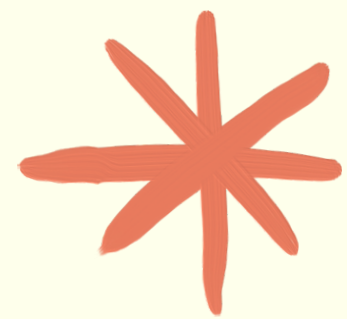




# SCFI VICE CHAIR



Senator Scherschel



# QUALIFICATIONS

- Was a Clubs and Orgs Intern - iServe
- Have read the whole SAS
- Learning how to take written notes from Secretary Fan
- Volunteering with 3 Square
- Helped start and run a food distribution program with my mom from 2019-2025
- 3 years planning over 12 school wide student council events



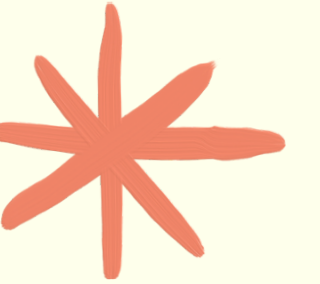
# FARMERS MARKETS

- More frequent
  - Healthy food options
- Use them to promote Pack Provisions
  - Reduce stigma
- Wear name tags with college on them
- Pamphlet with food banks and information on Pack Provisions





# SIERRA HALL



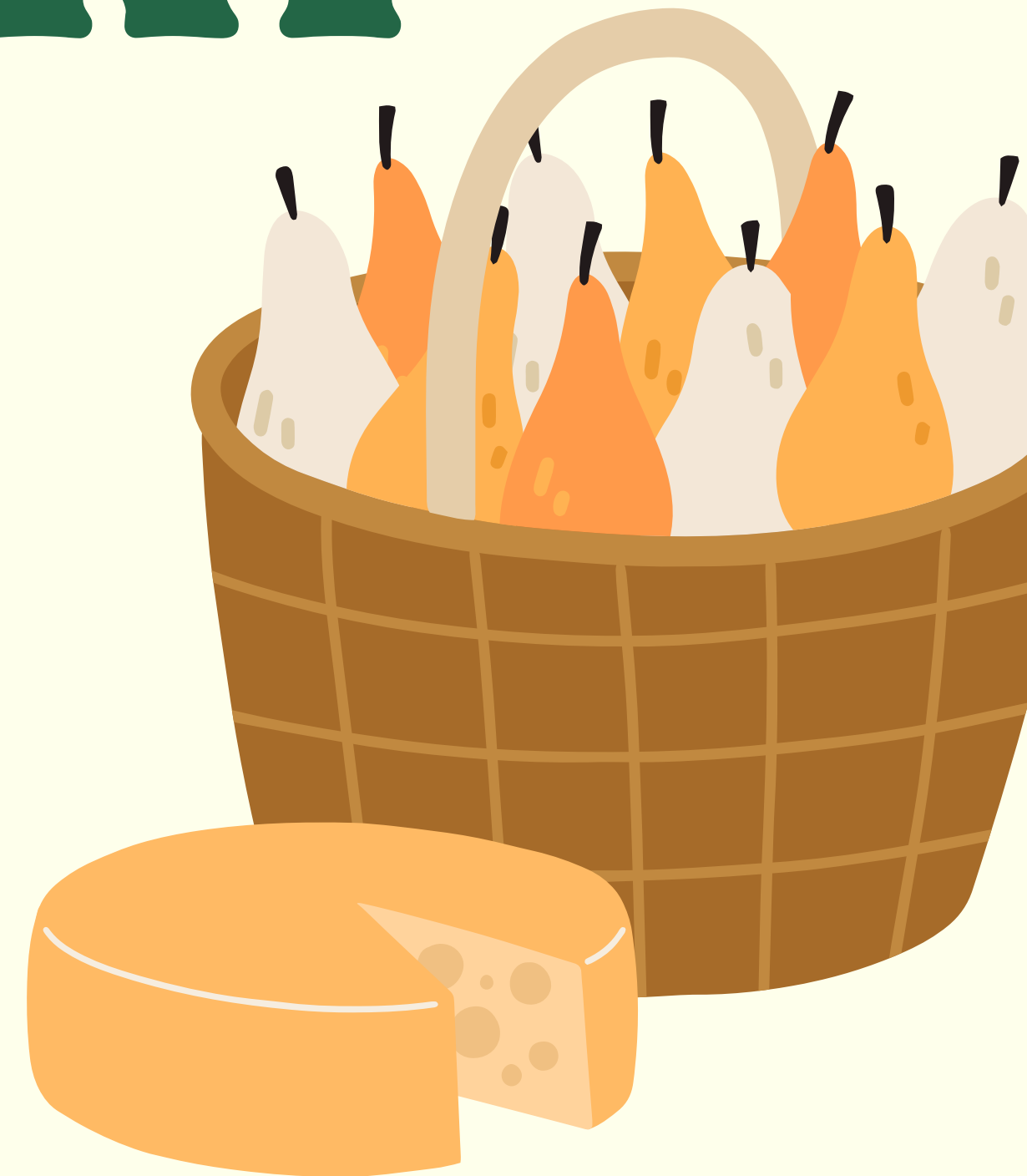
- Fundraising needs to be a priority
- Find out what we can do ourselves
  - Save money and be a part of the process
- Come up with a design first for specific quote
- Be incredibly transparent
  - Reporting every step to senate
  - Spending thousands of dollars
- Will take a few years





