

# Stay: How community collaboration helps students stay in college by meeting “life” needs

Introducing the Destination Graduation Toolkit

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# Welcome!



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# Questions & Conversation

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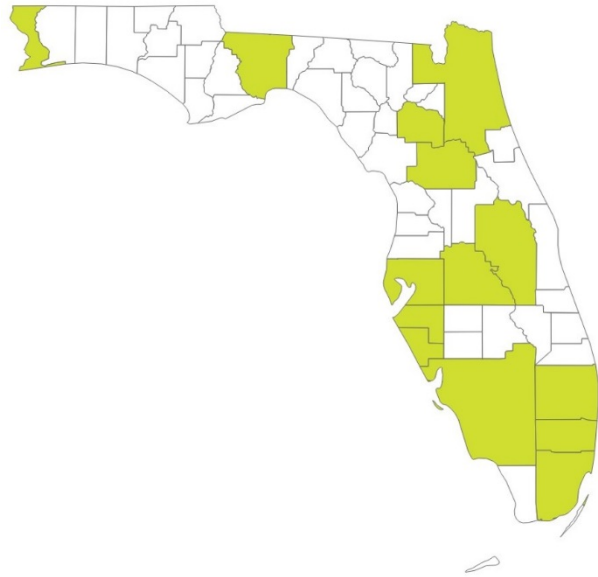


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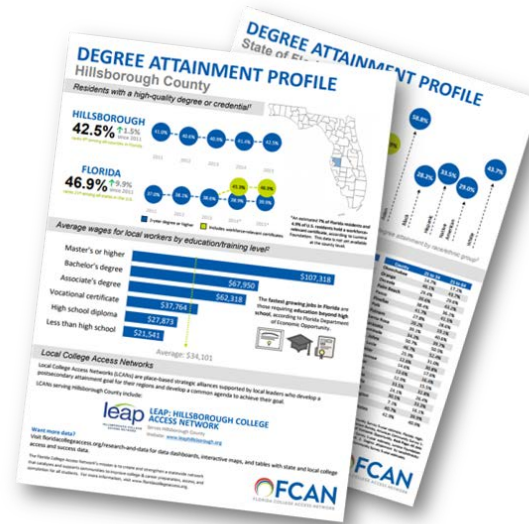
**Our mission:** To create and strengthen a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to improve college and career readiness, access, and completion for all students

**Our vision:** At least 60% of working-age Floridians will hold a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential by the year 2025

# Our Work



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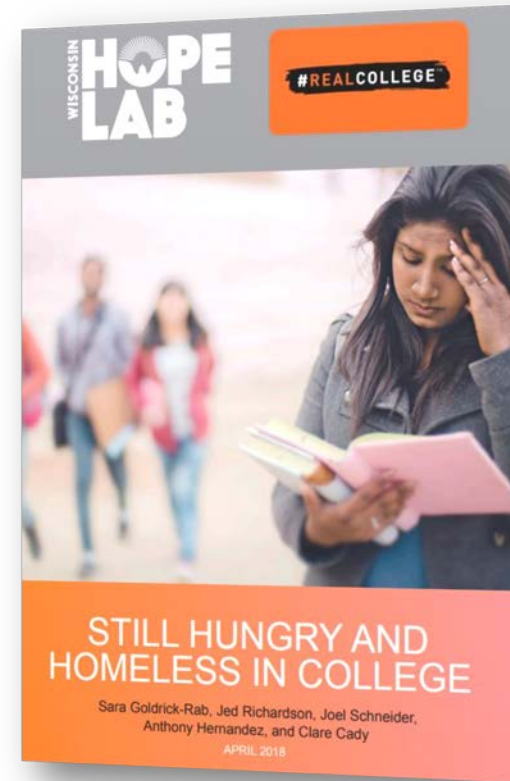
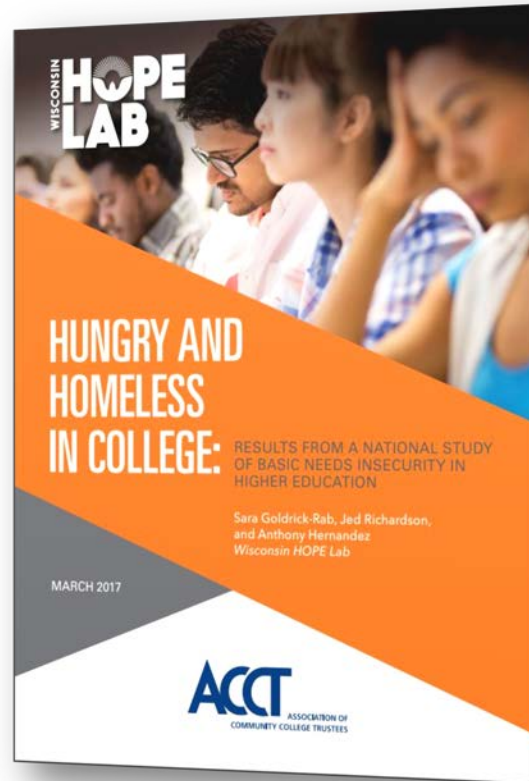
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# Introduction:





