

Tiger D.E.N

Two out of three community college students face food insecurities. These students do not know where they will find their next meal; they have days during the month where they simply do not eat. Due to this need, Northeast Mississippi Community College is creating the Tiger D.E.N. (Delivering Every Need) Food Pantry for its students. Food insecurity among Northeast students threatens their success. Lack of nutrients creates a lack of concentration. Although there are community agencies providing support, many students lack access to transportation or have conflicts with class schedules that prevent them from being able to access these services. NEMCC, through the Tiger D.E.N., will serve students to help them stay in school to achieve their degree.

The food pantry will work in conjunction with Phi Theta Kappa and other organizations on campus to meet the needs of its students. Tiger D.E.N. will be housed on the first floor of Wright Hall, located within the Student Success Center. Although the pantry will not officially open until September, preparations are already being made. This effort will take many people to make it successful. So, how can you help? Donations. Below is a list of the most needed items in a food pantry. Also, monetary donations are welcome so student organizations can purchase the specific items that are needed. You can drop these items off in Wright Hall or contact one of the Tiger D.E.N. advisors (listed below) to take your donation. If you have an organization, business, or church group willing to help make this pantry part of their mission too, we welcome partners!

Food Pantry Most Needed Items:

- Canned vegetables and fruit
- Peanut butter
- Dry pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned beans
- Sliced bread
- Canned and dry soups
- Baking mixes that require only water
- Spices
- Jelly
- Canned fish and meat
- Trail mix
- Rice
- Cooking oils (olive oil, vegetable oil, canola oil)
- Juice boxes
- Dry milk
- Water
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Feminine products

Once the food pantry is up and running, students will be able to access a form online, choose items that they will use, and select a pick up time. Not only are we meeting the students need, we are utilizing technology to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Tiger D.E.N. advisors below.

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