ryan on a zoom meeting with Lux One Lockers, to determine if their lockers meet our needs and what kinds of specifications are needed for set up/ best use. I scouted locker locations based on the recommendations from key observers (long time staff/volunteers) and the specifications Lux One Lockers provided on set up/best use. I took photos of potential locations for the lockers and made an Executive summary on my findings including the different locker types, locations pros and cons, and future research questions that can help determine the Lockers Location and the needs of the students who use the food lockers.

## Results



## Program Description

**Program goals:** The ASI Food Pantry aims to mitigate the negative impact of low food security on the academic success of Sac State students by providing food and basic necessities to Sac State students with financial hardships and low food security, at no cost.

**Target Audience:** Sac State students facing financial hardships and low food security

**Eligibility Requirements:** Currently enrolled at Sac State, bring a physical One-card, Bring a reusable grocery bag, and Fill out the User Registration Form (once per academic year).

**Program Components:** Once a week Sac State students can use the Food pantry or Lockers to obtain basic necessities such as: non-perishables, fresh produce, and toiletries

## Conclusion:

I was able to observe many aspect of the food pantry, including operation, food safety, data collecting, funding, and I was able to create a Food Locker Executive Summary. If I had more time, I would have loved to join Ryan and his team on a trip to the Sacramento food bank to see how the process of selecting food that will be distributed on campus. I would have also liked to see the finished renovations being made at the food pantry.