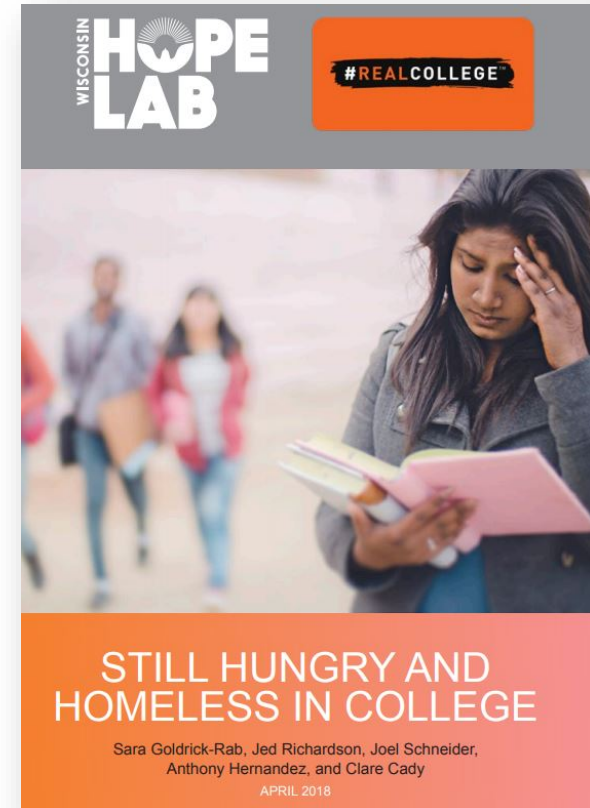
# Food and housing insecurity on college campuses is a significant public health issue



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# Findings: food and housing insecurity on college campuses

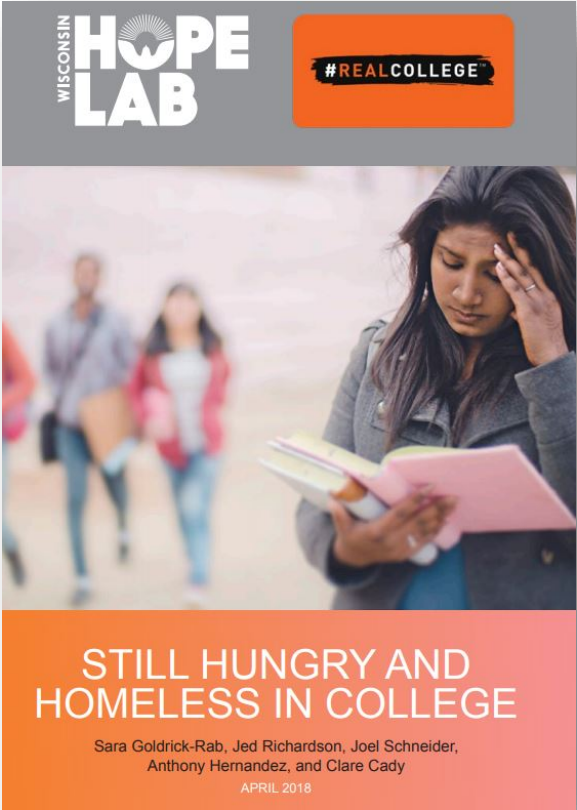
	University Students	Community College Students
Food insecurity within the last 30 days:	36%	42-56%
Housing insecurity within the last year:	36%	46-51%
Homeless within the last year:	9%	12-14%



# Basic life needs insecurity isn't limited to Pell grant recipients

Even among students *not* receiving the Pell Grant, food and housing insecurity persists:

	<b>2-year</b>	<b>4-year</b>
Food insecurity	35%	28%
Housing insecurity	38%	31%
Homeless	10%	7%