# HOCO COURT

- Expand Homecoming Week
- Allow Greek life and Clubs to participate
  - Must have a float or be walking
- Raise money to go to funding pack provisions
  - Most money funded will get king/queen
    - They get to nominate someone
- Have club commissioners send the information to their coalitions






Special Committee  
on Food Insecurity

Vice Chair Candidate

Building partnerships, expanding access, supporting students



# The Problem

Key Statistic

**1 in 3 MNR STUDENTS**

experience food insecurity



# Current Need at MNR

## What I've Learned:

- Case Worker: Dean of Students Office
  - ASUN Emergency Funds are stretched thin
  - Students are being turned away
  - Demand is higher than available support
- My advocacy
  - Consistently advocating at the senate table for increasing funding for Markzynski Emergency Fund and Emergency Tuiton Fund


# Turning Ideas into Action

## Experience

- Planned farmers market through ASUN Programming
- Shared operational insight with Chair Saporito last year

## Community

- Strong contact with the Idlewild Park Farmers Market
- Interest in future colaboration opportunities



# Methodology

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# Expanding Access Through Collaboration

- increase frequency of farmers markets
- partner with Department of Programming and Sustainability
- Explore budget reallocation opportunities





Thank You

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD INSECURITY



# Liaison Positions

94TH SESSION — SCFI

## ADAPTABLE

Special Committees do not need  
Legislation to edit Liaison Positions

## UNRBOX

Let me know if you have any questions!  
I have tried to put as much needed info  
within our UNR Box



# Current Liaisons

**1**

Pack Provisions

**2**

Nevada Dining

**3**

Desert Farming Initiatives

**4**

Assitant Dir. of Bus.  
Op. (ResLife)

**5**

Pack Rides

**6**

Main Station: Coord. & Supvr.

**7**

Wolf Pack Meats

**8**

FISH (Friends in Service  
Helping)



# Pack Provisions

## UNR Food Pantry

### Coordinator – Toni Ortega

- 3 Student Faculty

### Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays

- Mondays & Fridays = Supply Days
- Volunteer on GivePulse!

