

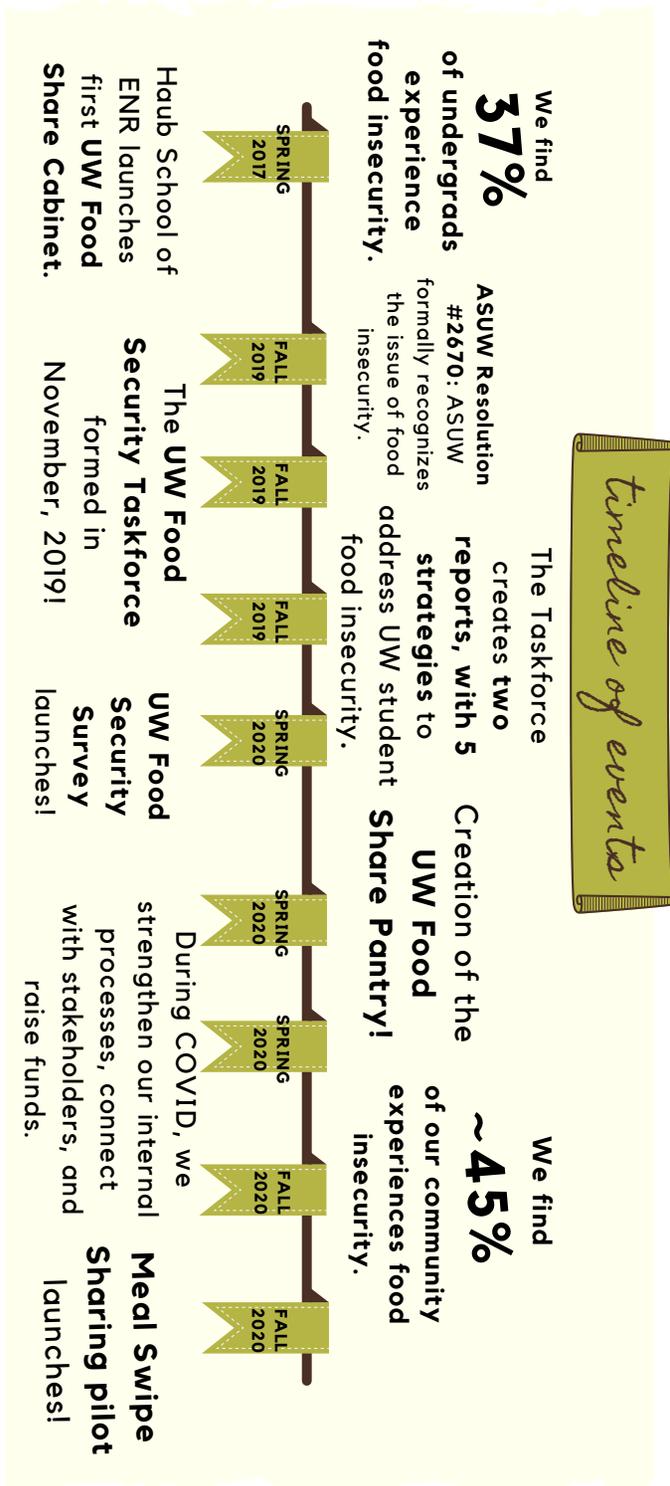
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pocket guide

a brief history of the UW Food Security Taskforce

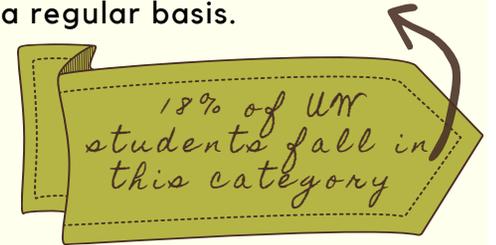


what is food security?

The USDA defines and categorizes food security as:

"[food] access by all people at all times, enough food for an active, healthy life"

Very low: experiencing disrupted meals and reduced food intake on a regular basis.



Low: reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet. Eating, but not experiencing hunger.

Marginal: anxiety over food availability/sufficiency in the home, maybe one or two missed meals.

High: no reported indications of reduced food, food-access limitations, or problems.

The USDA defines food insecurity as:

"A household-level condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food."

a little backstory...

37- 45% of UW students experience food insecurity, putting them at risk for lower GPAs, mental health challenges, and higher dropout rates.

In fall of 2019, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) & the Sustainability Coalition (SC) assembled a coalition of students, faculty, staff, and administrators to plan and guide UW's work to reduce student food insecurity.

The mission of the UW Food Security Taskforce is to end student food insecurity at UW through a range of interrelated strategies. While student food security is our primary mission, we additionally support strategies that ultimately aim to end staff food and financial insecurity and related challenges within our broader community. In this way, our mission is to ensure that every Poke is nourished.



5 interrelated strategies

1. Growing and Sharing Food with ACRES Student Farm

Purchasing Community Supported Agriculture Shares (CSAs) through the SC, and supporting long term farm management help us promote ACRES resource sharing.

2. Meal Swipe Sharing through UW Dining Services

With a pilot beginning this year in Washakie Dining Center, this allows students to share swipes they don't use on their dining plans. ASUW provided funding for an initial "bank" of swipes!

3. Planning for a Campus Store/Central Pantry

Our ultimate goal, with 100% student support, would be subsidized or free campus grocery options. This would serve as a campus food "hub".

4. Supporting Food Share Cabinets

Established in 2017 in the Haub School, food share cabinets are now in 8 different locations at UW. Check out the back to see a map of locations and TBD cabinets.

5. Expanding Good Food Recovery and Sharing

Through mobile and email alert systems, we plan to implement good food recovery sharing, minimizing food waste from events and on-campus dining while sharing resources.

working groups & meeting structure

Using working groups (WGs), the Taskforce functions as an advisory board for the smaller WGs within it.

Each WG operates like the Taskforce, a collaborative body of staff, faculty, and students working on problems and building connections together.

Currently, WGs include:

- ACRES CSA Sharing
- Community College Networking
- Fundraising & Stakeholder Connections
- Meal Swipe Sharing
- Staff Support & Relief
- Survey Analysis & Communication
- Webpage & Outreach
- UW Food Share Pantry

The Taskforce meets on the first Friday of every month at 9am.

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