**Poll: What's the biggest challenge in meeting students' non-academic "life" needs that can affect their success?**

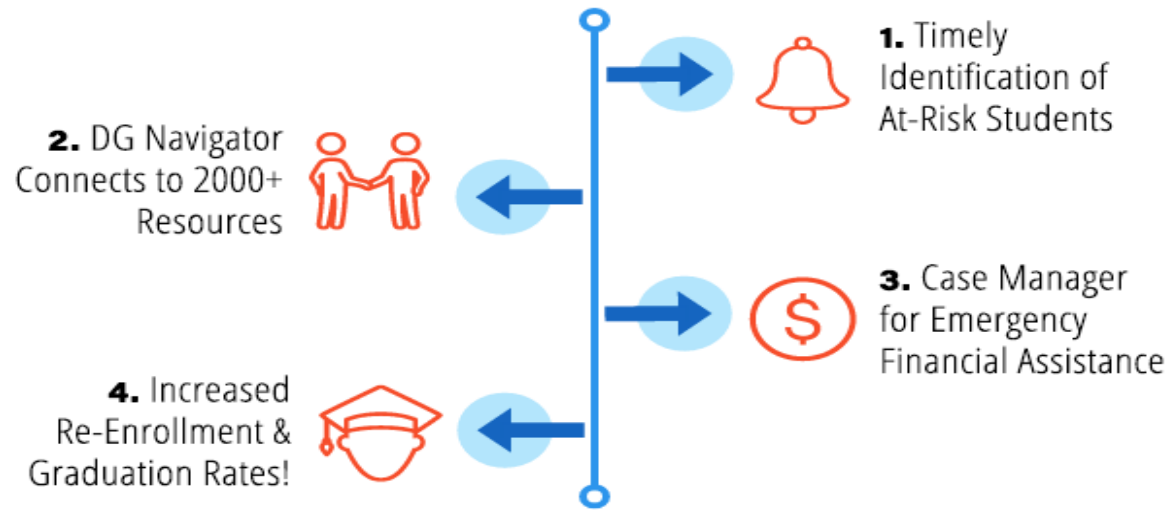
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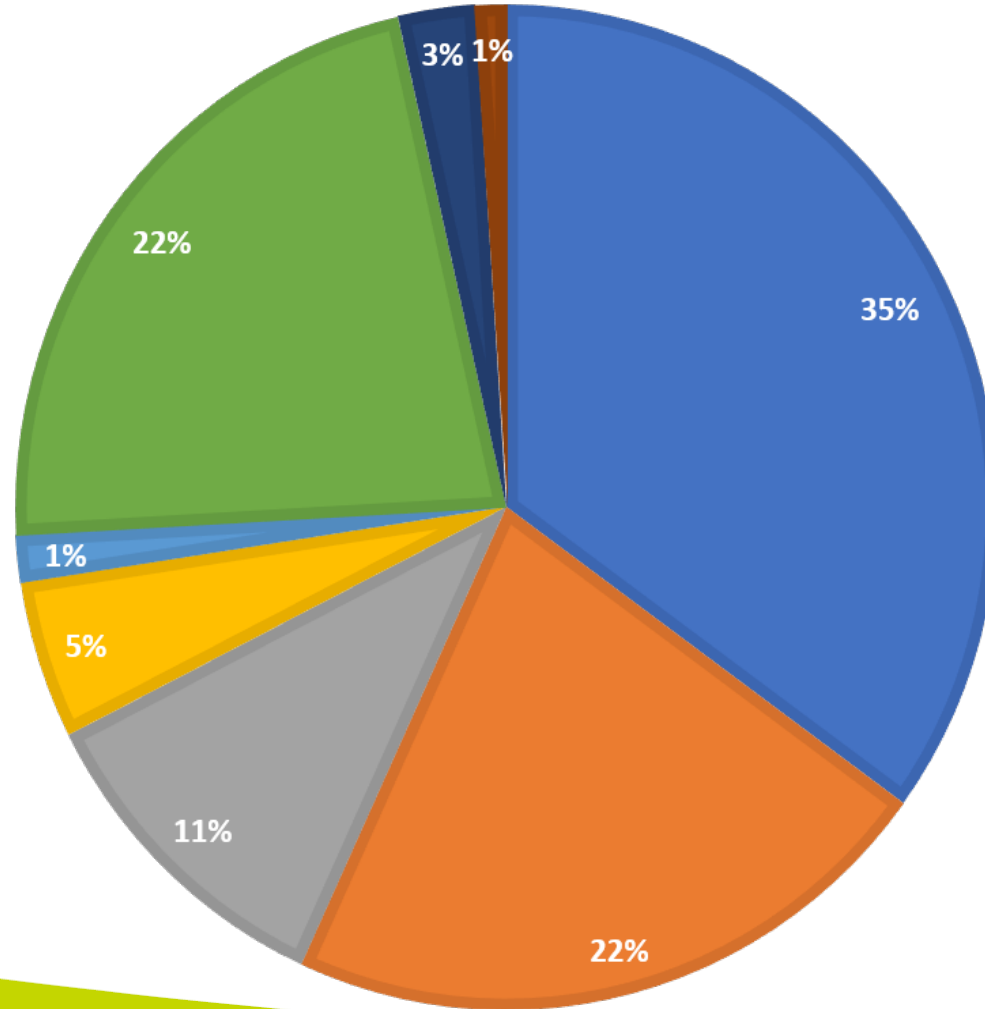
## How It All Works