### Partnered w/ Multiple Institutions

- FBNN, DFI, Wolf Pack Meats, NV Athletics, Main Station, Nevada Dining
- Engaged w/ External Food Insecurity Committee
  - Filled w/ Professors, Students, & Advocates in North & South Nevada



2007: Food Pantry Moves to JCSU

2011: ASUN Runs Pantry

(78 Visits)  
2015: Pantry Named Pack Provisions

(8,981 Visits)  
2022: Partnership w/ Wolf Pack Meats

(6,320 Visits)  
2024: 6,000 Visits to Pack Provisions



# Pack Provisions

## Current Initiatives

- Semester Meal-Swipe Drives
- Coat & Food Drives
- Semester Long Tabling

## Storage Issues & Awareness

- More Students, Same Space
  - Sierra Hall

## Policy Initiatives

- Gov. Affairs & Gov. Relations
  - AB345: Erica Mosca
- Civic Engagement Survey
  - Biennial Statistics, USDA Questionnaire
  - 2026 Recently Pushed Out



## Summarized Findings

Table 1. Rates of Food Insecurity across CE Surveys

CE Survey Year	2016 n = 3521	2018 n = 4230	2020 n = 3013	2022 n = 3079	2024 n = 3457	2023 Trellis
<b>PAST 30 Days (focus of most of this report)</b>						
Low Food Security (agreement to 2 to 4 items) (aka medium food insecurity)			23%	22%	26%	22%
Very Food Insecure (agreement to ALL 5 items) (aka very food insecure)			22%	22%	30%	23%
<b>PAST 6 Months (see Appendix B for rates by college)</b>						
Low Food Security (agreement to 2 to 4 items) (aka medium food insecurity)	28%	28%	20%	19%	23%	
Very Food Insecure (agreement to ALL 5 items) (aka very food insecure)	23%	22%	24%	25%	33%	

### Two Time-frames:

Six months timeframe has been used since 2016, while the thirty-day time-frame was introduced in 2020. 5 Categories on voluntary survey; all 5 listed, deemed *Very Food Insecure*. Those who picked at least 2 but less than all 5 were categorized with *Low Food Security*.



# Nevada Dining

“Campus Dining,” i.e. “Chartwells Org.”

Director of Marketing – Matthew Clark

Graphic Design Marketing Supervisor – Lauryn Norris

## Set Up Dining Across Campus

- Main Hub: Argenta Hall, Pack Place
  - Habit Burger, Starbucks, Boba & Beyond, Mad Macs, etc.
- Office: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, BRKFST & Co.
  - Jot Travis Building, Manzanita Lake

## Execute Dining Hall Meal Swipe Plans

- Rules Primarily Set via. Reslife (RLHFS)
- Silver, Blue, Grey, White
  -

## Assists Pack Provisions w/ Semesterly Meal-Swipe Drives

- Meal Swipe Drives Occur Usually in November & April
- Previously Lasted as 1-Week Periods
  - Oct. 2025: Government Shutdown led to a 4-Week Period
    - Usually 100-150 Swipes; Recieved 618



\$7.4k	\$6.8k	\$5.9k	\$4.8k
silver	blue	grey	white
50	15	12	10
SWIPES PER WEEK			



# Desert Farming Initiative

Director — Jill Moe

- Started in 2013: Trains Farmers & Students how to Grow Food within the Desert

Program Developed by CABNR

- Supplies Fresh Produce to Pack Provisions & Regional Pantries
- Fresh Produce is Available Year-Round, but Selection Depends on Season

Interested in Giving Tour of Facilities





# Ast. Dir. of Bus. Operations

Residential Hall, i.e. RLHFS

Ernie Arvizu Bastidas

## Residential Life Leadership

- Works closely w/ Residence Halls & Student Housing Operations
- Maintains connections w/ Exec. Director Dean Kennedy, Nevada Dining, & Chartwells Org.
- Involved in Major Housing & Dining-Related Decisions (Meal-Swipe Plans)

## Current Development

- Participated in discussions regarding more Accessible Meal Swipe Donation Systems for Students
- Main donation location would be centered in Manzanita Hall: currently most convenient location for potential initiative
- Sits on the Food Security Council



# Pack Rides

Assistant Director – Justin Berger

## Transportation & Student Support Program

- Provides transportation options for students across campus
  - Late-Night Transportation, Campus Events, etc.
  - Saturday & Sunday Retail Schedules

## Originally Began in 1984

- Between 2000 and 2020, provided over 49,000 rides annually

### Saturday retail schedule

- **Hours:** 12-4 p.m.
- **Pickup locations:** Ponderosa Village bus stop and Jot Travis parking lot
- **Dropoff location:** WinCo Foods (2855 Northtowne Ln.)

