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

Introducing the Destination Graduation Toolkit

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Florida College Access Network

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

Local College Access Networks (LCANs)

Research & Policy

Statewide Initiatives

College Ready Florida

- Apply Yourself Florida
- Florida FAFSA Challenge
- Florida College Decision Day
- Plan It Florida

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Introduction:
Food and housing insecurity on college campuses is a significant public health issue.
## Findings: food and housing insecurity on college campuses

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<td>Food insecurity within the last 30 days:</td>
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<td>Homeless within the last year:</td>
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Basic life needs insecurity isn’t limited to Pell grant recipients

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Poll: What’s the biggest challenge in meeting students’ non-academic “life” needs that can affect their success?
DESTINATION: GRADUATION

How It All Works

1. Timely Identification of At-Risk Students

2. DG Navigator Connects to 2000+ Resources

3. Case Manager for Emergency Financial Assistance

4. Increased Re-Enrollment & Graduation Rates!

For more information, visit hfuw.org/destinationgraduation
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.
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/
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May 7-8, 2019
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Early bird rate of $275 ends April 5th – save now!
Questions?

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