*For more information, visit [hfuw.org/destinationgraduation](http://hfuw.org/destinationgraduation)*

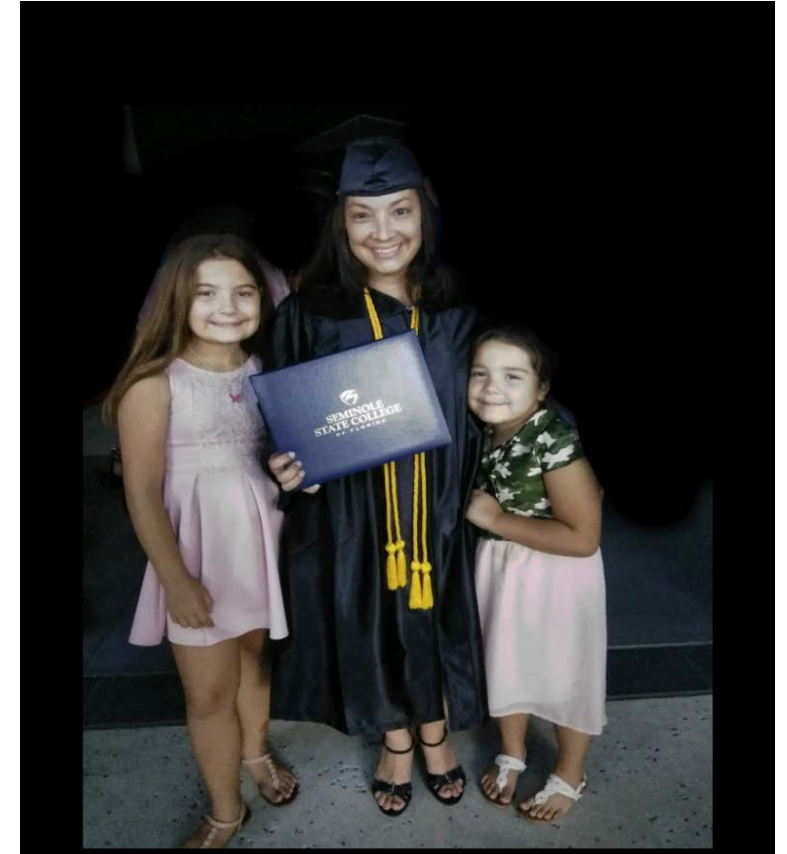
## FUNDING BREAKDOWN

■ Housing ■ Utilities & Internet ■ Transportation ■ Textbook ■ Testing ■ Tuition ■ Childcare ■ Other



# Destination Graduation Works

When Joyce came to Destination Graduation, she was on the verge of losing her affordable rental home. She had been out of work for two months and had just signed up for UBER and Lyft to catch up with her expenses. While with this new arrangement and child support she would have enough income to cover her basic expenses moving forward; there was no way she could catch up on time to avoid an eviction. Joyce was on her last semester to graduate and had excellent academic performance. Yet, this bump on the road brought her really close to homelessness despite her best efforts to find alternative employment. Destination Graduation covered Joyce's overdue rent, which allowed her to be stable and graduate in the Spring of 2018.





# Destination Graduation in 2018

## Outputs:

- 400+ students helped
- 113 students funded\*
- \$72k distributed in emergency aid

## Outcomes:

- 84 percent re-enrollment rate in Summer 2018. This represented a 15 percent increase when compared to all low-income students in Seminole State College of Florida.

# Sustainability & Collaboration



After the pilot grant ended, The Seminole State College Foundation and Heart of Florida United Way explored their ability to contribute to the program and reach an agreement.



# Replicating Destination Graduation

<http://destinationgraduation.org/>



# Want to learn more?

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**“Destination Graduation”**

Rosen Centre, Orlando, FL

May 7-8, 2019

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# Questions?



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# Conclusion