### Sunday retail schedule

- **Hours:** 12-4 p.m.
- **Pickup locations:** Ponderosa Village bus stop and Jot Travis parking lot
- **Dropoff location:** Walmart Supercenter (5260 W. Seventh St.)



# Main Station

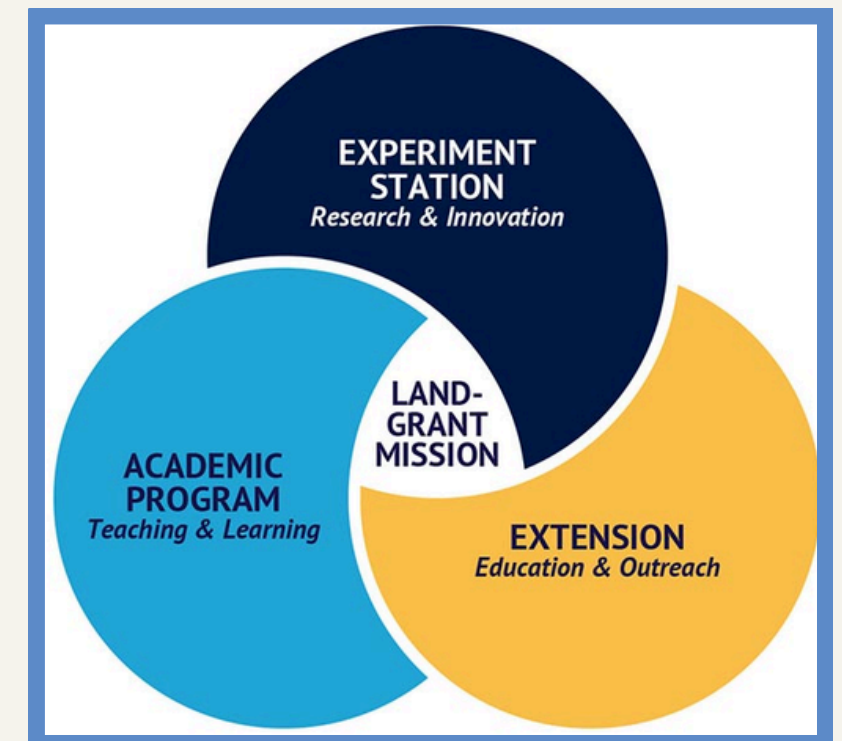
Livestock Coordinator – Cara Goss

## Serve as Major Research & Operations Facility

- Includes Livestock Management, Sustainability Initiatives, & Student Education w/ Hands-on Training
- Property spans over 800 Acres
- Preserves 6.5 Million Gallons of Truckee River Water per Year

## Conduct Statewide Research

- Focused on Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture, Climate Adaptation, Environmental Health, & more
- Partners w/ Wolf-Pack Meats & Public Outreach Programs





# Wolf Pack Meats

Operations Manager — Tom Kulas

## UNR's Meat Processing Facility

- Running since 1967
- Harvests Cattle, Pigs, Lambs, Goats & Provides for Pack Provisions

## Provides Educational Experience

- Hands-on Training for Students

## Open Tuesdays - Fridays

- 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM (Retail Store Location)
- Open Mondays via Appointment





# FISH

Friends in Service, Helping

Executive Director — Jim Peckham

- 138 E Long St., Carson City

Provide Food & Shelter for Citizens in Carson City

- Provide Housing for College Students
- Connected to NV Legislature: Appropriations from Gov. Lombardo

Previously Willing to Supply Pack Provisions

- Conversations w/ Speaker Issa, Amy Koeckes, & Myself
- Provide Supplies to Nursing/Med Students for UNR

Would like more UNR Volunteering

- Summertime, Announcements, etc.

