Hello from Helena College!

My name is Emily Schuff, I serve as the Director of Student Life at Helena College; a two-year college in the capitol city of Montana. As a student affairs professional my role is to support student needs outside of the classroom so they are prepared to succeed in their coursework. Student Life is a new department at Helena College with only one professional staff person. I manage our campus pantry program, plan campus activities, supervise our student government, provide health and wellness programming, suicide prevention and rape prevention education, connect students to community resources, and respond to students in crisis.

Through our partnership with the Helena Food Share, our Campus Pantry provides grab-and-go items and some non-perishable food staples for students in two locations. Other campus partners provide donations to supplement our Pantry and support hygiene items like diapers, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, etc. With all the areas I support on our campus, I have little time for innovation, creativity, and capacity building beyond what I currently manage and have a need I believe a VISTA can fill.

20% of our students receive Federal Pell Grant monies and 63% receive Financial Aid. I quickly realized in my first year in our new department there are needs beyond food and hygiene items that would also serve our low-income students like access to reliable and affordable child-care, support through state and county programs for food, healthcare, and energy assistance as well as transportation and housing resources. The priority goals for the VISTA at Helena College are to identify community partners, develop relationships, and expand the resources we offer in our pantry to include other critical services to support students as they pursue their education.

Supporting low-income students at Helena College by building the capacity of our Basic Needs Program will directly combat poverty in our community. The VISTA at Helena College will work directly with the Director of Student Life to build this new program to better support our most vulnerable students and their families.

I look forward to working together to build a support program for the busy, courageous, diverse, local, inspiring students we serve!

Thank you,

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Helena College Campus Pantry

Access fresh foods at the Helena Food Share

Items are free, please take what you need!
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TRiO sees a need, Student Life is born!
Existing and continued partnerships.
Feminine Hygiene Products
Please, use what you need.
Provided by ASHC

Grab N' Go Pantry
Large Items have moved!
Find more in the Student Life Suite on the Donaldson Campus!

Fresh foods & refrigerated items can be found at the Helena Food Share!
https://helenafoodshare.org

Campus Compact
Montana
Limited by capacity (1)
Coming Soon -
Professional Clothing Closet
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