Alleviating hunger at UB

You may be surprised to know that hunger is an increasingly important issue on college campuses across the nation. Although approximately 80% of college students work at least a part-time job, students living independently off-campus have approximately a 50% chance of living in poverty. It is so severe that some students experience homelessness and poverty to the extreme.

Recognizing this problem, the University of Baltimore Foundation, through a Fund for Excellence grant, has supported the University of Baltimore and its SGA in the development of a UB Campus Pantry. A portion of the funding provided for the Schaefer Center for Public Policy in UB’s College of Public Affairs to study the issue of food security among the UB campus community. The results of this study provided necessary data and background information to help campus officials communicate the need for the pantry, which opened on Oct. 18.

The pantry, which is managed through the UB Office of Transitions and Community Engagement and open UB students, faculty and staff ensures that nutritious, supplemental food and basic necessities such as bath tissue and feminine hygiene products are accessible to those experiencing hunger, regardless of their socioeconomic status, place of residence, or other qualifying factors that might prevent them from receiving assistance at a local food program.

This much-needed resource takes a bit of stress off our students and allows them to better focus on their academic, personal, and professional endeavors. To date, more than 200 US colleges and universities have on-campus food pantries.

To contact the Office of Annual Giving and Special Gifts:

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For more information about alumni events, visit www.ubalt.edu/alumnievents.

To donate to the Campus Pantry, visit: http://bit.ly/2fdQ55Z

**Why I give...**

After deferring law school for a year to serve in Iraq, I returned home with less than 30 days before the start of school. Figuring out the financial paperwork and the GI Bill was overwhelming.

Being awarded the Peter Fedak Scholarship was an emotional and financial lifesaver! It allowed me to focus on my first year of law school and gave me time to learn the financial aid and GI Bill process. Mr. Fedak’s narrowly tailored requirements became understandably crystal clear (e.g. evening student, returning from serving deployment, in their first year). It was as though he knew exactly what that person needed.

I promised myself then and there that once I graduated and began practicing, I would do the same for someone else. Like tithing to my church, giving to UB is one of the easiest and one of my favorite checks to write. I thank God I am able to give back—it is a blessing.

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Students will take courses in audiance Performance Studies specialization in the existing B.A. in Integrated Arts program. The grant funding helps to support the costs associated with repurposing classrooms to make them more performance friendly; text-videos; guest artists; costumes; props; transportation; and much more.

**School of Law**

This is the inaugural semester of the Pre-Trial Justice Clinic, an initiative designed to combat mass incarceration in Baltimore City. With the help of UB Law faculty and the Office of the Public Defender, student attorneys screen cases for intake, represent clients in bail review hearings, file habeas corpus petitions, and undertake appellate litigation.

Furthermore, student attorneys are involved in the development of new legislation and legislative strategies that support systemic efforts to address mass incarceration.

On November 21, the clinic hosted its first conference, “Money Bail and Its Role in Mass Incarceration.” Distingushed speakers from Maryland and the U.S. were invited to address the challenges with the current money bail system.

**Veterans Center**

The Bob Parsons Veterans Center is proud to introduce Benz Armstrong, B.A. ’16 as their new center coordinator. Benz is particularly qualified for the job because Benz herself is a veteran. Before enrolling at UB she served in the Army as a Military Police Officer for eight and a half years. She is also familiar with the needs of our veterans and military students, because she took advantage of the programs and services offered by the Veterans Center. She says, “it was hard for me…transitioning to civilian lifestyle. Figuring out life on campus can be very intimidating. The Bob Parsons Veterans Center is the bridge between military and civilian lifestyle and the UB community.”

While she attended UB she also was involved on campus. She not only served as the Vice President of the International Students Association (ISA) for eight and a half years. She is also familiar with the needs of our veterans and military students.

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